



Benefits

The London Ambulance Service Benevolent Fund is not a national organization, a registered charitable fund or a mutual society. The Benevolent Fund is a Fund managed by the members for the members and its principal purpose is to provide support and assistance for the relief of severe financial hardship and/or circumstances unforeseen and outside the control of the individual or dependents concerned.

It was with this aim that the original inauguration group set up the benefits that all members enjoy automatically from the date of joining. These benefits have been established over a long term to distribute some of the funds to members or their dependents at their time of need.

- **Death Benefit:** **£8,000**
Payable without delay to the named beneficiary in order to relieve financial burden
- **Monthly Draw:** **8 x £100 prizes**
8 Membership numbers are randomly drawn each month.
- **Annual Christmas Draw:** **1 x £250**
One Membership number randomly drawn in December.
- **Retirement Grant: £25 for each year of membership**
Available to all Members of the Fund that are retiring as full serving employees of the LAS, for Medical, Age or Early Retirement reasons.
- **Subscription:** **£3.50 per month**
Equal to 80p per week

How the Benevolent Fund May Help

The primary objective of the Benevolent Fund is to provide support and assistance for the relief of severe financial hardship and/or circumstances unforeseen and outside of the control of the individual or dependents concerned.

The provision of financial assistance is intended to relieve temporary hardship and to encourage better management of their circumstances or specific needs and not to rely on the long-term support of the fund.

Assistance may be arranged as a loan or grant, which will be recommended for approval, dependent upon each individual circumstance.



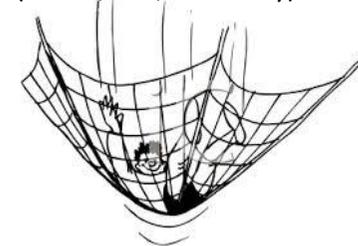
The following are brief descriptions on how the Benevolent Fund may be able to help. For full details please visit, <http://benfund.london/>

- **Property Facilities:** Where it is identified that an applicant is suffering from a debilitating illness, the Fund will give all due consideration to the purchase of facilities to assist with the members general environment.

- **Disability:** Assistance may be considered for deposits or the purchase of specialist equipment such as a wheelchair or other equipment where it has been established that the equipment is suitable to meet the temporary or long term needs of the applicant.

- **Rented Accommodation:** Loans for deposits or an initial payment in advance may be considered where the applicant has suffered a breakdown of a relationship, this may be of a violent or abusive nature, or the applicant is left with a sudden need to locate alternative accommodation where statutory housing is unavailable or inappropriate.

- **Debts:** Help with debts is aimed towards "Priority" debts where the person is at risk of imprisonment, losing their home due to arrears, council tax or the disconnection of essential services (Water, Gas, Electricity).



For full details of ways in which the Benevolent Fund can assist and those reasons it would not normally assist please visit <http://benfund.london/>



Convalescent & Recovery

The LAS Benevolent Fund provides a quality recuperative and convalescence facility for our members and families whose medical condition or recovery process warrants the support and assistance of the Benevolent Fund.

Initially members who are suffering from a long term severe illness, recovering from illness or a traumatic episode in their life, in some cases bereavement, or in fact so many other circumstances, will be identified through the good auspices of the Staff Support Advisor or Executive Committee members, and as such will participate in this scheme by recommendation and their personal acceptance of the facility being made available to them.



Becoming a Member

If you are an employee of the London Ambulance Service, you may join the Benevolent Fund at any time. In order to join you must complete and return both the, Beneficiary and Joining Deduction forms which are available to download from the www.benfund.london/ Choose Join & Update from the menu bar and download the forms from there.

Please return completed forms to:-

The London Ambulance Service Benevolent Fund
220 Waterloo Road
London
SE1 8SD

Existing Members:

To update your Beneficiary details, you should complete and return the witnessed Beneficiary Form to the above address. Death benefits from the Benevolent Fund can only be paid to the nominated beneficiary, so it is important to ensure your details are updated if your circumstances change.

The London ambulance Service Benevolent Fund, has always maintained and will continue to maintain a low level, value for money membership subscription.

If you require any further information please visit <http://benfund.london/> or contact Tina Vince:

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STAFF SUPPORT



LONDON AMBULANCE

The London Ambulance Service Benevolent Fund was established in 1966 by a group of dedicated LAS employees from within the various disciplines of the service. It became the first Ambulance Service Benevolent Fund in the UK. It was formed to provide assistance and support to its members, who from time to time, may suffer extreme cases of financial hardship for reasons beyond their own control, such as loss of pay due to prolonged sickness, caring for a dependent, sudden death or any happenings that may create severe hardship.

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