

Charities which give grants to families caring for a child with a disability

Eligibility Criteria	Types of Grants	How to Apply	Contact details
Association of Charity Officers			
ACO has a membership of over 200 charities providing financial and other help, for children and young people, one-parent families, people with physical or learning difficulties or mental health problems.	The help these charities can offer takes many forms, financial grants, regular allowances, debt counselling, rehabilitation, care or support at home, information and advice on a wide range of problems. ACO itself has no funds for grant aid.	Please contact ACO in the first instance if you need help.	Unicorn House Station Close Potters Bar Herts EN6 3JW Tel 01707 651777 Fax 01707 660477 E-mail info@aco.uk.net
The Attlee Foundation			
People who are disabled or disadvantaged, anywhere in the UK	One-off grants up to £100 towards travel costs for therapeutic journeys, eg to maintain contact with family members in hospital, or rehabilitation a long way from home in the UK. No grants for funerals, holidays, wheelchairs or mobility adaptations.	Apply on a form from the Foundation. Applications must be made through a social worker, citizen's advice bureau or other welfare agency, to which the cheque will be payable on behalf of the individual. An SAE must be enclosed.	Helena Holt Attlee Foundation 28 Commercial St London E1 6LR Tel 020 73775836 E-mail info@attlee.org.uk , Website www.attlee.org.uk
The Family Fund			
Families caring at home for a child under 16 who is severely disabled. Eligible families must have a gross income of no more than £21,000 pa and savings of £8,000 or less (figures from 2002, reviewed annually)	Help given must be related to the child's care needs. May include help with a holiday, leisure activities, laundry equipment, bedding and clothing, transport, play equipment and other items. Cannot provide items which are the responsibility of the statutory agencies such as medical or educational equipment or small items for daily living such as bath aids, which are the responsibility of social services.	Applications can be made by parents, carers or a professional worker (with parental consent). An application form is available from the trust or applications can be by letter giving the child's full name and date of birth, parent's name, address and telephone number. Brief details about the child's disability and how this affects daily life are also needed. Tell the trust what kind of help is requested and whether an application has been made before (if so,	The Managing Director, PO Box 50, York YO1 9ZX Tel 01904 621 115 Fax 01904 652 625 Minicom 01904 658 085 Email info@familyfundtrust.org.uk Website: www.familyfundtrust.org.uk

		quote the Family Fund Trust number if possible).	
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The Family Welfare Association

People in need.	A wide variety of trust funds are administered by the FWA. Fuel, bills, clothing, particularly children's clothing and household needs are most commonly requested, but can also help with more unusual needs such as electronic aids. Most grants range between £100 and £200.	Contact should be made first by a professional worker (Social Worker, Health Visitor or Voluntary Agency like a C.A.B) giving a brief outline of the need. If funds are available and an application can be accepted, a form will be sent to the referrer. Emergency applications can be made by phone.	Grants Manager 501-505 Kingsland Road Dalston London E8 4AU Tel 020 7254 6251 Fax 020 7249 5443 Email grants.enquiry@fwa.org.uk Website www.fwa.org.uk
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Hospital Saturday Fund Charitable Trust

Individuals who live in the UK and the republic of Ireland who are ill, disabled or receiving medical care	One off grants are made ranging from £25 to £250 towards medical care, medical equipment and appliances and hospital travel. Grants are not made to anything without a medical connection.	Applications on a form from the correspondent. If the application is made directly from the individual, a supporting letter from a welfare agency, social worker or other third party is appreciated. A third party can also apply of behalf of the individual.	K R Bradley, Administrator 24 Upper Ground London SE1 9PD Tel 020 7928 6662 Fax 020 7928 0446 Email trust@hsf.eu.com
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Miss Doreen Stanford Charitable Trust

