

## Grants for Individuals 2017

### Tips and contact information for approaching organisations for funding for individual children

Although bibic makes grant applications to charities and trusts for support for the work that it does as an organisation, it is not appropriate for the charity to make applications on behalf of individuals. We have therefore provided a list below of organisations that can be approached for individual grants and donations. Many of the charities we have provided details of below have good websites, which give details of how to prepare applications.

### Local clubs which help charities

The following clubs have branches in many towns across the UK and organise charity fund-raising events. They can sometimes help families in their area with specific requests. If you go on the websites you will be able to search for specific branches in your area.

The Rotary Club [www.ribi.org](http://www.ribi.org)

The Lions [www.lions.org.uk](http://www.lions.org.uk)

The Round Table [www.roundtable.co.uk](http://www.roundtable.co.uk)

Try also to contact your local Women's Institute or Masonic Lodge – or other such groups that may be keen to support individual children in their area.

Sponsor a UK Child 

Please change a life and sponsor a child.

**National Assessment Centre & Registered Office: Old Kelways, Somerton Road, Langport, Somerset TA10 9SJ**

**Tel: 01458 253344**

**[www.bibic.org.uk](http://www.bibic.org.uk)**

**Email: [info@bibic.org.uk](mailto:info@bibic.org.uk)**

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## Local Trust Funds

In some places, there are Charitable Trusts for people of that town, county or parish, who are in need of a helping hand. To find details of these in your area you can do a search on the Charity Commission website.

Visit [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk)

Select 'Find a Charity'

Select 'Advanced Search'

In the boxes on the right-hand = side search for 'registered charities',

select 'specific areas', then input the town/city where you live and click on 'add' to select the area.

## Charities

There are thousands of funds for certain disabilities or people in certain geographical areas. It's just a case of finding them and working out how best to make an application.

The majority of grant-making organisations will have criteria for who can apply for financial help. For example, an organisation may only provide financial help towards home improvements for a child. Other organisations may be for individuals living in a certain area, and others may specify what type of adaptations or equipment the organisation may provide funds towards.

Some of the organisations will request that your application for help with funding is supported by a professional, eg they may require a letter in support of your application from your social worker or doctor.

Some of the funds available are means-tested. This means that the organisation will assess your income when deciding if you are eligible to receive funding from them.

Below are a few points to consider and look out for when viewing Charity and Trust websites, when you are trying to find information out about the grants that they provide:

Criteria: What the charity see as eligible factors for receiving a grant including age, location, type of disability, organisations or individuals

Proof of hardship or need: You may be required to prove your income

Purpose of the grant: Services, equipment, activity, personal development etc

Type of grant available: Means tested, fixed lump sum, smaller payments, straight to the supplier or charity involved

Deadlines: Fixed dates to apply by or sometimes you can apply at any time and your application will be considered when it arrives. Generally, the grant giver will give you information about how long they take to consider applications before they let you know if you have been successful or not. Sometimes this can take up to six months or more.

Format for application: This can vary depending on the organisation. You might be asked to complete a form or you might have to write a letter. Check to see if you can send your letter by email or if the charity prefers to receive your communication by post.

Exclusions: Reasons why your application might not be eligible for example because of age, location of residence, previously having received a grant from the charity before, whether you earn too much, or if a charity does not fund individuals. It is really worth checking out the exclusions on a charity's website or giving the charity a call to check that you

are eligible to apply, this can save you a lot of time in the long run – writing applications and completing forms can take a long time.

Although it can take a long time to initially put together an application, once you have done one it is easy to re-use the information for further applications. You might just want to tailor each application according to the requirements of the particular trust or charity that you are approaching.

The following list includes some charities offering grants for families with children with disabilities and special needs. Many of these organisations offer a lot more than grants, including information, advice and many other services. These are just a few of the organisations that exist to help. Online research for your specific area of residence will help you to find more. Please note that although some of these organisations would be suitable to approach for funding for bibic's services not all of them are – some provide funding for other items such as equipment, holidays, assistance with energy debts and household budgets etc.

## Assessment funding

Charity/organisation	What they do	Type of grant	Who is eligible	Useful info	Contact/application
<b>Gibbons Family Trust</b>	Assessments	Grants from the Gibbons Family Trust can only be given to children and youth under the age of 25 that live in either Devon (with a preference for East Devon), or the Isle of Thanet in Kent.	Individual with a disability under the age of 25 years – Living in Devon, East Devon or Isle of Thanet in Kent		<b>Tel:</b> 01395 445259 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.gibbonstrust.org">www.gibbonstrust.org</a>  <b>Apply: online or email at <a href="mailto:web.enquiry@gibbonstrusts.org">web.enquiry@gibbonstrusts.org</a></b>
<b>Florence nightingale aid in sickness trust</b>	Assessments	Currently considering all requests for funding for people of all ages who are sick, in poor health or disabled and require medical items and services to improve their quality of life.	Children with disabilities		<b>Tel:</b> 02074818110 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ann.griffiths@fnaist.org.uk">ann.griffiths@fnaist.org.uk</a>  <b>Apply: online or via the email above</b>

