

Furniture Options in Bolton

Client can afford to pay cash

Provide details of furniture suppliers in Bolton.

- Local shops (discounts may be available from some shops)
- Online stores
- F4U
- Places selling quality pre-owned goods (discounts may be available from some suppliers)

Client cannot afford to pay cash but is likely to get credit

Provide information about where client may look to for credit to buy household items.

- Some local shops
- Online stores
- F4U
- Hoot Credit Union

NB - Direct away from stores offering goods under conditional sale agreements, high interest credit, payday loans etc

Client cannot afford to pay cash and is unlikely to get credit

If the client is taking on a new tenancy

1. Could they get a Furnished Tenancy? (This would need to be agreed with the new landlord before the tenancy starts and only social housing tenants can apply)
2. If they have been on benefits for 6 months or more, they MAY be able to get a Budgeting Loan or a Budgeting Advance from the Department of Work and Pensions DWP (See factsheet)
3. They MAY be eligible to apply for Local Welfare Provision (LWP)? (See new overview)
4. Does their new landlord have a hardship fund they could access?
5. Are there any other trust funds or grants they could be entitled to? (See links overleaf)
6. Can they get free preowned goods from anywhere? (see links overleaf)

If the client is not taking on a new tenancy,

- they will not be able to change to a Furnished Tenancy
- nor will they be eligible for LWP unless there has been a disaster
- 2. 4. 5. & 6. above could still be options.

Carpets can be one of the biggest expenses when moving or refurbishing a home.

- Some of the pay-weekly carpets, found on the internet, can be over-priced and of poor quality
- Finance options may be available from Hoot
- Some carpet shops provide finance
- The client should shop around to find the best deal
- Some local shops may offer a discount for Bolton at Home tenants.
- Bolton Nice can also provide and fit carpets, which may be new or used

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Preowned Goods – Some Charity Shops offer discounts to local housing association tenants – please check with the landlord

Bolton Community Transport - 20% discount for those referred by Furniture4U & Money Skills.

Address: A1 Lecturers Close, Bolton BL3 6DG Tel: [01204 393777](tel:01204393777)

Emmaus

Address: Derby Barracks, Fletcher Street, Bolton BL3 6NF

Tel: [01204 398056](tel:01204398056)

Salvation Army

Address: Unit 2B1 Central Retail Park, Manchester Road, Bolton BL2 1HQ Tel: [01204 866238](tel:01204866238)

British Heart Foundation

Address: 47-53 Knowsley Street, Bolton BL1 2AS Tel: [01204 828655](tel:01204828655)

MHIST

Address: 38 Moor Lane, Bolton BL1 4TH Tel: [01204 533092](tel:01204533092)

Bolton Hospice Furniture Plus

Address: Unit 3 Morston Point, Manchester Road, Bolton BL2 1HA

Tel: [01204 663 069](tel:01204663069)

Bolton NICE

Address: Quest Centre, Brownlow Way, Bolton BL1 3UB

Tel: [07900535403](tel:07900535403)

Trust Funds – These may be available for customers to apply for grants for furniture, white goods etc however it is by no means exhaustive: -

Turn2us - a national charity that helps people in financial hardship gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and support services.

To look for a grant or funds that might be able to give your customer a grant and/or other types of help search online at <https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/>

United Utilities Trust Fund – for United Utilities customers in financial hardship. Applications can be made online through the website <http://www.uutf.org.uk> or an application can be printed and submitted freepost.

British Gas Energy Trust - Applications can be made online at the website <http://www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk> or an application form can be printed and submitted via post. Families and individuals in need, suffering or other distress fit the criteria and they can apply for;

- *Household items which includes gas/electric cooker; fridge-freezer, washing machine; tumble dryer; washer/dryer; gas fire; bed; carpets (up to a maximum of £500 including fitting costs); microwave and vacuum cleaner. (Limited to one household item per application)*

Bolton Guild Of Help – a local charity Address: [Scott House 27 Silverwell Street, Bolton BL1 1PP](#) Telephone: 01204 524858

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Nationwide Charities and Trust Funds – These may also be available for customers to apply for grants for furniture, white goods etc, again the list is not exhaustive: -

