



Potential Sources of Funding



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Or contact us on
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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

PhysCap – *Big help for little people*

www.physcap.org

enquiries@physcap.org

0845 051 9156

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

www.childrentoday.org.uk

info@childrentoday.org.uk

01244 335 622

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

www.familyfund.org.uk

info@familyfund.org.uk

01904 550 055

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

The Boparan Charitable Trust – *Transforming Lives*

www.theboparancharitabletrust.comapplication@boparan.com

0121 214 9364

Whizz Kidz – *move a life forward*

www.whizz-kidz.org.uk

info@whizz-kidz.org.uk

020 7233 6600

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

referrals@makeawish.org.uk

018 304 2776

Action For Children – *We make life better for children* (Grants for ages 0-20)

www.actionforchildren.org.uk ask.us@actionforchildren.org.uk 01923 361 500

AFC – Scotland 0141 550 9010

AFC – Wales 02920 222 127

AFC – Northern Ireland 02890 460 500

Caudwell Children – *Whatever it takes*

www.caudwellchildren.com charity@caudwellchildren.com 0345 300 1348

Lifeline 4 Kids – *Supporting children and young adults for over 50 years*

www.lifeline4kids.org appeals@lifeline4kids.org 020 8459 8826

Rays of Sunshine – *Granting magical wishes* (Grants for ages 3-18)

www.raysofsunshine.org.uk info@raysofsunshine.org.uk 020 8782 1171

Dreams Come True (Grants for ages 2-21)

www.dreamscometrue.uk.com info@dreamscometrue.uk.com 01428 726 330

Children's Hope Foundation – *Help for Children with Special Needs*

www.childrenshopefoundation.org.uk info@childrenshopefoundation.org.uk 0207 700 6855

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

www.elifarfoundation.org.uk enquiries@elifarfoundation.org.uk

My AFK (Grants up to the age of 25)

www.myafk.org info@my-afk.org 020 8347 8111

Smile For Life – *Children’s Charity*

www.smileforlife.org.uk info@smileforlife.org.uk 0191 284 4166

Roald Dahl – *Marvellous Childrens Charity*

www.roalddahl.com/charity 01494 890 465

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

www.keanesstars.co.uk info@keanesstars.co.uk

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

Go Fund Me – www.gofundme.com

Crowdfunder – www.crowdfunder.co.uk

Disability Grants - www.disability-grants.org

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

www.lhh.org.uk

secretary@lhh.org.uk

01444 236 099

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

www.margaretsfund.org

support@margaretsfund.org

DTD Charity – *Tishie Yong Foundation*

www.dtdcharity.com

zoe@dtdcharity.com

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.