Victim Support Scotland

Emergency Assistance Fund



Victim Support Scotland's Emergency Assistance Fund provides support to people across Scotland who are in urgent need of financial help as a direct result of crime.

The Fund is accessible to people with no alternative funding options and covers various essential goods and services, like food, furniture and security measures.

Am I eligible?

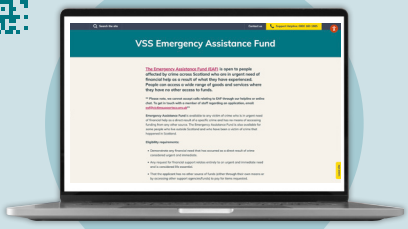
You may be eligible for support from VSS' Emergency Assistance Fund if:

- You have a financial need as a direct result of crime
- The need is urgent and immediate, and life essential
- You don't have access to any other money or funding to pay for the items.

Please check the Victim Support Scotland website for the latest eligibility criteria:

www.victimsupport.scot/vss-eaf

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What does it cover?

The Emergency Assistance Fund is available for specific costs and items following a crime. It is not a compensation fund. VSS will buy the goods and services.

Examples of what the Fund can cover include:

- Emergency household goods
- Food, utility or clothing expenses
- Costs to repair or replace damaged property or goods
- Contributions to funeral costs
- Moving costs
- Travel costs to a place of safety
- Security equipment costs

(note this is not an exhaustive list)



How to apply

You can apply to the Fund directly as a victim of crime, or the application can be submitted by a partner organisation on your behalf.

Direct applicant: You can apply to the Fund directly by filling in the application form on our website. We will then get in touch to discuss the support we can offer.

Your local VSS service would be happy to support you to make your application – you can find your local service at **www.victimsupport.scot/locations**

Partner organisations: Other organisations who might be supporting you can also apply on your behalf. See our website for more information.

To apply to the Emergency Assistance Fund, visit **www.victimsupport.scot/vss-eaf**

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Please note, we cannot accept calls relating to the Fund through our helpline or online chat.

If you were a victim of a crime that happened in Scotland, but you now live outside of Scotland, you may still be eligible for support. Please get in touch.

Contact us

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