

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

Fledglings does not provide give grants but we have put together some information to help you look for funding. For many families with a special needs child or relative, a grant can help provide important equipment and services that will help improve the life of the person they are caring for. There is often a limit to the type of services and equipment that social services, local authorities and the NHS can provide – applying for a grant can help cover the cost of important items which can enhance the lives of families and those they look after. The type of grant, what you are looking for and where you are, will define the type of organization you approach for funding. For example, there might be charities and organizations local to you who you could approach for funds. You would need to do some research and approach each funder yourself to confirm if they are likely to consider your application and what criteria you would need to qualify for funding.

Initial Information about Grant giving Charities and Funders can be found online at;

**Turn2us** is an online service to help people get information on benefits and grants available in the UK. See [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

**Disability Grants** also has information about grants at [www.disability-grants.org/](http://www.disability-grants.org/)

Use the website search engines to refine your enquiry by area, type of grant required and for whom the grant is being applied for.

As well as applying for funding from charities it may be worth trying to fund raise yourself on behalf of your child or relative. By involving a local charity, such as the Round Table or Lions Club for example, you may be able to fund raise through a series of local events. You could also organize your own events or involve your friends and family in a sponsored activity.

<http://www.roundtable.co.uk/> Tel: 0121 456 4402 [hq@roundtable.org.uk](mailto:hq@roundtable.org.uk)

<http://lionsclubs.co/Public/> Tel: 0845 8339502 [enquiries@lionsclubs.co](mailto:enquiries@lionsclubs.co)

Increasingly using social media such as Facebook, has been as a forum for fund raising and raising the profile of a project or personal campaign. In this way, linked to a fundraising charity site, people can be encouraged to donate to your cause. There are a range of fundraising/charity giving websites with which you can register and create a profile. You would need to research which one is best for you and their terms and conditions. Be aware these sites will take a percentage or fee for managing your donations and profile. We have included a link to some of these websites here as well as a link to the Money Saving Expert we4b page which has some more information about the most well-known sites.

**GoFundMe UK - GoFundMe.com**

[www.gofundme.com/](http://www.gofundme.com/)

**JustGiving**

[www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)

**Virgin Money Giving**

virginmoneygiving.com

**Sponsor Me**

[www.sponsorme.co.uk](http://www.sponsorme.co.uk)

**GoGet Funding**

<https://gogetfunding.com/>

**Money Saving Expert**

Top charity giving sites

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/charity-fundraising-sites>

## **LIST OF FUNDERS AND GRANT PROVIDERS**

We have put here a list of some organizations that provide funding, divided into relevant categories. This list is not however comprehensive and we strongly advise that you look into charities local to your area or those that are specific to a certain condition or special need, as well as the organizations included here. Be aware that this list was up to date at the time of being compiled but the details may have changed in the meantime.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Fledglings cannot advise on the criteria that each charity may require from applicants or help with the process of applying for funding.

### **GRANT PROVIDERS - GENERAL & EQUIPMENT**

#### **Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children - Equipment Grant Service**

Newlife Centre, Hemlock Way, Cannock, Staffordshire WS11 7GF

Newlife Nurse Helpline: 0800 902 0095

[www.newlifecharity.co.uk](http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk)

Equipment specifically related to the care or needs of the child/family, where other sources of funding are not available or significant delay will cause deterioration of a child's condition. If Newlife Nurses aren't able to give a grant they will give you information about other grant-giving organisations.

Disabled and terminally ill children 18 years or under, permanently resident in the UK.

Applications must be supported by professionals who can specify and support the equipment needed. Application can be downloaded or posted to a family or supporting professional by calling the Newlife Nurse helpline above.

**The Family Fund Trust**

Family Fund, 4 Alpha Court, Monks Cross Drive, YORK YO32 9WN

Tel: 01904 621115

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

Help with essential items relating to the needs of the disabled or seriously ill child. Grant items include kitchen appliances, family breaks, laptops, bedding, clothing, hospital visiting costs, play equipment and many other items. The Fund cannot provide items which are the responsibility of the statutory agencies eg NHS or social services. New grant scheme to help eligible young people aged 16 and 17 get laptops and equipment for college. For more information visit their website. Also have a range of other savings for families, including travel insurance.

Low income families across the whole of the UK raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person who is 16-17. See website for further details on eligibility and how to apply.

Parents, carers, young people aged 16-17 or a professional worker can apply (with parental consent). One application per household. Contact the Fund by telephone or email or applications can be made online.

