

Lifeboatman's Benevolent Fund

Operations volunteers

What is The Lifeboatmen's Benevolent Fund?

The Lifeboatmen's Benevolent Fund (LBF) offers assistance when life takes a difficult turn. It's entirely separate from funds raised for the RNLI itself – a successful application does not take money away from the running of the charity. The LBF was set up in 1957 when a sum of money was left specifically to assist past and present lifeboat crew members or their families in times of hardship. Since that time, the fund has benefitted from a number of generous bequests and donations.

Members of other search and rescue organisations involved in operational activities can apply – this is not exclusive to the RNLI volunteers.

Please see leaflet on crew room notice board for full details. A summary of cover is below:

What can it offer?

One-off or short term financial assistance with:

- ✓ **Bereavement**
e.g. funeral expenses
- ✓ **Caring for others**
e.g. respite/holiday breaks and house modifications
- ✓ **Long term disability**
e.g. retraining and mobility equipment
- ✓ **Low income household**
e.g. outstanding bills, personal debt and home repairs
- ✓ **Relationship breakdown**
e.g. purchase of household items
- ✓ **Short term illness or injury**
e.g. travel costs during treatment and loss of income There are just a few areas where we're not able to help. These include business debt, mortgage payments, private medical/nursing home costs and legal costs.

There are also grants available, please see leaflet on crew room noticeboard for further information.

Quick and easy to apply

All applications are treated in strictest confidence.

For more information or request an application form, contact the Reward Coordinator

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