

Checklist for grant applications

Please ensure you have included the following information with your application:

Essential

- A letter containing as much background information as possible—why you need the grant and how it would improve your life.

Where appropriate and practical

- Evidence of age, financial need and commitment to vegetarianism.
- A supporting letter from e.g. a doctor, social worker or occupational therapist.
- Estimate(s) to justify the amount of grant applied for (3 quotations will be required for building works, adaptations etc).
- photographic evidence if applicable.



Application for Grant The Vegetarian Fund

Name Age

Address

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Postcode Date of application

Tel Email (if applicable)

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

1. How long have you been a vegetarian?

2. Are you a member of The Vegetarian Society, Viva! or similar organisations?

Please specify

3. Please specify any benefits 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

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

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

9b. If 'Yes' please specify

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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 record instantly via 'MailChimp'. You can opt out of email or postal correspondence at any time by contacting us.

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

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Please help us to consider your application fully and sympathetically by providing complete and accurate information. These notes may help, but please contact the VfL Secretary (see below), who will be pleased to help you if you need any further clarification.

1. To be eligible for a grant from either fund you must be:

- aged 60 or over
- in financial need i.e. with a small regular income and low savings. (We follow the income and savings limits used for eligibility for Council Tax Benefit.)

And, to be eligible for a grant you must also be:

a practising vegan - for a grant from *The Vegan Fund*

a practising vegetarian - for a grant from *The Vegetarian Fund*

Please use the correct Application Form, depending on your status.

2. Grants are awarded on a one-off basis. They are not suitable for ongoing expenditure.

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.

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 Vegetarian for Life, whose decision is final.

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7. Grants for work carried out by a third party will normally be paid direct to the third party, after receipt of an appropriate invoice and confirmation that the work has been completed.

8. 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.

9. Please attach a letter to your Application Form supplying as much background information as possible. Please explain why you need the grant and how it would improve your life and, where appropriate and practical, provide:

- evidence of age, financial need and commitment to vegetarianism.
- a supporting letter from e.g. a doctor, social worker or occupational therapist.
- estimate(s) to justify the amount of grant applied for (3 quotations will be required for building works, adaptations etc)
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10. The VfL 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.

VfL tries to publicise the *Vegetarian Fund* and the *Vegan Fund*, in a targeted way, so that we can reach and help the right people. It is, therefore, a condition of accepting a grant that the successful applicant provides suitable publicity material e.g. a positive statement or endorsement and/or a photograph showing how the grant has been spent. Please rest assured that applicants will not be identified by name or address in any press releases or other publicity.

For further information or assistance please contact us at:

0161 2570887 or info@vegetarianforlife.org.uk