

Launchpad Information Sheet

Launchpad is a registered charity through which a small grants scheme for unemployed people is operated. Funding for the scheme is raised voluntarily through coffee mornings, concerts, donations and occasionally from a business or a charitable grant programme. If you come into any of the categories listed below a small grant (approx. £250) may be available to you.

Who can get a grant?

You can apply for a grant if you live permanently in Inverness and District, are over 18 years of age and have been recently registered unemployed for six months or more.

Grants may be made for:

- 1. Purchase or rental of tools and/or other equipment-** for the personal development of your skills or hobbies.
- 2. Purchase of basic equipment/ interview clothes/fees to reapply for driving licence/ etc** to help in your preparation for return to work.
- 3. Group activities-**to assist you with the expense incurred in the start-up costs of getting a group of people together for a constructive purpose.
- 4. Educational or recreational courses-**payment of fees for which other funding is not available. We will also consider an application for two levels of a course, with payment of the second level guaranteed if the first level is successfully completed.
- 5. Participation in sporting activities-** purchase of sports equipment and clothing, payment of membership subscription and/or entrance fees for events in which you are a participant and course training fees.
- 6. Travel costs-** incurred with any of 1-5 above.

Notes

- (i) Car driving lessons are not usually funded by the Launchpad scheme.
- (ii) You will be requested to attend **an interview** –after your application and two references have been received.You will be advised as soon as possible after the interview as to whether your application has been successful or not.
- (iii) Any award made by Launchpad will remain open for three months from the date of the offer. If it is not taken up by the applicant during that period, the offer will be withdrawn and the money used to support future applicants.
- (iv) **No cash will be given to the applicants.** Awards will be made in the form of payment to suppliers of goods or services on receipt of their invoice by the Launchpad Treasurer. Such payment will be limited to the amount of award offered to the applicant.
- (v) **Completed application forms should be sent to Launchpad Inverness (Crown Church), Crown Church Office, Kingsmills Road, Inverness, IV2 3JT.**

Referees may discuss individual applications and should do so using the contact form on the web site for Crown Church (www.crown-church.co.uk).

Please copy this leaflet or see copy for printing on Crown Church Website under Launchpad tab.

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