

ILF Scotland Transition Fund





What is it?

The new Transition Fund provides money, for up to one year, to support young people living with disabilities (as defined in the Equality Act 2010) to improve their lives.

This includes autism, learning difficulty, physical disability, mental health (e.g. anxiety or depression) or hearing or visual impairments.

The purpose of the Fund is to help young people, between the ages of 16 and 25 living with disabilities, with the transition after leaving school or children's services to be more independent and to continue spending time with other people.

The Fund is for those who have little or no formal support from Social Work Services or through Self Directed Support (SDS) to be included and actively participate in their community.

Who can apply?

You can apply for the Transition Fund if you:

- ✓ Are between the age of 15 and 25 years old (if you apply at 15 you won't receive the money until you turn 16 and if you are 25 applications must be made before your 26th birthday).
- ✓ Have lived in Scotland for the last 6 months.
- ✓ Have an impairment or disability (as defined in the Equality Act 2010).
- ✓ Have less than £28,500 of personal savings.



Proof of disability

You'll need proof of your disability or impairment. If you are receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) this can act as proof.

Alternatively, you can also ask for a letter from your:

- ▀ Social Worker
- ▀ Local Area Coordinator
- ▀ Teacher
- ▀ Careers Advisors
- ▀ Health Worker
- ▀ GP
- ▀ A registered charity (must have a registered charity number)

If you can't get a letter from any of these please contact us by **email on enquiries@ILF.scot** or by **phone on 0300 200 2022** about other forms of evidence.



What can the money be used for?

Money from the Transition Fund can be used to help you participate in activities that you may have not been able to take part in before that will help you to become independent and continue to spend time with other people.

You can use the money for things like:

- o art or music lessons
- o a device or piece of technology to help you with your impairment
- o to join a class and/or club
- o travel training
- o driving lessons (we do not normally fund vehicles), and training courses





Limits on using the money

Money from the Transition Fund cannot be used for things that another organisation would give you money for, e.g. Access to Work, Student Awards Agency Scotland, etc.

Money from the Transition Fund cannot be used for these things:

- ✗ Essential safeguarding/ adult support and protection
- ✗ Personal care
- ✗ Medical care
- ✗ Cleaning and domestic duties
- ✗ Supervision
- ✗ Holidays
- ✗ Aids and adaptations



How much money can I get?

The most amount of money you can apply to the Transition Fund for is £4,000.

When you apply you will need to give the reasons why you need the money and what you want to do with it.

If your application is successful you can receive the payments in one lump sum or over a period of time for up to one year. ILF Scotland staff will talk to you about this if your application is successful.

You can contact us by email on **enquiries@ILF.scot** or by phone on **0300 200 2022** for more information about the amount of money you can apply for.



Young person's planning grant

Looking to be more independent, participate in your community and want to spend more time with others, but don't know how?

Are you leaving school or children's services and not quite sure what to do next or how to go about planning it?

If so, ILF Scotland can provide person centred planning grants to help young people find the support they need to plan their future and make an application to the new Transition Fund.



More information

For further information about the planning grant please contact us by emailing **enquiries@ILF.scot** or by phoning **0300 200 2022**.

The maximum Transition Fund grant we normally award is £4,000 and what you spend on your person centred planning (PCP) grant will not be taken off this. For example, if you use £500 for PCP, you will then be able to apply to the Transition Fund for up to £4,000.



How can I apply?

Offline

If you cannot access our website, you can phone us on **0300 200 2022** or write to us using the address below and ask us to send you an application form.

ILF Scotland

Ground Floor, Denholm House,
Almondvale Way
Livingston EH54 6GA

Online

You can apply by going on our website **www.ilf.scot** and downloading the application form, filling it in and emailing it to us at **enquiries@ILF.scot**

If you need this document in an alternative format please contact us.



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