

# Grants for Individuals



## 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.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) – Need to be a member of a rotary club to be eligible
- 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.

### Local Trust Funds

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

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

Many 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, e.g. 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 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>The Boparan Charitable Trust</b>	Assessments	Donates money towards therapies and streamlines the application process meaning that once fully completed applications are received, they are individually reviewed within a 14-day period by our specialist board and Trustees, allowing us to reach out to those children most in need of our help and support.	Young people under the age of 18 in the UK		<p><b>Tel:</b> 0121 214 9364  <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://theboparancharitabletrust.com">theboparancharitabletrust.com</a>  <b>Apply:</b> <a href="https://www.theboparancharitabletrust.com/Apply/">https://www.theboparancharitabletrust.com/Apply/</a></p> <p><b>Apply: online or call above</b></p>
<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		<p><b>Tel:</b> 07483 335759  <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://gibbonstrusts.org">gibbonstrusts.org</a></p> <p><b>Apply: online or email above</b></p>
<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		<p><b>Tel:</b> 020 7998 8817  <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://fnaist.org.uk">fnaist.org.uk</a>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ann.griffiths@fnaist.org.uk">ann.griffiths@fnaist.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Apply: online or via the email above</b></p>

## Holidays

Charity/organisation	What they do	Type of grant	Who is eligible	Useful info	Contact/application
<b>3H Fund</b>  Unit B2 Speldhurst Business Park, Langton road, Speldhurst Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0AQ	Help with a holiday	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	Disabled people whether (physically or mentally disabled), their families and carers on low income	Children maximum age of 17 years  Families with young people maximum age 18	<b>Tel:</b> 01892 860207 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.3hfund.org.uk">www.3hfund.org.uk</a> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@3hfund.org.uk">info@3hfund.org.uk</a>  <b>Apply: application must be made by the disabled individual, by a family member or a referencing agency.</b>
<b>Happy days children's charity</b>  Clody house, 90-100 Colington street, Luton LU1 1RX	Holidays and trips	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	Children between ages 3-17years with life threatening illnesses, children with learning difficulties and life limiting illnesses	Also provides for young people who have been bereaved or act as carers for parent or sibling	<b>Tel:</b> 01462 530710 <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>
<b>Bruce wake charitable trust</b>  PO Box 9335, Oakham, Rutland LE15 0ET	One of grants for river and boat holidays	One of grants towards boating and river activities.	Applications related to the provision and leisure activities for <b>physically disabled wheelchair users</b>		<b>Tel:</b> 0344 879 3349 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://brucewaketrust.co.uk">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>

<b>The Birchington Convalescent Benefit Fund</b>	Holiday grants	Modest grants to help children and their families to	Children under the age of 18years	Very rarely provide	<b>Tel:</b> 01923 253 111 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.disabilityscot.org.uk">www.disabilityscot.org.uk</a>
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Church society, Dean Wace house, 16 Rosslyn road, Watford WD180NY		take a holiday where they might otherwise not be able to afford to do so. Grants are only given for holidays for children.	who are recovering from illness or have a long-term illness	holidays overseas and expensive holidays.	<b>Email:</b> enquiries@churchsociety.org  <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>
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## Wishes

Charity/organisation	What they do	Type of grant	Who is eligible	Useful info	Contact/application
<b>When you wish upon a star</b>  Futurist house, Valley road, Basford, Nottingham, NG5 1JE	Wish granting	Fulfils the wishes of children from the ages of 2 – 16 years with life threatening and terminal illnesses	Children with life threatening and terminal illnesses between 2-16 years and has not received a wish from another charity		<b>Tel:</b> 0115 9791 720 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk">www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk</a> <b>Email:</b> head.office@whenyouwish.org.uk  <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>
<b>Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity</b>  Berkeley House 304 Regents Park Road London N3 2JY	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://raysofsunshine.org.uk">raysofsunshine.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>  Third Floor 227 Shepherds Bush Road Hammersmith	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>Email:</b> talktous@starlight.org.uk  <b>Apply: by completing a referral form on the website</b>
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London W6 7AU					
<b>Dreams come true charity</b>  Exchange house, 33 station Rd, Hants GU307DW	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> 01428 726330 <b>Freephone:</b> 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>  Head Office, 329-331 London Road, Camberley GU15 3HQ	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> 01267 40 50 60 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.make-a-wish.org.uk">www.make-a-wish.org.uk</a> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@makeawish.org.uk">info@makeawish.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

