

## **Potential Funding Sources**

See <http://www.disability-grants.org> for regional charities providing grants.

### **For Organisations**

#### **True Colours Trust** [www.truecolourstrust.org.uk](http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk)

Operates a small grant programme to support small local organisations and projects that help disabled children and their families. Provides one-off grants up to £10,000. The Trustees are keen to support: Hydrotherapy pools, Multi sensory rooms, Mini buses, Young carers projects, Sibling projects, Bereavement support. Applications should be made using the on-line application form which requests project details and information on the organisation.

#### **Trefoil** [www.trefoil.org.uk](http://www.trefoil.org.uk)

Trefoil provides personal development grants for young people aged 18 to 25 years with special needs. The grant is available to support personal development or independence projects and activities not funded from statutory sources. Applications are accepted from individuals and groups. Download the eligibility criteria and application form from the website.

#### **The Country Land and Business Association Charitable Trust** <http://www.cla.org.uk/>

May be willing to fund equipment that enables children to access countryside pursuits

### **For Adults**

#### **The Mobility Trust** [www.mobilitytrust.org.uk](http://www.mobilitytrust.org.uk)

The Mobility Trust provides funding towards powered wheelchairs and scooters for severely disabled children and adults. Grants are only available for equipment that is not available from statutory sources and when the disabled person is unable to purchase for themselves. To apply write a letter outlining why you need the equipment and details of your disability to Mrs Anne Munn, Mobility Trust, 17b Reading Road, Pangbourne, Berkshire, RG8 7LR.

#### **The Elifar Foundation** [www.elifarfoundation.org.uk](http://www.elifarfoundation.org.uk)

The Elifar Foundation funds a wide range of specialised equipment, therapies and respite for children and adults with profound disabilities, physical disabilities or learning disabilities. Items funded in the past include: Wheelchairs, beds, specialised seating, trikes, communication aids, sensory equipment, holidays, treatments and therapies. To apply complete the on-line application form. Financial details and supporting evidence from a professional is required.

#### **The League of the Helping Hand** [www.elifarfoundation.org.uk](http://www.elifarfoundation.org.uk)

The League of Helping Hand (LHH) provides financial support to people who are experiencing hardship due to illness or disability. They also provide assistance to carers of disabled children and adults. Regular beneficiaries and one-off grants - usually for essential household items or specialist equipment. To apply download an application form and send to the The Secretary, LHH, PO Box 34, Burgess Hill, RH15 5AQ.

#### **Miss Doreen Stanford Charitable Trust**

The Trust offers support to the deaf, blind and other disabled people. It also considers children whose families are in financial need. It provides one-off and recurrent grants between £500 and £1,500, mainly for equipment related to sickness or disability. It does not provide grants for holidays or items such as washing machines, clothes or repairs. Applications must be made through a charity outlining the request, the need

for request, the person's income and expenditure. The request must be submitted by the end of January in any year as the trustees only meet once a year in March. To apply contact the Miss Doreen Stanford Charitable Trust, 26 The Mead, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 5PE, Telephone: 020 8650 3368

### **[R L Glasspool Charity Trust](#)**

A National charity providing small one-off grants to individuals in need on a low income. The Trust provides funding for household items such as white goods, furniture, specialised equipment and clothing.

Applications must be made by referring agencies. Further details and an application form can be obtained from The R L Glasspool Charity Trust, 182 Hoe Street, London, E17 4QH, Telephone: 020 8520 435

### **[SF Fund www.sfcharity.co.uk](http://www.sfcharity.co.uk)**

The SF Fund provides financial support for disabled individuals of all ages for both equipment and services that make a significant difference to their lives. They are able to fund items such as trikes, powered wheelchairs, AAC communicators, computers, adjustable beds and mobility scooters. Applications may be submitted either by the individual (with a supporting letter from a professional) or from an organisation on their behalf. To make an application complete the on-line Enquiry Form. The fund operates in the Midlands, North West, Yorkshire and London.