**Caudwell Children**

Caudwell Children, Minton Hollins, Shelton Old Road, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 7RY

Tel: 0845 300 1348

[www.caudwellchildren.com](http://www.caudwellchildren.com)

Specialised equipment and therapies, parent carer training to deliver therapy, fundraising support for specific treatments, specialised sports equipment, short breaks, family services & an annual group holiday for life-limited/terminally ill children. Enable Sport programme for talented disabled athletes and Destination Dreams holiday for children fighting life threatening conditions. Help with a range of therapies and treatments.

Individuals aged 18 or under who are sick or disabled, live in the UK and whose parents/guardians earn less than £45,000 gross per annum.

Write in, call or download an application form from the website.

**Act Foundation**

The Grants Manager, The ACT Foundation, 61 Thames Street, Windsor, Berkshire  
SL4 1QW

Tel: 01753 753900

[www.theactfoundation.co.uk](http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk)

Financial assistance towards the cost of:

1. Modifications to homes where a DFG (Disabled Facilities Grant) has been **applied** for and been **granted** and where there is a shortfall in the funds required.
2. Equipment such as specialised wheelchairs or other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living.
3. Short-term respite breaks at a registered respite centre.

No grants:

1. Which would replace statutory funding;
2. Which would pay for work that has already commenced or equipment already purchased or on order;
3. For building alterations or other adaptations to the home where a DFG has not been applied for and awarded.

Individuals with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for people in need, with a mental health problem or physical disability.

See the website for further details of how to apply.

#### **Action for Kids**

Ability House, 15A Tottenham Lane, London N8 9DJ

Tel: 020 8347 8111

[www.actionforkids.org](http://www.actionforkids.org)

Mobility equipment such as wheelchairs, buggies, walkers, trikes, communication aids and ongoing maintenance of equipment.

Applications welcome from or on behalf of any child or young person up to the age of 26 with a physical or other disability.

Will not normally consider applications for items of equipment where there is a duty on the statutory authorities to provide them.

Apply on-line or call the helpline for an application pack.

#### **Lifeline 4 Kids**

Lifeline 4 Kids, 215 West End Lane, London NW6 1XJ

Tel: 020 7794 1661

[www.lifeline4kids.org](http://www.lifeline4kids.org)

No grants of money, but specialised equipment such as electric wheelchairs, mobility aids and varying items including specialised computers and sensory toys. No funding for building or garden works, carpets/floor covering, ovens/cookers, refrigerators (unless for medical needs), clothing, shoes (unless specialist), transport costs, tuition/school lessons or fees, driving lessons, recreational activities, holidays.

Disabled children and young people under the age of 19.

Initial contact to be made via email on the website. Application form is not downloadable but can be emailed or posted to the applicant after following their guidelines.

### **Buttle UK**

Audley House,13 Palace Street London SW1E 5HX

Tel: 020 7828 7311

[www.buttleuk.org](http://www.buttleuk.org)

Small Grants programme gives help to children and young people in desperate need who are without essential items. Intended to make a positive impact on child's health or development and ensure basic needs are met, like a warm bed, cooker, fridge.

Children and young people aged 18 years and under, living with parents.

Applications must be made by an organisation who is supporting the family or young person and who is capable of assessing their needs. They should also be able to administer a grant on behalf of Buttle UK. To submit an application register for an online account. Forms are considered monthly.

### **Children Today Charitable Trust**

Children Today Charitable Trust, The Moorings, Rowton Bridge Christleton, Chester CH3 7AE

Tel: 01244 335 622

[www.childrentoday.org.uk](http://www.childrentoday.org.uk)

Grants of up to £1,000 for specialised equipment not funded on the NHS. Funding for equipment such as wheelchairs and mobility aids, walking frames, specialised tricycles, profiling beds, sleep systems, second skins, communication and education aids, sensory equipment. **Unable to fund alterations to homes or gardens, domestic equipment, clothing or other general items.**

Children and young people who are sick or disabled (under 25).

Call them for a form. Provide a professional reference explaining how the piece of equipment will benefit the child. Parents or applicants only can apply direct (no 3<sup>rd</sup> party, association or organizations).

### **Mobility Trust 11**

Mrs Ann Munn, 17b Reading Road, Pangbourne, Berkshire RG8 7LR

Tel: 0118 984 2588

[www.mobilitytrust.org.uk](http://www.mobilitytrust.org.uk)

Provide powered wheelchairs or scooters for people unable to get them through statutory sources or afford to buy them. No grants are given.

