FINANCIAL HELP FOR FORMER UK/UN STAFF FROM THE BAFUNCS BENEVOLENT FUND

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The Benevolent Fund of the British Association of Former UN Civil Servants (BAFUNCS) has provided invaluable support for former UN employees and their dependents for almost forty years. Set up from generous bequests, the Fund offers financial assistance to anyone who has worked within the UN system, has a connection to the UK, and is in financial need, hardship or distress. Applicants are required to explain why the specific support requested cannot be met from other sources.

The Trustees meet at least quarterly to discuss applications and award either grants (one-off payments) or loans to qualifying beneficiaries.

Assistance falls broadly into the following categories:

A.   Medical and surgical care.
B.   Respite care.
C.   Convalescence, including short-term home help.
D.   Disability aids: mobility equipment such as special wheelchairs, stair lifts, bathing hoists, specialised vision and hearing aids etc.
E.   Household aids for the ill, disabled or frail: "Bleep" warning systems; controlled entrance door locks, rising chairs and bed lifts, walk-in baths or showers.
F.   Assistance towards transport costs for hospital out-patient visits, or visits by family or a BAFUNCS member to a hospitalised patient.
G.   Convalescent visits to family and convalescent holidays.
H.   Loans or grants to meet short-term emergencies.
I.   Grants on compassionate grounds.

Recurrent claims are not awarded although second applications will be considered. Loans are interest-free, but are normally to be repaid after one year. Payments can only be made into UK bank accounts.

For full details on the Fund, information on how to apply plus an application form, visit the Benevolent Fund's webpage: *https://bafuncs.org/bafuncs-benevolent-fund-bbf-rev*. Alternatively, candidates should email the Fund directly: *benevolent.fund@bafuncs.org*.

All applications are treated in strictest confidence.