### **[The Talisman Trust www.talisamancharity.org](http://www.talisamancharity.org)**

The Talisman Trust helps individuals in need with one-off grants to relieve poverty for education, health, housing, disablement or disability. The Trust prefers applications to be made by a charitable organisation or professional on the individual's behalf. If applying direct the application will need to be supported by either the local authority, a charity or Citizens Advice.

### **[Trefoil www.talisamancharity.org](http://www.talisamancharity.org)**

Trefoil provides personal development grants for young people aged 18 to 25 years with special needs. The grant is available to support personal development or independence projects and activities not funded from statutory sources. Applications are accepted from individuals and groups.

### **[The Eaton Trust www.eaton-fund.co.uk](http://www.eaton-fund.co.uk)**

The Eaton Trust provides financial assistance for women in need due to unforeseen circumstances or unexpected events. Previous grants have helped towards setting up home after a family breakdown and contributions to wheelchairs. To apply for support download an application form and send with a supporting letter from an appropriate professional to The Eaton Fund, PO Box 172, Lewes, BN7 9FF.

### **[Margaret's Fund www.margaretsfund.org](http://www.margaretsfund.org)**

Margaret's Fund awards grant assistance to poor women in the UK who are ill. Caring professionals such as doctors, nurses, charity workers or social workers will need to apply on behalf of the women in their care. Grants are made for: Aids for disability, extra comforts, convalescent holidays (holidays to recover from illness), clothing, extra nourishment, extra heating. Applications should be made by the professional through the "Apply for Funds" page on the website.

### **[ASPIRE - Human Needs Fund www.aspire.org.uk](http://www.aspire.org.uk)**

Aspire supports people with spinal Cord injuries in the UK. Through it's Human Needs Fund it is able to offer funding for specialist equipment not available from statutory services such as lightweight wheelchairs, powered chairs, electronic page turners and assistive technology equipment. Applications for medical equipment will require support from an appropriate health professional. To apply download the application form and guidelines from the Aspire website.

### **[Multiple Sclerosis Society www.mssociety.org](http://www.mssociety.org)**

The Multiple Sclerosis Society provides help and guidance on obtaining grants and financial aid from charitable and statutory funds. The MS Society branches can support individuals with financial help towards equipment, adaptations to the home and car, and top up funding for respite breaks.

### [For Children and Young People](#)

#### [The ACT Foundation \(www.theactfoundation.co.uk\)](http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk)

ACT's grants generally fall into the following areas: building (funding modifications such as stairlifts, bathroom adaptations and vehicle adaptations), equipment (provision of specialised wheelchairs, other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living) and financial assistance towards the cost of respite breaks. They will not make grants which would replace statutory funding and/or which would pay for work that has already taken place or equipment already purchased or on order.

#### [Action for kids \(www.actionforkids.org\)](http://www.actionforkids.org)

Action For Kids is a national charity working with children and young people with physical and learning disabilities and their parents and carers. They help disabled children, young people, their parents and carers in three main ways: by providing mobility aids, work related learning and by offering family support services.

#### [Boparan Charitable Trust www.theboparancharitabletrust.com](http://www.theboparancharitabletrust.com)

The Boparan Charitable Trust is a new charity supporting children and young people under 18 years resident in the UK and disadvantaged through poverty, disability or terminal illness. Each application request is judged on its own merits and must be approved by an independent professional such as social worker or doctor to ensure that the child will benefit from the request. To apply download an application pack from the website. Financial details are required and three independent quotations if you are applying for specialist equipment.

#### [Caudwell Charitable Trust \(www.caudwellchildren.com\)](http://www.caudwellchildren.com)

Caudwell Children assists special children throughout the UK, with direct donations of treatment, therapy, specialised equipment and dying wish holidays. To qualify for funding the child must be 18 or under, have an illness or disability and live in the UK.

#### [Cerebra \(www.cerebra.org.uk\)](http://www.cerebra.org.uk)

Cerebra grants are to help children (aged 16 or younger) who have disabilities because of a brain related condition or injury. The condition may be of a physical nature, a learning disability or both. Cerebra offer direct and practical assistance to improve the quality of life of children and young people, e.g. sensory toys, tricycles and quadricycles and touch screen computers. Applications must be supported by two references, one of which must be from a medical professional. Grants are paid to suppliers, not directly to the child/family.