People with disabilities.

By letter directly by the individual or through a third party, explaining why equipment is needed, details of any disabilities and the cause of them

**The Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation**

Beena Astle, Administrator, Heinz, Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation, PO Box 462, Teddington TW11 1BS Tel: 020 8977 5534  
email: [hakf50@hotmail.com](mailto:hakf50@hotmail.com)

One-off grants usually ranging from £100 to £500 towards hospital travel costs, household bills, furniture, other hospital expenses, clothing, food, medical and disability equipment, living costs, home adaptation and help in the home. No grants for education purposes or holidays. Applications are generally processed each month.

Support individuals of any age who are suffering from severe poverty and financial hardship, who have ongoing medical problems or have fled domestic situations.

Applications must be made by letter or email, with a supporting letter from a medical or welfare professional including full financial information and income and expenditure. Does not accept applications directly from parents unless they are accompanying documentation from a health care professional.

**Bruce Wake Charitable Trust**

P.O. Box 9335, Oakham, Rutland LE15 0ET  
Tel: 0844 879 3349  
[www.brucewaketrust.co.uk](http://www.brucewaketrust.co.uk)

One-off grants towards sporting and leisure activities.

Applications related to the provision of sporting and leisure activities **for physically disabled wheelchair users.**

Applications will only be accepted through a charitable organisation or equivalent recognised body, and submitted together with appropriate financial information to the address above. The Trustees meet quarterly.

**The League of the Helping Hand**

The Secretary, LHH, PO Box 342, Burgess Hill, RH15 5AQ  
Tel/Fax: 01444 236099 (Single Payment Grants)  
[www.lhh.org.uk](http://www.lhh.org.uk)

One-off grants towards essential household items, specialist equipment and carers breaks (when funding allows).

People who have a physical disability, learning difficulty or mental health problem and are in financial need. Those who care for somebody who is disabled, elderly or ill may also be eligible.

Application form available to download from website. Form must be submitted through a social worker, carers centre or citizens advice with an SAE.

### **Carers Trust**

Carers Trust, 32–36 Loman Street, London SE1 0EH

Tel: 0844 800 4361

[www.carers.org](http://www.carers.org)

- Essential household items such as cookers and washing machines
- Short breaks to allow carers and their families to rest and recharge their batteries
- Courses which will help carers to acquire new skills, and help them to return to work or overcome isolation in their caring role
- Driving lessons or other transport-related costs which will help carers in their role, e.g. to take the person they care for to hospital appointments

Carers aged 16 and over.

Applications via your local Carers Trust Network Partner. To find your nearest carers centre or scheme, call 0844 800 4361 or visit <http://www.carers.org/carers-services/find-your-local-service>

### **Equipment for Independent Living**

6 Quintock House, Broomfield Road, Richmond, TW9 3HT

One-off grants towards disability equipment to help with mobility, independence and earning power, usually in the range of £100 to £1,000. No grants towards equipment supplied by NHS or social services, equipment running costs, building adaptations or decorating, household equipment, holidays or computers unless used as a speech aid or to enable the individual to earn their living.

People over 16 who are disabled in the UK and overseas.

Must be submitted through a social worker, citizens advice or welfare agency or by other a professional. The professional person should write to the Honorary Secretary describing the applicant's circumstances and saying what equipment is needed and why. If appropriate, a full application form will then be sent out. Applications are considered in January, April, July and October.

### **Independence at Home**

4th Floor, Congress House, 14 Lyon Road, Harrow HA1 2EN

Tel: 0208 427 7929

[www.independenceathome.org.uk/](http://www.independenceathome.org.uk/)

One-off grants between £200 and £600 to obtain mobility and disability equipment, home adaptations and other essential items to make an immediate, practical and positive effect on daily life at home. Grants can only be made towards items not covered by statutory provision.

People with long-term illness or disability, who are living at home rather than in hospital or residential care, and are in financial need. No help towards daily living expenses, debts and arrears, medical or other fees, care costs, televisions or other leisure equipment, telephone rental and call charges. Nor towards the cost of vehicles or driving lessons, although may be able to help towards the cost of vehicle adaptations.

See [www.independenceathome.org.uk/apply\\_now.html](http://www.independenceathome.org.uk/apply_now.html) for instructions. Must be submitted by a referrer from health or social care, or from one of the major voluntary agencies working in the field, who has been professionally involved with the applicant's care. Self-referrals and unsupported applications are not accepted.