# Holidays

<p><b>3H Fund</b></p> <p>Unit B2 Speldhurst Business Park, Langton road, Speldhurst Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0AQ</p>	<p>Help with a holiday</p>	<p>To help with a modest holiday. Families must organise it themselves. Grants are only given for the accommodation part of the holiday, and it must be in the UK</p>	<p>Disabled people whether (physically or mentally disabled), their families and carers on low income</p>	<p>Children maximum age of 17 years</p> <p>Families with young people maximum age 18</p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 01892860207 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.3Hfund.org.uk">www.3Hfund.org.uk</a> <b>Apply: application must be made by the disabled individual, by a family member or a referencing agency.</b></p>
<p><b>Happy days children's charity</b></p> <p>Clody house, 90-100 Colington street, Luton LU1 1RX</p>	<p>Holidays and trips</p>	<p>Fund and organise respite breaks, holidays for young people and their families, trips for groups of children and young people, days out, theatre trips etc. throughout the UK</p>	<p>Children between ages 3-17years with life threatening illnesses, children with learning difficulties and life limiting illnesses</p>	<p>Also provides for young people who have been bereaved or act as carers for parent or sibling</p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 01582 755999 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.happydayscharity.org">www.happydayscharity.org</a> <b>Apply: parents can apply for family trips and professionals can apply for days out and group outings. Call for an application form or online.</b></p>
<p><b>Bruce wake charitable trust</b></p> <p>PO Box 9335, Oakham, Rutland LE15 0ET</p>	<p>One of grants for river and boat holidays</p>	<p>One of grants towards boating and river activities.</p>	<p>Applications related to the provision and leisure activities for <b>physically disabled wheelchair users</b></p>		<p><b>Tel:</b> 03448793349 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.brucewaketrust.co.uk">www.brucewaketrust.co.uk</a> <b>Apply: applications only through a charitable organisation or equivalent, submitted with appropriate financial info to the address above. Fill in form on website.</b></p>

<p><b>National fund for sick children</b></p> <p>11 Aldwych gardens, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 3ZH</p>	<p>Holidays for children to Florida</p>	<p>Provides holidays for children to Florida, with medical care, allowing parents and carers to break while the child is away. The child will be allocated to a small group of children with compatible needs.</p>	<p>Chronically or terminally ill children, and temporarily or permanently physically disabled children ages 8-18years</p>	<p>The age requirement is recommended to be between ages 8-18years but isn't necessary. <b>No grants</b></p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 01493 731235 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.nhfcharity.co.uk">www.nhfcharity.co.uk</a> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:office@nhfcharity.co.uk">office@nhfcharity.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Apply: apply online, when you have made the application they will ask for your Childs full medical history from their hospital consultant and GP</b></p>
<p><b>The Birchington Convalescent Benefit Fund</b></p> <p>Church society, Dean Wace house, 16 Rosslyn road, Watford WD180NY</p>	<p>Holiday grants</p>	<p>Modest grants to help children and their families to take a holiday where they might otherwise not be able to afford to do so. Grants are only given for holidays for children.</p>	<p>Children under the age of 18years who are recovering from illness or have a long-term illness</p>	<p>Very rarely provide holidays overseas and expensive holidays.</p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 01923 253111</p> <p><b>Apply: applications must be made by third a third party, such as a doctor or social worker, you can download an application form online and send to the church society.</b></p>

