



Once an application has been approved he/she can only apply again within 12 months of the awarding of the grant in exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Board. Clients cannot re-apply for the same item if their first request for that item has been declined nor can applications be split into separate parts to avoid the capping of awards.



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Bereavement Support Scheme

*Care in the
Police Family*

Northern Ireland

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This fund is intended to provide financial support to those bereaved as a direct result of terrorist violence.

Eligibility

- A widow/er of an officer* whose death occurred as a direct result of terrorist violence.
- Widows and families of officers who were eligible but die post service; and Widow/ers and dependent children 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
- A parent (and, where appropriate, the legal guardians) or sibling of an officer* whose death occurred as a direct result of terrorist violence.

Applications from siblings will only be considered in exceptional circumstances where the applicant can clearly demonstrate a significant, adverse and direct impact on their current earning capacity

- **No distinction is made in the case of a former police officer murdered by terrorists after his/her service where death occurred as a direct result of having been a police officer.**

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Evidential Requirements:

An assessment of financial need will be carried out in support of all applications to this scheme. Applicants must provide details of their financial circumstances on the application form.

Widow/ers of officers whose death occurred as a direct result of terrorist violence will be required to verify their marital status to the deceased member.

Information will be obtained from "Lost Lives" book to verify the nature and date of death.

Verification may also be sought from PSNI Pensions Branch to confirm Widow/er status.

Note: In the event of requests for counselling (debt consolidation, generic/psychological) a referral will initially be made to the Chief Executive who will decide if an Assessment Report is required from an independent professional counsellor appointed by the Fund to determine what type of treatment and number of sessions would be required to resolve the issues raised.

Maximum Individual Grant: £6,000

with families receiving an additional £1k increment for first dependant child and £500 for each dependant child thereafter; (such funding is at the discretion of the Board).

Awards above this threshold will only be considered where there is clear evidence that the client has no disposable, or a negative disposable, income and no savings.