Charity/organisation	What they do	Type of grant	Who is eligible	Useful info	Contact/application
<b>Elifar Foundation (Every Life for A Reason)</b>	Equipment and resources	Grants to cover a wide range of things; wheelchairs, specialised seating, beds, adapted trikes etc.	Children with a physical or learning disability, living at home or in residential care	No grants for items or work for which there is statutory funding.	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@elifarfoundation.org.uk">info@elifarfoundation.org.uk</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.elifarfoundation.org.uk">www.elifarfoundation.org.uk</a>  <b>Apply: must be supported by a professional and on the behalf of the individual (UK resident) online.</b>
<b>Mobility trust</b>  19 Reading Road Pangbourne Reading RG8 7LR	Wheelchairs and/or scooters	Provide powered wheelchairs or scooters for people unable to get them through statutory sources or cannot afford to buy them.	People with disabilities	No grants given	<b>Tel:</b> 0118 984 2588 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://mobilitytrust.org.uk">mobilitytrust.org.uk</a> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:mobility@mobilitytrust.org.uk">mobility@mobilitytrust.org.uk</a>  <b>Apply: letter directly by individual or third party, explaining what's needed and notifying any disabilities</b>

<p><b>Lifeline for kids</b></p> <p>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 No cash grants</p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 020 8459 8826 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.lifeline4kids.org">www.lifeline4kids.org</a> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:appeals@lifeline4kids.org">appeals@lifeline4kids.org</a></p> <p><b>Apply: should be sent via email to <a href="mailto:appeals@lifeline4kids.org">appeals@lifeline4kids.org</a>, 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>Web:</b> <a href="http://buttleuk.org">buttleuk.org</a></p> <p><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 break.</p>	<p>One off grant 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 236 099 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://lh.org.uk">lh.org.uk</a></p> <p><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.</p>	<p>Disabled and terminally ill children 18 years or younger, and permanently a resident in the UK</p>		<p><b>Tel:</b> 0800 902 0095 <b>Tel:</b> 01543 462 777 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://newlifecharity.co.uk">newlifecharity.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Apply: must be supported by professionals who can specify the support needed (online)</b></p>

		Also offer emergency equipment			
<b>Caudwell children</b> Innovation Way Caudwell International Children's Centre Keele Science & Innovation Park, Newcastle- under-Lyme ST5 5NT	Therapy programmes and equipment	Practical & 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.	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		<b>Tel:</b> 0345 300 1348 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.caudwellchildren.com">www.caudwellchildren.com</a>  <b>Apply: write in, call, or download an application form on the website</b>

<b>Action for kids</b> Ability house, 15A Tottenham lane, London N8 9DJ	Mobility Equipment	Provides mobility equipment not available on the NHS. This includes powered, manual or sports wheelchairs, walkers, trikes, scooters, and car seats.	Young person up to the age of 26 years with a physical or other disability		<b>Tel:</b> 020 8347 8111 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.my-afk.org">www.my-afk.org</a>  <b>Apply: online or call the helpline</b>
<b>Children today charitable trust</b> 17b Telford court, Chestergates business park, Chester, CH1 6LT	Equipment	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	Children and young people who are sick or disabled up to the age of 25 years		<b>Tel:</b> 01244 335622 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.childrentoday.org.uk">www.childrentoday.org.uk</a> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@childrentoday.org.uk">info@childrentoday.org.uk</a>  <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>
<b>The Edward Gostling Foundation</b> The ACT Foundation, 61 Thames street, Windsor,	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://edwardgostlingfoundation.org.uk">edwardgostlingfoundation.org.uk</a> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@edwardgostling.org.uk">info@edwardgostling.org.uk</a>



Berkshire SL41QW					<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

Charity/organisation	What they do	Type of grant	Who is eligible	Useful info	Contact/application
<b>Roald Dahl's children's charity</b>  Roald Dahl foundation, Montague house, 17 Chiltern Business Centre Amersham HP6 6AA	All sorts	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).	Low income families raising a disabled or seriously ill child up to the age of 21	The family must be on a low income	<b>Tel:</b> 01494 890465 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.roalddahl.com">www.roalddahl.com</a>  <b>Apply: applications through your social worker, family worker, health visitors, occupational therapist, and grant coordinator within an organisation</b>
<b>British Gas Energy</b>	Clear debts owed	Grants to people who are struggling with gas and electricity bills to help clear fuel debts, other priority bills and costs	Families and individuals in need, hardship, and stress.	Only in England, Scotland, and Wales	<b>Tel:</b> 0121 348 7797 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk">britishgasenergytrust.org.uk</a>  <b>Apply: apply online</b>
<b>The Heinz, Anna, and carol Kroch Foundation</b>  Mrs B Astle Administrator, Heinz, anna & carol Kroch foundation, PO Box 327 Hampton London TW12 9DD	General grants	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	Individuals of any age who are in severe poverty and financial hardship who have ongoing medical problems or have fled domestic situations	No grants, for education purposes or holidays	<b>Tel:</b> 02089 790609 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:hakf50@hotmail.com">hakf50@hotmail.com</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://turn2us.org.uk/grant/heinz-anna-and-carol-kroch-foundation">turn2us.org.uk/grant/heinz-anna-and-carol-kroch-foundation</a>  <b>Apply: by email or letter, must be submitted by a representative of a professional organisation.</b>