



Welfare Report 2021-2022

P1–P12 of 2021-2022 Financial Year

Total Fund Spend

Total Grant Expenditure 2021-22 YTD	
Grants Total	£ 382,180.45

- This FY has seen an increase of 54% compared to last year (2020-21).
- The Afghan Resettlement Fund, Cost of living & Fuel Price increases have all added to spend this year.
- Below last 4 years FY spends:

2020-21	2020-19	2019-18	2018-17
£247,947.78	£264,960.02	£216,015.37	£234,000.82

- Fund has received higher number of requests this FY.

Grants to Individuals Submissions YTD	
Total submission requests	927
Assistance rate*	73%

**Percentage of cases submitted for assistance that received a grant*

- Also cases are being received from a variety of organisations now:

Organisation	Grant Count
Poppyscotland	3
RAFA	6
SSAFA	256
TRBL	412
RCEL	1
Direct Grants Portal	1
Grand Total	679

- The Direct Grants Portal is a new self-referral route RBL is trialling.
- It will enable those able to go online and submit requests for assistance for singular needs.
- It has had a soft launch on the 23rd of September, and we have already received several applications.
- Further comms will be released and link available on RBL's website it is hoped from the 30th of September.

Grant to Individuals Spend 2021-2022

Grants to Individuals Expenditure 2020-21 YTD		
Grant Categorys	Grant Count	Total Grants
Brown Goods - Bedroom Furniture	241	£ 98,163.32
Christmas Present Grant	191	£ 25,951.36
Children's Uniform	61	£ 16,605.60
Brown Goods - Carpets	58	£ 14,445.67
Children's Clothing	49	£ 10,514.99
Mobility Adaptations	2	£ 9,710.00
Other Exceptional Grant	13	£ 10,669.27
Baby Items	21	£ 6,473.44
Children's Medical Costs	9	£ 7,873.86
Children's School Fees	4	£ 5,061.75
Specialist Equipment	5	£ 4,562.93
Travel Costs	6	£ 3,864.25
Child Care Costs	2	£ 2,439.59
Essential Food & Groceries (Crisis)	10	£ 2,424.74
Children's School Club	5	£ 1,421.74
White Goods	2	£ 506.00
Fuel Grant	1	£ 300.00
Grand Total	680	£ 220,988.51

- Seen a 64% increase in spend for Grants to Individuals.
- Lockdowns were fully eased in this FY, expected to see increase due to this.
- Again, further increased areas have come from Cost-of-Living Crisis and the Fuel price increases.

Women Section Annuity 2020-21 YTD	
WSA Awardees	65
Total Grants Paid YTD	£ 101,695.00

TV Licences Report 2020-21 YTD	
TV Licence Awardees	13
Total Grants Paid YTD	£ 2,070.00

2020-21 Presidents Award Scheme Expenditure YTD		
Row Labels	Count	Total
Grant	7	£ 5,426.94
Scholarship (Continuation)	5	£ 10,000.00
Scholarship (New)	6	£ 12,000.00
Grand Total	18	£ 27,426.94

2021-2022 Afghan Resettlement Fund	
Approval month	Amount
April'22	£ 10,000.00
July'22	£ 20,000.00
Grand Total	£ 30,000.00

- This work has been delayed since May, as we have been awaiting further referral details from the MOD.
- £15,261.70 has been spent to date.
- Referrals are now being received so the work is starting up again and we will be recruiting for a dedicated Grants Officer to support this work shortly.

Exceptional Grant Report 2021-2022

Grant Categories	Grant Count	Amount	Exception Examples
Other Exceptional Grant	12	£ 10,543.21	1) Child mobility Trike - £635.88. 2) Educational toys for a child who recently moved to UK to help with language development - £150.00 3) A child's Visa costs - £1,523.00.
Mobility Adaptations	1	£ 9,000.00	Adaptations to assist with a child's movements in their home and allow carers to provide better care.
Children's Medical Costs	9	£ 7,873.86	1) over a year delay for NHS to perform Autism assessment to access statutory support and Therapy session - £1,795. 2) Fishing equipment for a son to attend an outdoor group that offers support with bereavement - £175. 3) Clinically supported Play-Therapy sessions to help with early development of a child with Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy - £1,012
Children's School Fees	1	£ 4,876.66	College and School fees for 3 children in Uganda to continue education, after household became led by a single parent.
Travel Costs	6	£ 3,864.25	1) Annual bus pass for a child due to parents Universal Credit reduced till April'23 and with cost of living could not afford to cover it - £666.25. 2) Allow child to go on a school trip whilst Mother recovers from Major Surgery - £1,000.
Specialist Equipment	3	£ 3,358.00	1) Contribution towards Motability vehicle contribution for 6 year old son - £1,500. 2) a Mobility aid for a 8 year old child to enable them more independence, preventing social isolation at home/school and so they can physically attend school - £899
Child Care Costs	2	£ 2,439.59	Parent just started a new job and whilst on probation could not afford child care costs needed for them to attend work, caused due to waiting Universal Credit being adjusted - £1,010
Baby Items	4	£ 1,801.44	1) premature baby being discharged in 2 days and needed car seat and essentials asap, exception made to use 1 quote - £200. 2) Baby born early whilst on holiday, needed pram to return home, issued cash grant (receipts provided) and used 1 quotation - £700
Brown Goods - Bedroom Furniture	4	£ 1,678.89	Family with 5 kids, requested bedroom furniture grant to exceed cap - £850
Essential Food & Groceries (Crisis)	6	£ 1,524.74	1) Awaiting right to remain outcome, unable to work or get benefits, living on £32 a week for 2 adults 2 kids & a new born £200. 2) Financial issues due to one of the Parents gambling issues, other Parent is correcting the debts whilst child tax credit has been stopped briefly, exception for £250.00 so the family can eat.
Brown Goods - Carpets	3	£ 1,325.00	Families downsizing and need to re-carpet multiple rooms for children, Exceptions to exceed the £250 cap as had larger needs.
Children's Uniform	2	£ 829.02	Large families needing uniform for children of various ages, exceptions to exceed cap due to need and cost of items.
Christmas Present Grant	3	£ 811.36	Category used to issue gifts for Ramadan and Hanukah.
Children's Clothing	2	£ 654.99	Large families needing basic clothing items for children of various ages, exceptions to exceed cap due to need and cost of items.
Children's School Club	1	£ 600.00	Requested to use one quotation as it was a school based club and they could meet their clinical needs whilst in attendance.
Grand Total	59	£ 51,181.01	

- Compared to last year we have had over 100% increase in the need for exceptions (FY 2020-21 £23,462.53).
- Noticeable increase in Children Medical Needs, Travel Costs, Inclusive needs around Christmas Grants and Other Exceptional Grant types that were outside of the usual grant types we see.