## Wishes

<p><b>When you wish upon a star</b></p> <p>Futurist house, Valley road, Basford, Nottingham, NG5 1JE</p>	<p>Wish granting</p>	<p>Fulfils the wishes of children from the ages of 2 – 16 years with life threatening and terminal illnesses</p>	<p>Children with life threatening and terminal illnesses between 2-16 years and has not received a wish from another charity</p>		<p><b>Tel:</b> 0115 979 1720 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk">www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk</a> <b>Apply: parents/professional can apply with info on their child and situation by sending a letter or email and they will send back a 'wish' form to fill out.</b></p>
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<b> Rays of Sunshine Children’s Charity </b>	Wish granting	Make wishes come true for terminally ill or seriously ill children.	Terminally ill or seriously ill children between the age of 3 – 18years		<b>Tel:</b> 020 8782 1171 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.rayofsunshine.org.uk">www.rayofsunshine.org.uk</a> <b>Apply: application form on website. Simple application to be completed by parents and signed by child’s paediatrician</b>
<b> Starlight’s children foundation </b>	Wish granting	Grants wishes to children who must be able to choose and articulate the wish for themselves.	Seriously or terminally ill children	Must not have received a wish from another charity	<b>Tel:</b> 020 7262 2881 EXT 1 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.starlight.org.uk">www.starlight.org.uk</a> <b>Apply: by completing a referral form on the website</b>
<b> Dreams come true charity </b>	Wish granting	Dreams come true works with the family to realise the child’s dream, child may meet their favourite superhero or get a wheelchair swing etc.	Children ages 2-21 years who are seriously ill or have a life limiting condition		<b>Tel:</b> 01428726330 Freephone – 0800 018 6013 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.dreamscometrue.uk.com">www.dreamscometrue.uk.com</a> <b>Apply: fill out form on the website and then download the application pack.</b>
<b> Make a wish foundation UK </b>	Wish granting	Gants wishes to children ages 3-17years	Any child between 3-17years living with a life-threatening condition and who has not had a wish granted from a similar organisation.	They will ask when filling out the form to have medical history from a GP or their hospital consultant	<b>Tel:</b> 01267405070 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.make-a-wish.org.uk">www.make-a-wish.org.uk</a> <b>Apply: Anyone who knows a child who could benefit can apply either online or downloading and filling a form in on the website</b>

## Equipment and resources

<p><b>Elifar Foundation (Every Life for A Reason)</b></p>	<p>Equipment and resources</p>	<p>Grants to cover a wide range of things; wheelchairs, specialised seating, beds, adapted trikes etc.</p>	<p>Children with a physical or learning disability, living at home or in residential care</p>	<p><b>No grants</b> for items or work for which there is statutory funding.</p>	<p><b>Email:</b> info@elifarfoundation.org.uk <b>Web:</b> www.elifarfoundation.org.uk <b>Apply: must be supported by a professional and on the behalf of the individual (UK resident) online.</b></p>
<p><b>Mobility trust 11</b> 7b Reading Road, Pangbourne, Berkshire RG8 7LR</p>	<p>Wheelchairs and/or scooters</p>	<p>Provide powered wheelchairs or scooters for people unable to get them through statutory sources or cannot afford to buy them.</p>	<p>People with disabilities</p>	<p><b>No grants given</b></p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 0118 984 2588 <b>Apply: letter directly by individual or third party, explaining what's needed and notifying any disabilities</b></p>
<p><b>Lifeline for kids</b>  215 West End Lane, London NW6 1XJ</p>	<p>Equipment and Resources</p>	<p>Specialised equipment such as electric wheelchairs, mobility aids and items including specialised computers and sensory toys.</p>	<p>Disabled children and young people under the age of 19 years</p>	<p>No funding for building or garden works, fridges or cookers <b>No cash grants</b></p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 02077941661  <b>Web</b> www.lifeline4kids.org <b>Apply: should be sent via email to</b> appeals@lifeline4kids.org, <b>with description of child and what's needed</b></p>

<p><b>Buttle UK</b></p> <p>15 Greycoat Place, London SW1P 1SB</p>	<p>Household items</p>	<p>Deliver or fund household items such as cookers, essential household items, furniture and kitchen equipment, fridges and freezers.</p>	<p>Children aged 18 or under living with parents or carers. Families and young people living in crisis</p>	<p>Around £300 per grant and normally 1 item per application</p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> contact telephone number on the website but will need to find the correct number for the area in which you live in. <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.buttleuk.org">www.buttleuk.org</a> <b>Apply: online application, or request form by email, must be an organisation supporting the family or young person.</b></p>
<p><b>The league of the helping hand</b></p> <p>The Secretary, LHH, PO Box 342 Burgess Hill RH15 5QA</p>	<p>Household items, specialist equipment and carers breaks.</p>	<p>One off grants of up to £250 towards essential, household items, specialist equipment and carers breaks (when funding allows). and provide regular and ongoing financial support</p>	<p>Those living on low income, receiving welfare benefits, diagnosed mental health conditions, learning difficulties and carers</p>	<p>No grants for computers and IT equipment, except for the blind or those who are confined within their own home due to disability</p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 01444 236099 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://lhh.org.uk">lhh.org.uk</a> <b>Apply: form filling by a recognised social care, health, housing support, charity or relevant agency who can vouch for the application.</b></p>
<p><b>Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children</b></p> <p>Newlife centre, Hemlock way, Cannock, Stratfordshire WS11 7GF</p>	<p>Equipment service grant</p>	<p>Grants for essential equipment such as: pain relieving beds, wheelchairs, communication aids, and more. Free loan of essential equipment such as beds wheelchairs, hoists etc. Free loan of specialist toys. Also offer emergency equipment</p>	<p>Disabled and terminally ill children 18 years or younger, and permanently a resident in the UK</p>		<p><b>Tel:</b> 08009020095 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk">www.newlifecharity.co.uk</a> <b>Apply: must be supported by professionals who can specify the support needed (online)</b></p>