### **Elifar Foundation (Every Life for a Reason)**

The Elifar Foundation Ltd, c/o 21 Panmuir Road, London SW20 0PZ

Tel: 02392 267996

[www.elifarfoundation.org.uk](http://www.elifarfoundation.org.uk)

To fund/part fund any piece of specialised equipment. No grants for items available from statutory funding, vehicles, building works, garden works, ordinary computers, ordinary domestic items (e.g. furniture, flooring, white goods, clothing) family holidays, therapies, or goods already purchased.

Children with physical or learning disability, living at home or in residential care.

Applications can be made by, or on behalf of any severely disabled person, resident in the UK. Must be supported by evidence from a healthcare professional that the grant will make a significant improvement to the applicant's quality of life, and that funds are unavailable elsewhere. Also require financial information of the applicant (or family in the case of a minor). The applicant/proposer must source the equipment and include product information and current prices. They pay the supplier of the goods or service direct, on receipt of an invoice. Download applications on website

### **Variety Club**

The Grants Co-ordinator, Variety Club House, 93 Bayham Street, London NW1 0AG

Tel: 020 7428 8100

[www.variety.org.uk](http://www.variety.org.uk)

Equipment including sensory room equipment, communicators, specialised toys and specialised play equipment, electric beds and bath equipment, feeding tubes, car seats. Fund the full cost of manual and powered wheelchairs for children – generally August is a good time to apply as there's no waiting list. Provide days out and trips for children. No grants for holidays, debts, running costs, salaries.

Sick, disabled and disadvantaged children and young people up to the age of 18 years, who are permanently resident in the UK.

Medical and other health care professionals and parents can make applications on behalf of individual children on a form on the website.

### **React**

React, St Luke's House, 270 Sandycombe Road, Kew TW9 3NP

Tel: 020 8940 2575

[www.reactcharity.org](http://www.reactcharity.org)

Specialist, educational and mobility equipment, domestic appliances and mobile home holidays in the UK. Help with hospital and funeral expenses.

Financially disadvantaged families caring for a child with a potentially terminal illness.

Application downloadable from website or telephone. Parents and carers may apply but form must be endorsed by a medical or healthcare professional.

### **Sunshine Society Fund - Northern Ireland only**

Sunshine Society Fund, c/o Bryson Care, 28 Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7FE

Tel: 028 9032 5835 or 028 9043 9156

Support and help to disadvantaged families

Financial assistance to families with children, who are ill, disabled or facing financial hardship **in Northern Ireland only**.

In writing by a social worker or another health professional – and considered within a week of submission. Must include background information on the applicant, how a grant will benefit them, details of income and expenditure, benefits received and other sources of financial assistance.

### **The R L Glasspool Charity Trust**

Mr. Jason Tetley, Charity Administrator, Second Floor, Saxon House, 182 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 4QH

Tel: 020 8520 4354

[www.glasspool.org.uk](http://www.glasspool.org.uk)

One-off grants, for white goods and other essential household items, bedding, clothing, a contribution towards equipment and adaptations for people with disabilities where there has been an occupational health therapist recommendation, travel expenses for hospital visits for a family member. Some items will be supplied directly. No grants for loans, debts, holidays, bursaries, educational grants, rents/deposits, funeral costs, removal costs, children's toys, building works, driving lessons/tests, holidays.

People who are in need on a low income. Can only apply after having accessed local schemes of assistance or local welfare schemes that replaced Community Care grants.

Do not accept applications directly from individual members of the public. Only these organisations can apply on behalf of individuals:

- Statutory organisation that provides a health care, social care or advice service
- Charity that directly provides, or is contracted to provide, a statutory health care, social care or advice service
- Citizens Advice Bureaux
- Prison or Probation Service (National Offender Management Service, NOMS)
- Tenancy support worker employed by either a Local Authority, Industrial and Provident Society or a Housing Association which is registered with the Housing Corporation.

Referring agencies must have a bank account in its own name and be able to bank and administer grants on their behalf. Payments will only be made to the referring agency. **To request an application form** send a blank email to [application@glasspool.org.uk](mailto:application@glasspool.org.uk). Please follow the instructions, complete the form and return it them as instructed.

