

# Family Support Fund

The Railway Benefit Fund (RBF) Family Support Fund is a small grants programme that provides support to railway staff with children where the annual gross household income does not exceed £30,000. We aim to ensure that rail staff on lower grades can enjoy a good work and family life balance.

The fund provides a small sum of money (up to £200) to support child and family related expenses such as:

- School trips
- Extracurricular activities and clubs
- School uniforms
- Baby equipment

## What are the Criteria?

- You must be a current rail employee, including working in the supply chain.
- You must have at least one child who is under 18, for whom you are claiming Child Benefit.

- Your annual gross household income must not exceed £30,000.
- The item or activity that you are seeking support with is related to your family or child's expenses.
- The sum sought must be less than £200

You must be able to provide evidence of the above.

## How do I apply?

Applications from the Family Support Fund can be made by downloading an application form from the RBF website. Alternatively, speak with a member of our team by calling 0345 241 2885 (Option 1).

## Need further support?

If you require further support, you may be eligible for assistance from our main Grants Programme. Speak with a member of our team or visit our website for more information.

## What can I do?

The RBF are keen to work with rail employers and staff to ensure that their employees and colleagues can access the help they need. Particularly to those on lower pay grades who are likely to be eligible for support funding.

Make your company RBF aware:

- Publicise the telephone number, website and service to your colleague and staff:  
T: 0345 241 2885 (Option 1)  
E: [support@railwaybenefitfund.org.uk](mailto:support@railwaybenefitfund.org.uk)  
W: [www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk](http://www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk)
- Attach a link to the RBF website through internal staff briefings or newsletters.
- Speak to a member of the RBF team to develop your own specific copy for internal newsletters and staff bulletins; including co-branded materials as part of staff engagement and welfare programmes.

For further information on how the RBF can help your company and your employees, please contact us on 0345 241 2885 or visit our website [www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk](http://www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk)