<p><b>Caudwell children</b></p> <p>Caudwell children, Minton Hollins, Shelton old road, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 7RY</p>	<p>Therapy programmes and equipment</p>	<p>Practical &amp; emotional support, therapy, specially adapted sports equipment for young, disabled, gifted athletes, family holidays to Orlando for children with life threatening illnesses/conditions, family support for times of crisis.</p>	<p>Individuals up to the age of 19 years who are sick or disabled, live in the UK and whose parents earn less than £45,000 per gross annum</p>		<p><b>Tel:</b> 03453001348 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.caudwellchildren.com">www.caudwellchildren.com</a></p> <p><b>Apply: write in, call or download an application form on the website</b></p>
<p><b>Action for kids</b></p> <p>Ability house, 15A Tottenham lane, London N8 9DJ</p>	<p>Mobility Equipment</p>	<p>Provides mobility equipment not available on the NHS. This includes powered, manual or sports wheelchairs, walkers, trikes, scooters and car seats.</p>	<p>Young person up to the age of 26 years with a physical or other disability</p>		<p><b>Tel:</b> 020 8347 8111 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.actionforkids.org">www.actionforkids.org</a></p> <p><b>Apply: online or call the helpline</b></p>
<p><b>Children today charitable trust</b></p> <p>17b Telford court, Chestergates business park, Chester, CH1 6LT</p>	<p>Equipment</p>	<p>Grants for specialised equipment not funded by the NHS. Funding for equipment such as electric wheelchairs-individually adapted to give maximum independence, walking aids, trikes, sleep equipment and much more</p>	<p>Children and young people who are sick or disabled up to the age of 25years</p>		<p><b>Tel:</b> 01244335622 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.childrentoday.org.uk">www.childrentoday.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Apply: application must only be for individuals not groups and must be for specialised pieces of equipment. Call in and discuss your needs and request an application.</b></p>

<b>Act Foundation</b>  The ACT Foundation, 61 Thames street, Windsor, Berkshire SL41QW	Equipment for family at home	Help with building adaptations, equipment, financial help towards cost of respite breaks etc.	Individuals, with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for people in need, with a mental health or physical disability	Grants of up to £2,500	<b>Tel:</b> 01753 753900 <b>web:</b> <a href="http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk">www.theactfoundation.co.uk</a>  <b>apply: download the application form from the website – only accept postal applications, unable to accept applications sent by e-mail.</b>
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## All other funding/grants

<p><b>Roald Dahl's children's charity</b></p> <p>Roald Dahl foundation, Montague house, 23 Woodside Road, Amersham Bucks HP66AA</p>	<p>All sorts</p>	<p>To provide assistance to help families cope with financial difficulties when living with and caring for a sick child. To be eligible, children must be living with one of the specific conditions of the blood or brain that The Roald Dahl Foundation states on its website - and (see application form online for more details).</p>	<p>Low income families raising a disabled or seriously ill child up to the age of 21</p>	<p>the family must be on a low income</p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 01494890465 <b>web:</b> <a href="http://www.roalddahlcharity.org">www.roalddahlcharity.org</a></p> <p><b>apply: applications through your social worker, family worker, health visitors, occupational therapist and grant coordinator within an organisation</b></p>
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<p><b>British Gas Energy</b></p>	<p>Clear debts owed</p>	<p>Grants to people who are struggling with gas and electricity bills to help clear fuel debts, other priority bills and costs</p>	<p>Families and individuals in need, hardship and stress.</p>	<p>only in England, Scotland and Wales</p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 01733421060  <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk">www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk</a>  <b>Apply: apply online</b></p>
<p><b>The Heinz, Anna and carol Kroch Foundation</b></p> <p>Mrs B Astle  Administrator,  Heinz, anna &amp; carol  Kroch foundation,  PO Box 327  Hampton London  TW12 9DD</p>	<p>General grants</p>	<p>Grants to help individuals who are experiencing severe poverty and who also have ongoing medical problems. And for individuals who have had recent cases of domestic violence</p>	<p>Individuals of any age who are in severe poverty and financial hardship who have ongoing medical problems or have fled domestic situations</p>	<p><b>No grants</b> for education purposes or holidays</p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 02089790609  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:hakf50@hotmail.com">hakf50@hotmail.com</a>  <b>Apply: by email or letter, must be submitted by a representative of a professional organisation.</b>  No web address specifically to this foundation but can be found on Turn2Us, web address below  <a href="http://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/grant/heinz-anna-and-carol-kroch-foundation-14687?iframe=False">http://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/grant/heinz-anna-and-carol-kroch-foundation-14687?iframe=False</a></p>

















