

Chances for Children application form questions

This document sets out the questions asked in a Chances for Children application form. It also includes the statements that professionals need to review before making an application. Please read these as they can help to check an application is eligible before you spend time applying.

This document is to help you understand what information you need to collect before applying for a Chances for Children grant. You **cannot** use this document to submit a grant application. To apply for a grant, visit <https://buddleuk.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

There are several different sections to complete when making an application:

1. About You

Before making an application, you will be asked to confirm:

- That you have completed an assessment of the needs of the children or young person.
- That you will continue to work with the children or young person for at least three months.
- That you have explored and exhausted all other means which will help support the children or young person.
- That you will manage the spending of the grant and upload all receipts within 8 weeks of receiving the grant to the Buttle UK database.
- That you are applying for **multiple** items or activities, with a value of up to £2,400.
- That the organisation you work for has up to date safeguarding and child protection policies in place.

2. Data Consent and Data Protection

You will need to confirm that you have the family or young person's consent:

- To make an application to Buttle UK.
- To share their personal data.

3. About the Children or Young Person

You will need to confirm that the children or young person:

- Are living with their parent/carer and are aged 2-18, OR is 20 or under, living independently, with little/no support from their family.
- Are accessing early, primary, secondary or post 16 education/training for a minimum of 12 hours per week. (For estranged young people aged 20 and under, we require evidence that they are regularly attending an education/training course that is at least 12 hours per week.)
- Are living on a low income and experiencing financial hardship.
- Have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on BOTH their wellbeing **and** their development and educational engagement.
- The family or young person has recently taken action to improve their situation and are actively engaging with support.
- The child/young person does not currently have Looked After status.

4. Applicant Details

You will need to provide the following information about the family or young person:

- Main applicant (parent/carer or young person, if estranged) details
 - Full name
 - Contact details
 - Demographics (gender, date of birth and age, gender and ethnicity)
 - Family situation (e.g. single parent, estranged young person)
 - Immigration status
 - Confidence in speaking English
- Whether there is another adult in the home and their relationship to children.
- The number of children in the home, their names, ages, gender and ethnicity
- You will be asked if anyone has a disability or considers themselves to be LGBTQ+
- Length of time at current address and type of housing.

5. Financial Circumstances

You will need to gather information from the family on their financial circumstances, including:

- Total four-weekly income (including earned income and benefits)
- Other income sources (including local authority funding)
- Savings and debts

You can use the Family Finance Information proforma to collect this.

6. Application Questions

In this section, you tell us why your family or young person needs a grant. You will need to answer six questions:

1. In your role, what do you hope to achieve by working directly with the children or young person? (Answer - 300 characters maximum)
2. **When** and **what** was the crisis that has negatively impacted on the children or young person? Please give approximate dates and a short summary of what's happened. (Answer - 500 characters maximum)
3. What positive action has the family / young person been able to take to improve their situation since the crisis? (Answer - 500 characters maximum)
4. What other support is being provided or has been requested for the children / young person? This might be the support that you, your agency and other services are providing. (Answer - 500 characters maximum)

7. Grant Request

In this section, you tell us what the family or young person needs, and how much it costs.

Our grants should be holistic. We do not fund single item requests or applications requesting mainly household items. You need to ask for items in each category:

- Emotional/Developmental Needs
- Educational Needs
- Housing Needs