

HISTORY OF THE FUND

1824

The Surplus Fire Fund was created in 1824, when a large sum of money was raised by local people to help the victims of a number of fires in Edinburgh's High Street. The money that was left over from this was put into what became known as the Surplus Fire Fund (SFF).

2014

The City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Act 2014 passed by the Scottish Parliament in March 2014, dissolved the SFF and transferred management of the fund to The Edinburgh & Lothian Trust Fund (formerly Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Trust).



THE EDINBURGH FIRE FUND



ASSISTANCE FOR EDINBURGH RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY FIRE

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THE EDINBURGH AND LOTHIAN TRUST FUND

The Edinburgh Fire Fund: Assistance for Edinburgh Residents affected by Fire

The effects of a fire can be devastating - physically, materially and psychologically.

For residents in the City of Edinburgh Council area, there is a dedicated fund that can help you to recover from the damage.



The purpose of the Fund

The purpose of the new Edinburgh Fire Fund, as with the former Surplus Fire Fund, is to relieve the suffering caused through serious injury or loss as a result of a fire in the city. The Fire Fund will continue to do this under the umbrella of The Edinburgh & Lothian Trust Fund.

Who can apply for money from the Edinburgh Fire Fund?

Anyone who meets the application criteria can apply for a grant from the fund, as long as the fire took place in the City of Edinburgh Council area. Applications to the fund must be made by the person directly affected by fire. It is normally expected that a third party e.g. social worker, support worker, community nurse etc., should verify the information provided.

How do I apply to The Fire Fund?

Go to our website – www.eltf.org.uk
Please note only online applications will be accepted.

What happens next?

On receipt of your application, a representative from the Edinburgh and Lothian Trust Fund may contact you for further information and assessment.

After that, eligible applications will be submitted to The Edinburgh and Lothian Trust Fund Trustees for a decision. Once a decision has been made, we will contact you to let you know whether or not your application has been successful.

Criteria for Grants to Individuals / Families affected by fire

- The fund is for the relief of people who are affected by fire. This could be damage to their home or physical and/or psychological trauma.
- The applicant must be resident in City of Edinburgh Council area and any need must arise as a direct result of a fire in their home.
- Awards and grants are made to compensate for damage (other than structural damage) to domestic premises and household contents caused by fire within Edinburgh.
- Recognising the psychological impact of fire, applications for support and counselling will also be considered.
- The Edinburgh and Lothian Trust Fund will not make an award to replace household items if the applicant has the appropriate insurance in place but will consider applications for counselling and support.
- Applicants must be in receipt of state benefit or earning the living wage with reference to Living Wage Foundation.
- Awards are made at the discretion of Trustees and their decision is final.
- Applications will only be accepted for fires that have occurred in the last 6 months.