#### [The Children's Hope Foundation www.childrenshopefoundation.org.uk](http://www.childrenshopefoundation.org.uk)

The Hope Foundation aims to improve the lives of children and young people affected by illness, disability or poverty. They provide funding for anything (with a few exceptions) that will benefit the child such as medical equipment, computers, holidays and days out. To apply download the on-line application form. Financial details are required.

#### [Children Today Charitable Trust \(www.childrentoday.org.uk/\)](http://www.childrentoday.org.uk/)

Children Today raises funds to provide special equipment for children and young people with disabilities throughout the UK. Their aim is to ensure that every disabled child and young person fulfils their potential and leads an active childhood. Funds donated by their supporters enables them to provide grants to

purchase special equipment such as: electric wheelchairs, walking aids, trikes, educational toys (specially designed for children with disabilities), communication aids, adapted car seats, lifting and sleep equipment.

**[The Elifar Foundation](http://www.childrenshopefoundation.org.uk)** [www.childrenshopefoundation.org.uk](http://www.childrenshopefoundation.org.uk)

The Elifar Foundation funds a wide range of specialised equipment, therapies and respite for children and adults with profound disabilities, physical disabilities or learning disabilities. Items funded in the past include: Wheelchairs, beds, specialised seating, trikes, communication aids, sensory equipment, holidays, treatments and therapies. To apply complete the on-line application form. Financial details and supporting evidence from a professional is required.

**[Family Action](http://www.family-action.org.uk)** ([www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk))

Family Action has small grants available for medical treatment, services, facilities or equipment (including communication aids) for those who are sick or physically disabled. Supporting evidence is required from a relevant professional. There is also a general grants program which can meet needs such as clothing, fuel bills and household needs such as beds, cookers and washing machines. In addition to providing general grants, Family Action also provide grants for educational needs, particularly for the additional costs associated with education such as travel, books and equipment. Assistance is primarily targeted at families and individuals on low incomes, particularly those living on benefits. Funds are not available for items covered by statutory funding.

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

The Family Fund helps low-income families caring for a severely disabled child up to age 17 in Scotland and Northern Ireland and up to age 18 in England and Wales. They give grants for things that make life easier and more enjoyable for the disabled child and their family, such as washing machines, driving lessons, hospital visiting costs, computers and holidays. Family Fund cannot assist where there is a responsibility on a statutory agency to help with the requested item.

**[Helping Children Locally](http://www.helpingchildrenlocally.org)** [www.helpingchildrenlocally.org](http://www.helpingchildrenlocally.org)

Helping Children Locally (HCL) provide grants to disadvantaged children under 18 years including children with disabilities and children with disabled parents. Grants are allocated dependent on need. They have previously funded holidays, medical equipment, therapies, transport costs and sports fees in the past. To apply, download the grant request form. Financial details and supporting evidence are required.

**[Independence at Home](http://www.independeathome.org.uk)** ([www.independeathome.org.uk](http://www.independeathome.org.uk))

Independence at Home provide grants for people with a disability or long-term illness towards the cost of adaptations, equipment or other things to help you to manage at home. The grant must go towards an item to assist a child to live at home. Independence at home cannot provide grants when the item may be provided through public funds. Applications must be supported by a professional involved in the child's care, usually an occupational therapist or a social worker.

**[The Jennifer Trust for Spinal Muscular Atrophy](http://www.jtsma.org.uk)** ([www.jtsma.org.uk](http://www.jtsma.org.uk))

The Jennifer Trust has an equipment panel that meets quarterly and can make awards towards the costs of specialist pieces of equipment. They equipment must be needed by someone with spinal muscular atrophy and the application must be for an item that is not provided by the NHS or Social Services.