### **Cerebra**

To get an application form call 0800 328 1159

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

Fund up to 80% of the cost of equipment and services including buggies, hydrotherapy, outdoor play equipment, power wheelchairs, speech and language therapy, standing/walking frames, touch screen computers (but not iPads), therapies (including speech and language therapy) trampolines, tricycles and quadricycles, weighted blanket/vests that help make life a bit easier or more fun. No grants for assessments of any kind, driving lessons, educational items, housing adaptations or home improvements, general clothing, holidays, household items, lycra suits, motorised vehicles treatment, centres outside the UK, vehicle purchase or maintenance. Cerebra also have a holiday home in Pembrokeshire - FREE to families who parent or care for a child (age 16 and under) who has a brain-related condition. Qualifying families may book for one week. Apply between January and June for the following year. Check availability.

For children with neurological conditions aged 16 and under.

Parents can apply themselves and must get a medical reference and reference from another professional working with their child, and send proof of financial income. Will need to contribute 20% yourself or prove you have funding for the remaining 20%. Grants aren't means tested but if household income of more than £60,000 excluding benefits then it is unlikely. Will not reimburse for money already spent and always pay the suppliers directly. Call 0800 328 1159 and they will send you a form, or download at [apply for a grant](#)

## **GRANTS RELATING TO BILLS/UTILITIES**

### **British Gas Energy Trust**

British Gas Energy Trust, PO Box 42, Peterborough PE3 8XH

Tel 01733 421060

[www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk](http://www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk)

Grants to cover arrears of domestic gas/electricity charges and other essential domestic bills and costs. In some cases, help with household items and/ or white goods is also available. No grants for bills already paid, benefits overpayments, fines, education or training, business debts, debts to central government departments, catalogues, credit cards, loans, medical equipment, aids and adaptations or holidays.

Disadvantaged families with financial problems depending on how the Trust can help them in long term. They are part of a shared programme and you may be eligible to apply to other trusts. Download further information from their website.

Write to the trust or apply online. You will need to send proof of income.

### **EDF Energy Trust**

EDF Energy Trust, PO Box 42 Peterborough PE3 8XH

Tel: 01733 421060

[www.edfenergytrust.org.uk](http://www.edfenergytrust.org.uk)

Grants called Further Assistance Payments to clear gas and electricity debts to other suppliers, buy energy efficient white goods and Bankruptcy deposits/Debt Relief Orders (DRO's).

Families and individuals living in fuel poverty, suffering or other distress who are struggling to pay their gas and/or electricity bill by awarding grants to clear those debts.

Application forms can be completed on their website. Or call or email the contacts above. You will need to send proof of income

## **GRANTS RELATED TO HOLIDAYS & CONVALESCENCE**

### **3H Fund**

Unit B2, Speldhurst Business Park, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3  
0AQ Grant Programme

Tel: 01892 860219

[www.3hfund.org.uk](http://www.3hfund.org.uk)

To help with a modest holiday. Families must organise it themselves. Grants are given for the accommodation part of a holiday and it must be in the UK.

Disabled people (whether physically or mentally disabled) their families and carers, on a low income.

Applications may be made by the disabled person, by a member of their family or by a referring agency such as social services. Grants are only now available in particular areas, check the website.

### **The Birchington Convalescent Benefit Fund**

Birchington Convalescent Benefit Fund, Church Society, Dean Wace House,  
16 Rosslyn Road, Watford WD18 0NY

Tel: 01923 235111

[www.churchsociety.org/aboutus/managed/Fund\\_Birchington.asp](http://www.churchsociety.org/aboutus/managed/Fund_Birchington.asp)

Small one-off grants to help children and their families to take a holiday or recover from illness

Grants are only given for holidays for children. No grants towards expensive or overseas holidays.

Children (under 18) who are chronically ill, or recovering from hospital treatment or a long-term illness.

Applications must be made by a third party, such as a doctor or social worker. Download an application form from the website, or contact the Church Society.

### **Camp Quality UK**

99 Kingsbury Road, Birmingham, B24 8QJ

Tel: 0121 288 4745

[www.campquality.org.uk](http://www.campquality.org.uk)

Camping holidays. Every holiday is funded entirely by Camp Quality UK and is provided free of charge to each child. Includes group holidays: abseiling, sailing, archery, canoeing, rock climbing, swimming, horse riding, box games, crafts, entertainments, and visits to leisure parks. They try to let children do what they and their medical team feel they can do. Each camp has a camp director and camp doctor - responsible for the whole camp, 24 hours a day.