People in need who are disabled, deaf or blind. Also, children whose families are in financial need.	One-off and recurrent grants ranging between £500 and £1,500, mainly for equipment related to sickness or disability, not for items such as washing machines, clothes or repairs.	Applications must be made through a charity and should contain details of the individual's income and expenditure. Decisions made once a year in March and applications must be submitted by end January.	Please send an SAE to: Mrs G M B Borner Secretary 26 The Mead Beckenham Kent BR3 5PE Tel 020 8650 3368
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The Buttle Trust - Applications should be sent to the relevant address below:			
Children under 21 who are either i) looked after by adoptive parents, ii) cared for by family members or friends (but not who are supported by 2 caring parents living in the same home), iii) living with single parents.	One-off grants towards clothes, bedding, essential furniture and household equipment. No grants towards payment of debts, holiday and childcare costs, computers or adaptations to houses and cares.	Apply in writing through a statutory agency or voluntary organisation that is capable of assessing the needs of the child and can also administer a grant on behalf of the Trust. Eligible applicants will be sent an application form which will be considered monthly.	<p><i>England</i> The Director The Buttle Trust Audley House 13 Palace Street London SW1E 5HX Tel: 020 7828 7311 Fax: 020 7828 4724 E-mail director@buttletrust.org</p> <p><i>Wales</i> Regional Secretary PO Box 7, Rhayader Powys LD6 5WB Tel & fax: 01597 870060 E-mail wales@buttletrust.org</p> <p><i>Scotland</i> Regional Secretary, PO Box 5075 Uplawmoor, Glasgow, G78 4WA Tel & fax: 01505 850437 E-mail scotland@buttletrust.org</p> <p><i>Northern Ireland</i> Regional Secretary c/o Bryson House 28 Bedford Street Belfast BT2 7FE Tel & fax: 020 9064 1164 E-mail nireland@buttletrust.org</p>
The Grut Charitable Trust			
Individuals suffering from the effects of illness or poverty. Children in need are given particular consideration.	Grants generally up to £100. No grants towards holidays.	Applications in writing, supported by a local authority or social welfare organisation. Details on income and expenditure are required. Applications are considered monthly; if you haven't heard within eight weeks, your application was	The Secretary Poole & Co Solicitors Mansion House Prince's Street Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1EP Tel 01935 846000

		unsuccessful.	
The Heinz & Anna Kroch Foundation			
Individuals suffering from chronic illness in financial hardship.	One-off grants have been awarded towards travelling to hospital to visit sick individuals and towards payment of debts caused by chronic illness.	Applications in writing including full financial information inc. income and expenditure, submitted through a social worker, CAB or a welfare agency. Applications considered throughout the year.	Mrs H Astle PO Box 5, Bentham Lancaster LA2 7XA Tel/Fax 01524 263001 Email hakf50@hotmail.co.uk
The Late Baron FA D'Erlangers Charitable Trust			
People in need, which may include older people, infirm and children. Preference is given to people who are disabled.	One-off grants ranging from £100 to £300, according to need. No grants for the relief of debts or for student grants. Grants are rarely given for holidays.	Applications should be submitted through a social worker, citizen's advice bureau or other welfare agency, with full details of the family situation, exact reasons for the need and the amount of grant required. Applications considered throughout the year.	Philip R Denman 36 Upper Cheyne Row London SW3 5JJ Tel 020 7823 3432
React (Rapid Effective Assistance for Children with potentially Terminal Illness)			
Children up to 18 years old with potentially terminal illnesses.	One-off (occasionally recurrent) grants between £50 - £5,000. Grants for a variety of needs, eg washing machines, funeral expenses, telephone bills, specialist toys, carpets, wheelchairs and sensory equipment. React claims to offer grants for a very broad and imaginative range of needs. No grants for holidays abroad or alterations to houses.	An application form should be completed by the individual or through a third party such as a social worker, GP, hospital or hospice. They are dealt with monthly and they must be validated by a medical professional and declare the applicant's financial status. Applicants are asked to phone if there is any doubt about eligibility.	Christopher Pulford Development Director St Luke's House 270 Sandycombe Rd, Kew Richmond, Surrey TW9 3NP Tel 020 8940 2575 E-mail react@reactcharity.org Website www.reactcharity.org
The Roald Dahl Foundation			
Helps children and young people aged 25-and-under who have a neurological or haematological condition and are from a low-income	One-off grants of £20 to £500 each towards household appliances, utility bills, clothing, beds and bedding, medical alert jewellery, travel and subsistence payments	Applications on a form from the Foundation. They must be submitted by a social worker or health care professional who is willing to see the application through to completion,	Mrs J Smith Small Grants Manager The Roald Dahl Foundation 92 High Street Gt Missenden

family (in receipt of income support, working families tax credit or housing benefit). The only eligible cancer is brain tumour. Families not on benefits but on a low income or whose income has been interrupted by the child's illness may also be considered.	while children are in hospital, specialised equipment eg sensory toys, car seats, wheelchairs, motability vehicles, vehicle tax and insurance and respite care. No grants given towards debt (except utility bills) or items that should be provided by statutory sources.	supplying and confirming the information contained. Applicants need to provide details of income and expenditure if no state benefits are being claimed.	Bucks HP16 0AN Tel 01494 890465 E-mail josmith@roalddahlfoundation.org Website www.rdinfo.org.uk
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The Salvation Army