**[Joseph Patrick Trust](http://www.muscular-dystrophy.org)** ([www.muscular-dystrophy.org](http://www.muscular-dystrophy.org))

The Joseph Patrick Trust (JPT) is the welfare trust of the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign. The trust provides financial support towards specialist equipment to help promote mobility and independence for people with muscular dystrophy, or a related muscle disease. For example, powered wheelchairs, adapted computers and electric beds. The grants cover pieces of equipment that the health and social services do not provide, but which are still vital for maintaining independence and quality of life.

### **[Lifeline 4 Kids \(www.lifeline4kids.org\)](http://www.lifeline4kids.org)**

Lifeline 4 kids provides essential equipment to help improve the quality of life for children (0-18 years) with disabilities and special needs. For the individual child they provide the full spectrum of specialised equipment such as electric wheelchairs, mobility aids and varying items including specialised computers. They are also one of the only UK charities prepared to help a special needs child from a low-income family with essential smaller items such as shoes, clothing, bedding and specialist toys.

### **[Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children \(www.newlifecharity.co.uk\)](http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk)**

Newlife provides grants for equipment for disabled children. The equipment applied for must be essential and disability relevant. The equipment can vary from a wheelchair or a bed through to a communication aid and therapy equipment shed, they have also funded equipment such as replacement clothing and braille machines. Newlife do not fund adaptations and fixtures to homes. All applications need to be supported by professionals who can specify the particular type of equipment needed in the interest of the children's welfare, safety and benefit. The grants are open to benefit all seriously disabled and terminally ill children that are permanently resident in the UK and who are 18 years or under. Newlife don't means test, but due to limited funds they do take a view of the whole circumstances of the family.

### **[The Nihill Armstrong Trust \(www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk\)](http://www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk)**

The Nihill Armstrong Trust is a small charity that provides children (up to and including 18 years of age) with cerebral palsy with essential pieces of equipment, communication aids or specific services that their local authority does not provide. The grants are for equipment items under £ 2000 and the application must be supported by the child's doctor, school, social worker, health visitor, speech, occupational therapist or physiotherapist.

### **[React \(Rapid Effective Assistance for Children with potentially Terminal illness\) \(www.reactcharity.org\)](http://www.reactcharity.org)**

React is a charity working to improve the quality of life for financially disadvantaged children with life-limiting illnesses living in the UK. They supply a wide range of equipment from specialist wheelchairs, beds, baths, and mobility aids, to essential everyday items like washing machines and tumble dryers.

### **[Smile for Life www.smileforlife.org.uk](http://www.smileforlife.org.uk)**

The Smile for Life Charity helps children under 18 years living in the UK and disadvantaged through poverty, illness, disability, behavioural or psychological difficulties. The charity is able to fund specialist equipment such as wheelchairs and softplay, special activities and events. To apply, complete the application form and post to the Smile for Life Children's Charity with supporting documentation.

### **[Strongbones Childrens Charitable Trust \(www.strongbones.org.uk\)](http://www.strongbones.org.uk)**

Strongbones have funds available to donate towards arthritis, scoliosis, brittle bone disease and all other conditions of the bone. To be eligible the child must be under 18 years of age, and suffer from one of these ailments. They provide grants for medical equipment, computers/software, toys, sensory equipment, short breaks away, days out and proven household bills. Grants are normally £ 250 per child, but this figure is open to discussion depending on the child's circumstances.

### **[Variety Club, The Children's Charity \(www.varietyclub.org.uk\)](http://www.varietyclub.org.uk)**

The Variety Club works to help improve the lives of sick, disabled and disadvantaged children and young people up to the age of 19 years across the UK, providing basic items that will improve the lives of individual children. Each year they donate electric wheelchairs, specialist beds, car seats, sensory equipment, standing frames and many other items that can change the life of a child in need.

### **[Whizz-Kidz \(www.whizz-kidz.org.uk\)](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk)**

Whizz-Kidz provides essential mobility equipment - powered or manual wheelchairs and recreational equipment such as trikes - that are customised to meet individual children's needs. The service ensures children get the right mobility equipment, advice and training at the right time. The wheelchair training programme includes improving the use of your wheelchair, new wheelchair skills and road safety awareness.