

## Checklist for grant applications

Please note that grants from this charitable fund are only available to vegetarians or vegans, aged over 60, who are in financial need.

If you have complex health and/or social care needs, please approach The Vegetarian and Vegan Fund through a medical body or appropriate social care professional.

Please ensure that you have included the following information with your application. This will help us to consider your application fully and sympathetically.

### Essential

- A letter containing as much background information as possible – why you need the grant and how it would improve your life.
- Evidence of age.
- Evidence of financial need (e.g. bank statements/proof of benefits).
- Evidence of commitment to vegetarianism or veganism (e.g. grocery receipts/cookbooks).

### Where appropriate and practical

- A supporting letter from a medical or social care professional, for example a doctor, social worker or occupational therapist.
- Estimates to justify the amount of grant applied for (three quotations will be required for building works, adaptations etc).
- Photographic evidence if applicable.

Please return the completed application to the address below. Please contact us if you need any help in making your application.

Name  Age

Address

Postcode

Date of application

Tel  Email (if applicable)

### Please answer these questions fully:

1. How long have you been a vegetarian or vegan?

2. Please provide evidence of your vegetarianism/veganism

3. Please specify any benefits that you receive (including council tax benefit, pension credit)

4. What is your total annual income (from all sources)? £

5. What is the current level of your savings? £

6. Is your property  rented or  owned?

7a. Do you live alone?  Yes  No

7b. If you don't live alone, please give details of your household

8. How much grant are you applying for, and for what purpose? £

9a. Have you tried to fund this from any other sources?  Yes  No

9b. If 'Yes' please specify

- I confirm that, if my application is successful, I will provide suitable publicity material e.g. a positive statement and/or photograph showing how the grant has been spent.

We assure you that you will not be identified by name or address in any publicity. This is used so that VfL can publicise the fund, and reach and help the right people.

- I consent to receiving emails and postal correspondence about VfL's services.

We treat your data securely. All data are held in line our Data Protection and Safeguarding Vulnerable Beneficiaries Policies. VfL does not contact individuals directly to solicit donations. Data are not sold or passed to third parties for the purposes of any marketing or fundraising activity. You can directly amend or delete your email record instantly via 'MailChimp'. You can opt out of email or postal correspondence at any time by contacting us.

## Grant guidelines

1. To be eligible for a grant you must be:
  - aged 60 or over
  - in financial need i.e. with a low income and low savings. (We follow the income and savings limits used for eligibility for Council Tax Benefit.)
  - a practising vegetarian or vegan.
2. Grants are awarded on a one-off basis. They are not suitable for ongoing expenditure, such as bills, or debt repayments.
3. Grants are normally made to assist 'independent living', for example: to provide ramps, grab handles, minor kitchen/bathroom adaptations, stair lifts, or perhaps respite care (a short stay in a care home for a person being cared for at home, to provide a break for the carer).
4. Applications for other uses will be considered – as long as the grant will benefit one or more older vegetarians or vegans.
5. Individual grants are normally subject to an upper limit of £3,000, but this may vary if the grant would benefit more than one eligible person or, at the Trustees' discretion, if there are other extenuating circumstances. Part-funding may be considered.
6. Each application will be judged on its individual merit by the Trustees of V for Life, whose decision is final.
7. The Trustees reserve the right to request additional information and may, in some circumstances, arrange a home visit by a VfL representative to discuss the application.
8. The Trustees reserve the right to request further medical, occupational therapy or social work input in order to inform decision-making.
9. Grants are normally paid to the third party (e.g. the home repairs company), after an appropriate invoice and (if relevant) confirmation that the work has been completed.
10. It will normally take 2–4 weeks for an application to be considered, but the process may be delayed if the Trustees feel that the application does not include complete information.

### Please send your completed application to:

V for Life, 83 Ducie Street, Manchester, M1 2JQ

For further information or assistance please contact us at: 0161 257 0887 or [info@vegetarianforlife.org.uk](mailto:info@vegetarianforlife.org.uk)