

## List of grants awarded

- ❖ Repairs to guttering, window frames and repainting walls to weatherproof the exterior of house.
- ❖ Grant towards removal costs, deposit for rent on new home and daughter's new school uniform.
- ❖ Replacement hob and oven.
- ❖ Gas boiler service and new bedding for bed.
- ❖ Rendering two chimney stacks and new PVC-u front door.
- ❖ Grant for payment of outstanding bills up to admission into a nursing home.
- ❖ Financial assistance to reduce debt following redundancy due to closure of school.
- ❖ Grant for books and travel costs for counselling / psychotherapy courses to further teaching career.
- ❖ Payment of outstanding utility bills incurred during long term sickness.
- ❖ Grant towards relocation to find a job in another area near family.
- ❖ Funding for shortfall of fees for gentleman needing a short term placement in a nursing home until a Social Service rate bed became available.
- ❖ Payment of outstanding utility bills and housing arrears until return to work after maternity leave.
- ❖ Grant for child care costs during the final term of teacher training to gain QTS.
- ❖ Cost of additional travel due to change of school placement during final months of PGCE course.
- ❖ Grant for annual travel card to help to find employment.
- ❖ Mortgage paid for two months during a time of financial difficulties and illness.
- ❖ Rent arrears and deposit for new accommodation.
- ❖ Grant to fund repairs to shower room for a disabled retired teacher.
- ❖ Funding to remove steps to create wheelchair access to rear of house.
- ❖ Grant to assist with travel to and from hospital appointments as hospital transport was not available.
- ❖ Disabled adaptation to entrance to home and shower room for retired teacher.

## Comments from recipients

- ❖ “Please accept my sincere thanks for your grant to help with the weatherproofing of my house.”
- ❖ “I should like to express my intense gratitude to the Trustees of CSSBI with regards to their kindness.”
- ❖ “I will be able to get the work done on my house before the winter sets in and will be able to keep warm and dry. I cannot tell you the weight that has been lifted by your generosity.”
- ❖ “I am so grateful for your grant to pay my outstanding bills. I am absolutely delighted that I do not have to worry about it any more.”
- ❖ “I was pleasantly surprised and grateful to hear that the Board of CSSBI is able to help me in my financial situation. This already makes me feel ‘freer’ and more able to continue my hunt for work.”
- ❖ “Thank you for the grant awarded to me by CSSBI. I am aiming to progress onto the Art Therapy diploma and become a specialist teacher in either a Primary or Special Needs School.”
- ❖ “Thank you for financial assistance you provided for my husband. A short term placement in a Nursing Home of our choice has meant that I can visit him on a daily basis and we can continue to meet his spiritual needs as members of the congregation will be able to visit and he will still be able to be taken to church services.”
- ❖ “We cannot thank you enough, as you can imagine life can be extremely challenging in our situation and we were both touched by your kind generosity.”
- ❖ “Thank you so much CSSBI for your help. I can’t stress enough how you have changed our life situation when I was about to give up. I am truly blessed to do the teaching job I do and you have helped me fulfil my dreams.”
- ❖ “I am very grateful for the assistance I have received from you. I might not have come this far without your help and I pray God rewards you richly.”
- ❖ “I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the support you have shown over the last 6 months. Increasing tuition fees for UK post-graduate degrees recently have made pursuing valuable courses like teaching difficult and it is only with generous support from bodies like yourselves that students like myself can pursue their dreams.”
- ❖ “Thank you for offering to pay the next two months mortgage. This will make a big difference at such an uncertain time for us.”

- ❖ “Due to undertaking the training two years ago I have been able to further my career and gain a position working within a special needs school. Without your help to fund my training I would not be in the position I am now, for which I am very grateful. Thank you for the opportunities you have provided for me.”
- ❖ “Thank you for your kind and sensitive manner in dealing with things so quickly. I would not have been able to move into my new accommodation without your help. I hope to build from this and move forward from a position of security and stability.”
- ❖ “Thank you sincerely for your support in funding the shower repairs. I cannot emphasise how deeply grateful I am and would like to convey to the committee of CSSBI my deepest gratitude for the generous support given in this matter. You were a bright ray of sunshine during a challenging period.”
- ❖ “Thank you so so much! It will make the winter easier knowing that the roof won’t blow off or the rain and snow won’t be let in!”
- ❖ “Thank you so much for the generous award given to me by your charity. Every little helps at the moment and your cheque will certainly go a long way towards relocation costs and travelling expenses for job interviews. God Bless and once again, thank you for throwing me a lifeline.”
- ❖ “I would like to express my sincere gratitude to CSSBI for the financial assistance you gave me last year. I did go back to work as a teacher last summer and am doing what I know best. I would not be in this position if it wasn’t for CSSBI.”