

# Did you know?

There are many local charities that can assist you with your home. They can help to make your money go further and offer support.

Some sell affordable furniture and appliances to help you furnish your home. Foodbanks can provide short-term support in a crisis, while others can help with utility bills or offer support with disabilities.

We've selected some of the local charities you could approach, and there are lots more you can find online and on the high street too.

Turn over for details on just a few. Please note, where you see an asterix you may need third party support for some services provided.

Please contact our Welfare, Benefit and Debt Advice team if you need assistance. Email: WBDATeam@2rh.org.uk or call 0800 316 0897.



# Contacts

#### **General grant search**

Visit www.turn2us.org.uk to see if you may be eligible for any grants to support you with furnishing your home.

#### **Furnishing your home**

There are many local charities that sell furniture and appliances to help you make your house a home, without breaking the bank. Examples include: **Forest Upcycling Project** - visit www.forestupcyclingproject.com, or call 01594 368240. **Furniture Recycling Project** (Gloucester and Tewkesbury) - visit www.frpglos.org.uk, or call 01452 524333.

#### Foodbanks \*

Foodbanks can help to put food on the table in a crisis. Search online or discuss with your support worker to find your nearest one.

#### Barnwood Trust (Gloucestershire only) \*

Grants for individuals and groups with disabilities. Visit www.barnwoodtrust.org for more information.

## Water schemes

Different suppliers have different schemes that may be able to help those on low incomes with their water bills.

Severn Trent has the Big Difference scheme and Welsh Water runs the HelpU scheme. Contact your supplier for more information.

## **Gloucestershire Welfare Reform Scheme**

If you live in Gloucestershire and have a specific vulnerability, you may be eligible for council support to furnish a new home. Contact your support worker or Auriga Services for further details. Visit www.gloucestershire.gov. uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/.

# **Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP)**

If you're unable to pay your full rent due to a short-term crisis, your council may be able to provide support through a DHP. Contact your local council to find out more.

# Charis (energy provider debt) \*

If you have energy debt, your supplier may be part of the Energy Trust network. If you're on a low income and struggling with energy debt, contact your supplier to discuss your options.