

The BAFUNCS Benevolent Fund

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The BAFUNCS Benevolent Fund 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. The trustees meet at least quarterly to discuss applications and award either grants or loans to qualifying beneficiaries.

All applications are treated in strictest confidence.

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 currently not awarded although second applications will be considered. Loans are interest-free, but to be repaid within one year.

If you know of anyone who may be in need of assistance, please do encourage them to apply to the Trust for support. For full information on how to apply and an application form visit the Benevolent Fund's webpage: <https://bafuncs.org/bafuncs-benevolent-fund-bbf-rev/> or contact Regional Representatives/Regional Member Support Contacts.

Alternatively, please email the fund directly: benevolent.fund@bafuncs.org.