

The BAFUNCS Benevolent Fund

(Reg. Charity No 297524)



The BAFUNCS Benevolent Fund was registered as a Charity in 1987 and has received regular and one-off donations and bequests from individual members and groups of members. This has meant that the Benevolent Fund has been able to assist members and others who have worked for the UN system in cases of need, hardship or distress through grants and interest-free loans.

The Declaration of Trust establishing the BAFUNCS Benevolent Fund allows the Trustees to offer financial assistance to meet a wide range of needs. The Trustees, as a guide to potential applicants, have listed a number of general categories of requests that will receive their careful and considerate attention. All requests are treated in utmost confidence.

The categories are as follows:

- A. Medical and surgical care.
- B. Respite care, to release a family carer.
- 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.
- 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.

For the present, the Trustees consider that the Fund cannot commit itself to recurrent claims such as regular annual payments or long-term hospitalization or convalescence. It is, however, possible to apply to the fund more than once. Loans are interest-free, and it is expected that they will be repaid within one year.

Please think about your fellow BAFUNCS members and any other former UN system personnel and should you feel that they could benefit from assistance from the Fund then please encourage them to apply. Information on how to apply and the application form can be found on the Benevolent Fund webpage (<https://bafuncs.org/benevolent/>), through Regional Representatives and Regional Member Support Advisors, or directly from the Fund by emailing benevolent.fund@bafuncs.org.