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# SMALL GRANTS FUND

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## Body Positive Small Grants Fund

The Small Grants Fund is administered by Body Positive with the help of the Monument Trust.

Its purpose is to make grants to people affected by HIV towards the purchase of domestic appliances, household goods and assistance with payment of household bills.

The Fund can give a maximum of £200 to any one applicant in any twelve months.

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## **"How do I apply?"**

To make an application most effective, please bear in mind the following points:

- \* Applications must be in writing
- \* You must include evidence of HIV positive status. Your doctor or clinic will be able to provide an appropriate letter for you.
- \* You must include copies of bills, estimates for equipment etc., as appropriate, to back up your application.
- \* Applications may be made by the person who needs the money, or by somebody else (eg a social worker) on their behalf.
- \* Applications should be made in good time. It takes up to four weeks for a decision to be made. If your application is to pay a bill, it is sometimes a good idea to contact your creditor (eg the Gas Board) to let them know that you are applying for a grant. If there are pressing reasons why a decision must be made quickly, please state these in your application.
- \* Applications should be sent to:  
BODY POSITIVE, Small Grants Fund,  
51b Philbeach Gardens, London SW5 9EB.

## **"What happens next?"**

Your application will be handled by the Small Grants Co-ordinator, who works part-time. If you need to contact the Co-ordinator there is an answering machine on (071) 370 1066, and messages are dealt with regularly.

Grants are awarded by a panel which comprises four members of Body Positive: a Body Positive Trustee; the Small Grants Fund Co-ordinator; and two members representing the regions. The decision of the panel on individual applications is final.

## **Some other points to note -**

Payments from the Small Grants Fund are by cheque. This may be payable to the applicant or to a third party (eg the Gas Board), at the discretion of the panel. If this presents a problem, (if, for example, the person applying does not have a bank account) please let the Co-ordinator know. The panel may place conditions on the payment of grants, at their discretion.