People in need.	All grants are one-off, in the form of specific practical assistance such as for needs in the home. Subject to availability the Salvation Army also provides grants for holidays at a local caravan or at their centre in Westgate, Kent. No grants for educational purposes.	Apply in writing to the Divisional Director for Business Administration at the nearest regional office (addresses in phone book or visit the website). Applications must be supported by a caseworker's report from a social agency, welfare organisation, hospital or medical practice. Information about the applicant's social and financial background must be included.	Major John H Warner Company Secretary 101 Newington Causeway London SE1 6BN Tel 020 73674783 Website www.salvationarmy.org.uk
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Variety Club

Helps sick, disabled and disadvantaged children and young people up to the age of 19 years, who are resident in Great Britain.	There are different guidelines depending on the type of equipment being requested:- Mobility Aids such as wheelchairs, trikes and buggies, computer grants, general grants. No grants for trips abroad, medical treatment or research, administrative/salary costs, maintenance or on-going costs, repayment of loans, basic cost of a family vehicle, non-specific appeals	Who makes the application depends on what is being applied for – contact Variety Club for details, or visit their website	Variety Club House Bayham Street London NW1 0AG Tel 020 428 8100 Fax 0207 428 8123 Website www.varietyclub.org.uk
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Wish Granting Charities

Make a Wish Foundation UK	Grants the wishes of children aged 3 – 18 years suffering from life-threatening illnesses. Anyone who knows a child, aged 3 to 18 with a life-threatening illness can make a referral, simply by writing to Head Office or visiting the website.	329-331 London Road Camberley GU15 3HQ Tel 01276 24127 Fax 01276 683727 E-mail info@make-a-wish.org.uk Website www.make-a-wish.org.uk
Starlight Children's Foundation	Grants wishes to children who are diagnosed critically, chronically or terminally ill (eg leukaemia, HIV/Aids, brain tumours, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, severe asthma or epilepsy, sickle cell anaemia, most forms of cerebral palsy) aged between 4-18 years. Anyone can refer a child to Starlight by printing off an application form from their website, or contact them to be sent one.	Children's Services Department Macmillan House Paddington Station London W2 1HD Tel 020 7262 2881 Fax 020 7402 7403, E-mail info@starlight.org.uk Website www.starlight.org.uk
Dreams Come True Charity	Fulfills wishes for children who are seriously and terminally ill, aged between 2-21 years. Apply by calling freephone 0800 0186013 or write to them, or send your details via an e-mail form on the website.	York House Knockhundred Row, Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9Q, Tel 01730 815000 Fax 01730 813141 Email info@dictc.org.uk Website www.dictc.org.uk
Happy Days Children's Charity: Byron House	For children and young people aged 3-17 years inclusive who have special need and are disadvantaged. Applications on a form available from the Families and Groups Bookings Welfare Officer. A telephone call is welcome for advice and guidance	43 Cardiff Road Luton LU1 1PP Tel 01582 755999 E-mail happydays@connect4freenet.net Website www.happydayscharity.org
The National Holiday Fund for Sick Children	Provides holidays to Florida for chronically or terminally ill children, and temporarily or permanently disabled children aged 8-18 years. Does not provide grants.	Suite 1, Princess House Princess House 1-2 Princess Parade New Road, Dagenham RM10 9LS Tel 020 8595 9624 E-mail NHFOFFICE@aol.com Website www.nhfcharity.co.uk
When You Wish Upon A Star	Fulfills the wishes of children with life threatening and terminal illnesses aged between 2-16 years. Apply by writing in the first instance.	Futurist House, Valley Road Basford, Nottingham NG5 1JE Tel 0115 979 1720 Fax 0115 979 1363 E-mail nottingham@whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk Website www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk

Some of this information is taken from “A Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need 2002/3” published by the Directory of Social Change, ISBN: 1-903991-25-0. You may be able to borrow this book from a local library

This list is by no means an exhaustive source of grants. There are grant-making organisations for specific disabilities and rare conditions that we have not been able to include here. There are also funds restricted to particular counties or areas of the UK, to occupations, and to denomination or faith of applicants. Please call the Contact a Family Helpline on **Freephone 0808 808 3555**, **Texphone 0808 808 3556** if you would like further information.