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BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances, and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing.

For all enquiries please call: 01904 550011 or email: emergencyessentials@familyfundservices.co.uk

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Eligibility

Who can we help?

- Vulnerable children and young people up to the age of 18 who are experiencing a crisis or emergency.
- UK or EU citizens who are normally resident in the UK.

(Discretion may be given where a child or young person, or their family, have an asylum application under assessment or in circumstances where residency criteria is not consistent across the family unit).

Who are we unable to help?

- Adults aged 18 and over.
- Those who do not meet income criteria as defined by the programme.
- Those who are leaving care who have access to separate, specific statutory provision.
- Children and young people who do not meet the residence criteria as defined by the programme.

Exceptional difficulties/crisis

This means an unexpected occurrence outside of the child or young person's control, where they are affected by issues such as domestic abuse, substance misuse, estrangement, disability, serious illness, mental health, behavioural difficulties, abuse or neglect. This list is not exhaustive.

Applications must be made by registered referrers on behalf of families, children or young people who have exhausted all other statutory funding.

Items we can assist with

The programme awards grants for critical household items, typically:

- Electric cookers
- Fridges, freezers and fridge-freezers
- Washing machines and tumble dryers
- Children's beds and bedding (including cots)
- Kitchen equipment and small appliances
- Furniture
- Clothing
- Baby equipment

**Register as a referrer or make an application online:
www.familyfundservices.co.uk/emergency-essentials**

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