Glasspool Trust is a UK-wide charity that provides grants support for people experiencing financial hardship, with no restrictions on who can help. They provide grants for all types of furniture, including flooring – one of the few organisations who do so. A support worker has to be registered with Glasspool Trust to make the application on behalf of the recipient. <https://www.glasspool.org.uk/>

Buttle UK support children and their families, including the provision of beds, and offer more comprehensive packages of support as opposed to grants for single items. Again applications have to be submitted by a registered support worker. <https://www.buttleuk.org/>

Family Fund help vulnerable children and young people up to the age of 18 who are experiencing a crisis or emergency through their BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Fund. They provide essential furniture items and they accept direct applications. <https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

Smallwood Trust provide support for women living in persistent poverty, classed as being in relative income poverty in the current year and at least two of the three preceding years. They provide funding for “life situations” such as living on a low income and these grants can be used for essential furniture items.

SSAFA – provide welfare, health and support services, for the UK military's serving personnel, veterans, and their families. Contact Forcesline on 0800 731 4880, or send a message using their [Forcesline contact form](#).

The British Legion-provide financial support to the Armed Forces community Tel: 0808 802 8080

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Occupational Benevolent Funders:

For people who work/have worked in hotels, bars, restaurants or in the alcohol industry

- Hospitality Action supports people who currently work or have previously worked in hospitality Tel: 0808 802 0282
- Licensed Trade Charity offer financial support to those who have worked in the Licensed Drinks Trade/Industry for at least 5 years continuously Tel: 0808 801 0550
- The Drinks Trust (formerly The Benevolent) support people who work, or have worked within the UK drinks industry Tel: 0800 915 4610

For people who work/have worked in shops/retail/supermarkets

- The Retail Trust support people who currently work or have previously worked in the Retail Trade Tel:0808 801 0808
- Grocery Aid help people who are currently working or have previously worked in the grocery industry Tel:08088 021122

For people who work/have worked in education

- Teaching Staff Trust support those who have worked or have retired from working in a school, a nursery or other under 19s education setting for five years or more Tel: 01322 293 82213
- Education Support Partnership helps those who have taught or been employed by/in a UK school, college or university, in paid employment, for a minimum of one term. Tel: 020 7697 2772

For people who work/have worked in gardening, horticulture and agriculture

- The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution Tel: 01865 724931
- Perennial (for people working or who used to work in the Horticultural Industry) Tel: 0800 093 8543

For people who work/have worked in the postal service

- The Rowland Hill Fund helps people who have worked for Royal Mail (RM), Post Office Ltd (POL), Parcelforce Worldwide (PFW), Royal Mail Property & Facilities Solutions or any previously associated companies Tel: 0345 600 4586

For people who work/have worked in the building and construction industry

- Construction Industry Helpline supports current or former workers in the construction industry or allied trades and apprentices to a construction trade Tel: 0345 605 1956

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For people who work/have worked in nursing

- Cavell Nurses Trust support nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants, working and retired, with essential white goods. Tel: 01527 595999
- Royal College of Midwives Benevolent Fund helps midwives and maternity support workers Tel: 0300 303 0444

For people who work/have worked in social care

- The Care Workers Charity provide crisis grants for essential white goods and household items for those working or previously working in the social care sector 020 8037 0925
- Social Workers Benevolent Trust gives financial support to social workers but only assess applications bi-annually. Tel: 0121 622 3911

Others

- The Bakers Benevolent Society supports those who have retired from the baking industry or it's allied trades. Tel: 01992 575951 14
- BEN the Automotive Industry Support Service (previously Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund) supports people who've worked in the automotive industry and their families. Tel: 08081 311 333
- The Institution of Structural Engineers Benevolent Fund helps members and former members of the Institute, and their families. Tel: 020 7235 4535
- The Charity for Civil Servants gives financial support to civil servants. Tel: 0800 056 2424
- The Railway Benefit Fund supports current, retired and former rail staff and their dependents with grants for essential furniture items. Tel: 0345 241 2885
- Vicar's Relief Fund supports people who are homeless or are vulnerably housed Tel: 020 3795 5746
- Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation (No Website) support people experiencing severe poverty/ ongoing medical problems/domestic violence or homelessness Tel: 020 8979 0609
- The League of the Helping Hand give grants for essential household items for disabled individuals and their carers Tel: 01444 236 099 12