

NIPF Grant Schemes

Eligibility

New Applicants -

- Injury on Duty (IOD) Band 2 or above, the injuries may be physical, psychological or both and must be as a result of direct terrorist violence.
- A widow or widower of a murdered officer (terrorist incident).
- A parent of a murdered officer (terrorist incident).
- Serving officers who have been seriously injured in the line of duty through a terrorist incident will be considered for help under the Disability Adaptations Scheme.

Former Officers

- To become an eligible client of the fund applicant must have a Band 2 or above Injury on Duty Pension, the medical certificate of unfitness must cite the incident details together with the banding and the nature of the incident/s. It is also useful if the applicant can supply supporting documentation - this can range from statements of witness, medical reports and media articles. The applicant may give you a letter in their own words, however this is NOT sufficient evidence. Photographic ID must be submitted with application
- Provide documentary evidence from either PSNI or the NI Policing Board, confirming their IOD banding level, and details of exactly why the banding was awarded.
- Eligible ex-officers must be able to demonstrate that they have been awarded a minimum of a Band 2 IOD Pension because they have been seriously injured or disabled as a result of terrorist violence.
- Please note where eligibility is dependent on a Band 2 (IOD) or above that has a review period updated reviews must be forwarded by the client to NIPF if and when received so that the most up to date Banding is on the client file.
- Acceptable documentary evidence will usually be the Banding Certificate and accompanying Medical Report.

Serving Officers

- Serving Officers who have been seriously injured in a terrorist incident will be considered. They must provide details of the incident together with any medical reports to support their application. Photographic ID must be submitted with application

Parents or Widows/Widowers of officers

If the applicant is a Parent or Widow/er, the process is different. For a parent and Widows/ers we would have details of their child's/spouses death in either Lost Lives or Constabulary Heroes. Copies of these are in the office.

If a Widow/er has become remarried she is still eligible however she/he would need to supply a copy of her marriage certificate showing the name change.

- Widows of RUC and PSNI officers (Pre and Post '82 Widows) whose death occurred as a result of terrorist violence).
- Widow/ers of officers already in receipt of support from the NI Police Fund will continue to be eligible for support when the officer has died of natural causes.
- Widow/ers of officers who would have been eligible for support from the NI Police Fund by virtue of a Band 2 terrorist-related IOD or equivalent will be eligible for support where the application is post the ex-officer dying of natural causes, as approved by the NIPF Board.
- Copy of marriage certificate
- Photographic ID must be submitted with application

Carers Respite Scheme– One break per year up to the value of £500.00 in total. Up to 3 nights / 4 day break in Carers name. Application must be received before Friday 8th March 2024.

Please provide the following with your application form:

- Client's current PIP/ DLA statement or attendance allowance
- Electronic receipt in Carers name.
- If carer does not live with client please provide a letter from GP confirming carer status for client or carers allowance and ID

Any receipts above £500.00 cannot be accepted.

For all other schemes requiring Quotes:

- You must not pay for the item/works prior to receiving payment, this includes entering into any financial agreements or paying deposits for these items. You cannot pay for the item/work in cash.
- Quotes need to be on Headed Paper showing clients name and breakdown of work to be completed or description of item applied for.

For all schemes requiring Receipts:

- An electronic receipt must be a printed copy from a supplier which should include the name and address of supplier, item, date, method of payment and total amount.
- Retrospective payments will not be considered.
- Deposits must not be paid prior to receiving payment into your bank account made by the NI Police Fund.
- Receipts must show a financial transaction from client to supplier.
- Cash Payments are not acceptable
- Handwritten receipts are not acceptable
- Invoices marked as paid (Handwritten or stamped) are not acceptable
- The NIPF cannot accept receipts directly from Suppliers

Disability Adaptations Scheme

Please contact the office for a home visit from your Assessment Officer to determine whether an Occupational Therapist (OT) assessment is required and discuss any other ways NIPF can assist.

Before an OT can be arranged you need to provide Core Data from GP surgery, also known as clinical history. This can usually be provided by a receptionist and is a few pages long. It is to provide the OT with background medical information before a visit.

When Core Data is received an OT Assessment will be arranged directly between you and the OT to agree a suitable date and time.

General Support Scheme – Maximum £5000

Please provide the following with your application form:

- Three months bank statements for all members of the household who contribute to the household expenses.
- Annual Rates statement if not shown in bank statements.
- Proof of Rent or Mortgage payment.

Educational Bursaries

Application must be received before Friday 15 December 2023.

Junior Process: Please provide Child Benefit Statement with your application form. For College student's proof of enrolment on course is required from College. Payment made to parent. (£500-£800)

Senior Process: Please provide the following with your application form: (£1500-£2500)

- Acceptance Letter and letter of enrolment from university showing course title and duration.
- Bank Details of adult child.
- If living away from home - Rental Agreement showing applicants name.

Regular Payment Scheme

For Clients who are in receipt of an income of less than £12570.00.

If you have any queries in relation to the grant schemes please contact the Assessment Team on 028 90393556 or email admin@nipolicefund.gov.uk