



## Potential Sources of Funding



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01904 636 812

## **About Funding**

Many UK charities or trusts provide grants for people with disabilities, each with their own criteria for providing funds.

Your eligibility for a grant depends on your own personal circumstances and the eligibility criteria for the funding.

## **How To Apply**

Most UK charities will have an application form which you can obtain either by contacting the charity direct or downloading from their website. Some prefer a personal letter explaining why you are applying for funding – and quantifying what help you're seeking from them.

Charities may ask for a report or recommendation from a professional involved with the disabled person to support the grant application. This may be a health professional, social worker, family support worker, Occupational Therapist or, in the case of children, their head teacher. The named professional may be asked to include their report on your application form or if you are asked to supply their contact details they will be contacted directly by the charity.

You will also need to pair this with an official quote from a potential supplier.

All applications forms will ask for contact details, information about the applicant's disability, what they need and why they need it. Some may also ask for financial information – This is to ensure the money they give goes to those in most need. If you are able to contribute towards an item or project, say so in your application with details of how much you are able to pay and whether you have fundraised to achieve this amount. A charity may only be able to contribute towards part of your costs and may ask if you have contacted other charities. Charities will sometimes communicate with each other and agree to joint funding.

Once you have made your application don't expect an instant reply! Some charities only meet to allocate funds two or three times a year. Other charities may also have long waiting lists.

Below is a list of charities that have funded in the past year, please also bare in mind local authorities, schools, solicitors, local radio as these all could potentially raise funds.

## For Children

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**PhysCap** – *Big help for little people*

[www.physcap.org](http://www.physcap.org)

[enquiries@physcap.org](mailto:enquiries@physcap.org)

0845 051 9156

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**Children Today** – *changing lives* (Grants upto the age of 25)

[www.childrentoday.org.uk](http://www.childrentoday.org.uk)

[info@childrentoday.org.uk](mailto:info@childrentoday.org.uk)

01244 335 622

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**Family Fund** – *Helping Disabled Children* (Grants upto the age of 18)

[www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk)

[info@familyfund.org.uk](mailto:info@familyfund.org.uk)

01904 550 055

Grants given to residents in England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland

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**The Boparan Charitable Trust** – *Transforming Lives*

[www.theboparancharitabletrust.comapplication@boparan.com](http://www.theboparancharitabletrust.comapplication@boparan.com)

0121 214 9364

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**Whizz Kidz** – *move a life forward*

[www.whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk)

[info@whizz-kidz.org.uk](mailto:info@whizz-kidz.org.uk)

020 7233 6600

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**Make-a-Wish Foundation** – *Together, we create life changing wishes for children with critical illnesses* (Grants for ages 3 to 17)

[www.make-a-wish.org.uk](http://www.make-a-wish.org.uk)

[referrals@makeawish.org.uk](mailto:referrals@makeawish.org.uk)

018 304 2776

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**The Elifar Foundation – *Every life is for a reason***

[www.elifarfoundation.org.uk](http://www.elifarfoundation.org.uk)    [enquiries@elifarfoundation.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@elifarfoundation.org.uk)

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**My AFK (Grants up to the age of 25)**

[www.myafk.org](http://www.myafk.org)    [info@my-afk.org](mailto:info@my-afk.org)    020 8347 8111

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**Smile For Life – *Children’s Charity***

[www.smileforlife.org.uk](http://www.smileforlife.org.uk)    [info@smileforlife.org.uk](mailto:info@smileforlife.org.uk)    0191 284 4166

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**Roald Dahl – *Marvellous Childrens Charity***

[www.roalddahl.com/charity](http://www.roalddahl.com/charity)    01494 890 465

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**Keane’s Stars – *Neurofibramatosis Charity (Scotland Only)***

[www.keanesstars.co.uk](http://www.keanesstars.co.uk)    [info@keanesstars.co.uk](mailto:info@keanesstars.co.uk)

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### For All Ages

**Crowd Funding** offers an exciting modern take on fund seeking. These specialist websites allow a 'project' to be supported through lots of small contributions from many people rather than one big sum from one funder. Each website has its own flavour, some are intended to help entrepreneurs bring new products to the market, others more suitable for funding a purchase of a specialist piece of equipment. Do some research before deciding which is the most appropriate for your needs. Once you have your crowd funding page up and live you can link to it from your social media and then invite family and friends to share it to get it out there and onto the screens of as many potential supporters as possible. Attracting media attention to your cause is another great way of getting it out there, if you're planning a sponsored bike ride or swim in a bath of beans you can invite your local print, radio and TV news along, they're always on the hunt for a fun story and a worthy cause.

**Just Giving** – [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)

**Go Fund Me** – [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)

**Crowdfunder** – [www.crowdfunder.co.uk](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk)

**The League of the Helping Hand** – *Life + Help = Hope*

[www.lhh.org.uk](http://www.lhh.org.uk)

[secretary@lhh.org.uk](mailto:secretary@lhh.org.uk)

01444 236 099

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**Margaret's Fund** – *The fund for women with ill health*

[www.margaretsfund.org](http://www.margaretsfund.org)

[support@margaretsfund.org](mailto:support@margaretsfund.org)

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**DTD Charity** – *Tishie Yong Foundation*

[www.dtdcharity.com](http://www.dtdcharity.com)

[zoe@dtdcharity.com](mailto:zoe@dtdcharity.com)

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Please also search for your disability or condition as there are many other charities that may help towards funding.

If you discover any errors or omissions in this document or can suggest amendments or additions we would be very grateful for your feedback – or any other questions at all! Please don't hesitate to get in touch.