



## Initiative Funds Allocation Guidance

Staff can allocate initiative funds based on their assessment of the client's need. These grants can be allocated immediately on completion of the application form, if clients meet one of the following criteria and the financial assistance required is £300 or less.

(Staff will monitor the levels in each fund and identify any areas of concern to the Service Manager. These guidelines will be reviewed annually, or sooner if the situation warrants.)

<b>Financial</b>	On a low fixed income
<b>Safety</b>	The issue is in relation to safety
<b>Support</b>	They require additional support due to vulnerability
<b>Energy Efficiency</b>	Meet criteria for Gas Safe or EE Grant

The grant should be recorded on the initiative funds spreadsheet under Financial, Safety or Support. *(A general guide is that no more than one initiative fund should be used at one time or be greater than £300) (some funds will have specific criteria and are excluded)*

If costs are higher than this, then following options should be discussed/followed:

- Charitable Funding – make individual application/s to appropriate charities.
- C&R Affordable Loan – Discuss loan options.
- Exceptional Circumstances – discuss with team and Manager for approval.
- Care & Repair Group – apply to Management Committee for a grant above £300.

### MAXIMUM GRANTS AS AT AUGUST 2025

- Hardship £300
- LAC up to £1000 – exceptional cases can be increased (Discuss with Manager)
- Home Safety £300
- Gas Safe £500 – exceptional circumstances – own criteria
- Minor Aids £300
- Electrical Safety £300
- Gardening/Safety/Security £300
- Support for Carers £300
- Energy Efficiency £300
- Decoration £300
- Electrical Safety Council Grants up to £500 – own criteria
- Cost of Living Crisis Fund – Up to £150, general rule £100