



helping older people retain an **independent life**



support & grant advice

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The organisations below offer support, funding and grants to older people who wish to continue living independent lives. Please note that this leaflet contains information about only a small percentage of organisations offering such services. For advice and information on others, please contact Leicester City Council, Sheltered Housing Services on (0116) 252 6273. Please quote reference 'LCC' when contacting any of the organisations mentioned in this leaflet.

Many thanks



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UBS (the Universal Beneficent Society) provides life-long financial assistance and friendship to older people in need across the UK. The charity offers emergency grants for items such as essential household repairs, a regular allowance, bedding packs and thermal slippers, friendship and support in the form of telephone calls, newsletters and volunteer visits, whenever possible. To qualify, you must be at least 65 years of age, live in your own home (rented or owned) and have income or capital under specified amounts.

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www.u-b-s.org.uk

IndependentAge
Supporting older people at home

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IndependentAge offers a range of support services to older people on low incomes. Support includes a regular extra income for life, financial help in times of crisis, nursing and residential care, clothing and household linen and friendship from volunteer visitors. Support is available to anyone over the age of 65 (over 40 if permanently unable to work due to physical disability), living within the UK or ROI and with limited income or savings. The charity concentrates its help on those who have helped others.

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The Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust offers funding for items, services or facilities for people who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped or infirm. Grants are available for convalescent and respite care, medical and household aids. The aim of this funding is to alleviate suffering and assist recovery, when such funding is not readily available from other sources.

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SSAFA Forces Help is the national charity supporting serving and ex-Service men, women and their families and dependants with their welfare needs. Eligibility is one day's pay and includes National Servicemen, Territorials and Reserves. We can help with a variety of problems including replacing medals; getting funding for electric wheelchairs; help with completing forms and paying bills; Pensions and benefits entitlements; debt advice and friendship.

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The Royal British Legion provides a wide range of welfare assistance to all ex-Servicemen/women and their dependants through their Poppy Support services. Poppy Support includes help to purchase items that will enable individuals to continue living in their own home and maintain their independence, such as electric scooters, riser-recliner chairs and stairlifts. To qualify, you must have served in the Armed Forces, Regular or Reserves or be a dependant or widow(er) of someone who has.

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