



The Second Chance Fund – further information and guidelines

The Second Chance Fund is designed to provide a small boost of support to people we have helped previously. We hope that a small amount of well-timed support may help to prevent larger issues from developing.

The Fund was launched with a donation from one of our kind supporters. **We do not know how long the fund will run for** – we are hoping it will be a long-term fund, but this will depend on how many donations we get into the fund, and how many applications we receive.

What will the Second Chance Fund help with?

The Second Chance Fund can provide one-off support to help with small, essential items. The following list are just examples, and not exhaustive:

- To equip a child with school shoes at the start of the school year
- To buy clothes for a job interview
- To replace a small appliance
- To buy a mattress when a baby outgrows the cot
- To provide some support after a bereavement

We do not provide the funds to you directly in the form of cash – instead we help to buy the items needed.

How much can I apply for?

There is no set limit on the amount you can apply for, but we expect that most requests we fund would be less than £100. This is to ensure we can help as many people as possible.

When can I apply?

Your first application should come no sooner than 6 months after you received your initial support from 52 Lives. For example, if we helped you in January, you should wait until at least July before applying to the Second Chance Fund.

How often can I apply?

Once per year (e.g. if you successfully applied in November 2022, you could next apply in November 2023).

How do I apply?

You can find our online application form here. If you need assistance or are unable to complete the form, please let us know.

When will I hear if my application was successful?

We aim to respond to all applications within 4 weeks.

What if my application is unsuccessful?

Unfortunately, we aren't able to say yes to all requests for help. If you are unsuccessful, please wait at least 1 month before applying again.

How are applications decided?

Our decisions will be based on the information you provide in your application form, as well as the supporting documents and references. The more information we have, the better informed we are to be able to make a decision. When deciding applications, we consider things such as – how necessary the item is, what impact our support would have, whether there are other ways for you to get the support you need, does your social worker / support worker / teacher / or other professional support the application?

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