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CHILDREN'S TRUST

Birmingham Children's Maternity Grant BCT Practice HUB Quick Guide

Purpose

The Birmingham Children's Trust Maternity Grant is a £500 one-off payment to help towards the cost of having a child. You can choose to spend it how you like and you don't have to pay it back to the Trust. Your social worker will still look into different grants and applications to help you with other things you might need. This £500 is for those mums that are generally **under 18 and NOT able to access The Sure Start Maternity Grant.**

Process

You can only claim the Birmingham Children's Trust Grant if you **are not** receiving benefits. This includes benefits such as:

- Universal Credit
- Working Tax Credit (that includes a disability element)
- Child Tax Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Support
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit

If you are, then you can access the Sure Start Maternity Grant (SF100) claim form [here](#).

You can also contact the Sure Start Maternity Grant helpline on [0800 169 0140](tel:08001690140).

The Birmingham Children's Trust Grant can be accessed in line with Sure Start requirements:

- 11 weeks prior to your due date, and
- up to 3 months after the birth date

This is a one-off grant. You can have the money in one go and can use it as you wish to support your pregnancy and post birth. The principle purpose of the grant is to use it to offset the cost of a new baby.

Every young person will be supported by their social worker to spend the money in a positive way and on appropriate items. This should be a fun experience and will be planned to ensure that it is something young people are able to look forward to. Your social worker will monitor how you spend the money and keep receipts. They will also use their discretion to enable you to purchase smaller items on your own.

This is the Trust's 'gift' to our young mums-to-be that cannot access the Sure Start Maternity Grant to enable them to begin planning their parenting journey.