Children aged 5 – 17 with a potentially life-limiting condition, but not learning disabilities, including cancer. Aim is to give family a break and the child fun and friendship. Include siblings whenever they can, but cannot guarantee a place for a sibling; one reason being they may benefit from time alone with their parents.

Apply online under the 'Forms' tab. You will need details of your child's consultant, medical condition and hospital where treated

**Margaret Champney Rest & Holiday Fund – run by the Ogilvie Charities**

Ogilvie Charities, The Gate House, 9 Burkitt Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4JJ

Tel: 01394 388746

[www.ogilviecharities.org.uk](http://www.ogilviecharities.org.uk)

One-off grants, in the region of £200-£300. Small grants to individuals in need, to buy essential items not supplied by the statutory agencies. It may give grants for beds and bedding, cookers, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines and clothing.

The primary aim is to assist those with a household member suffering from incontinence or other medical condition; grants for household items may be awarded where there is a genuine need. Respite holidays for carers to give a complete break to a carer while the person cared for is receiving respite care. Consideration also given to funding family holidays in the UK where one or more family members suffer a severe disability, and funds allow.

In writing or email through a social worker, citizens advice bureau or other welfare agency. Include full details of weekly income and expenditure, other agencies being approached, and details of the item or break and who will care for the person while the break is taken.

**GRANTS FOR FULFILLING WISHES**

**Dreams Come True Charity**

Exchange House, 33 Station Rd, Liphook, Hants, GU30 7DW

Freephone: 0800 018 6013

[www.dreamscometrue.uk.com](http://www.dreamscometrue.uk.com)

Dreams Come True works with the family to realise the child's dream.

For children 2-21 years who are seriously ill or have a life limiting condition.

Anyone can nominate a child or young person for a dream - Fill out the form on their website then download an application pack at

<http://www.dreamscometrue.uk.com/62/nominate-a-child-or-young-person>

### **Happy Days Children's Charity**

Happy Days Children's Charity, Clody House, 90-100 Collington Street, Luton  
LU1 1RX  
Tel: 01582 755999  
[www.happydayscharity.org](http://www.happydayscharity.org)

One-off grants for family respite breaks, residential trips, days out including the seaside, zoos, theme parks, safari parks and fun fairs. in the UK (occasionally children who are terminally ill are funded for a trip abroad).

Grants the wishes of children aged 3–17 years living with life-threatening illnesses. Including children with learning difficulties, physical or mental disabilities and with acute, chronic or life limiting illnesses. Also young people who have been bereaved or act as carers for a parent or a sibling. Help young people in special needs schools, hospitals and hospices plus individual families.

Parents can apply for family respite trips, professionals can apply for days out and group outings. Call for an application form on the number above or applications for different grants on a form downloadable from the website.

### **Make a Wish Foundation UK**

Head Office, 329-331 London Road, Camberley GU15 3HQ  
Tel: 01276 405070  
[www.make-a-wish.org.uk](http://www.make-a-wish.org.uk)

Grants the wishes of children aged 3–17 years

Any child or young person aged 3 to 17, living with a life-threatening illness and who has not had a wish granted by a similar organisation.

Anyone who knows a child can make a referral by download and fill in the form on the website – they will ask for the child's full medical history from their hospital consultant or GP.

### **The National Holiday Fund for Sick Children**

PO Box 318, Norfolk, NR29 4WT  
Tel 01493 731235  
[www.nhfcharity.co.uk](http://www.nhfcharity.co.uk)

Provides holidays (not grants) for children to Florida, with medical care, allowing parents/carers to have a break while the child is away. The child will be allocated a holiday with a small group of children with compatible needs.

Chronically or terminally ill children, and temporarily or permanently physically disabled children aged 8-18 years.

Apply online. When you've made an application they will ask for the child's full medical history from their hospital consultant and GP.

**When You Wish Upon A Star**

Futurist House, Valley Road, Basford, Nottingham NG5 1JE

Tel: 0115 979 1720

[www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk](http://www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk)

Fulfils the wishes of children with life threatening and terminal illnesses.

Children with life threatening and terminal illnesses between 2-16 years. The child should not have received a Wish from another Charity previously.

Parents or health professional can nominate a child for a wish by writing in with an initial enquiry. They will be sent a 'Wish' form and medical authorization to complete.

**Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity**

No 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NP

Tel: 020 8782 1171

[www.raysofsunshine.org.uk](http://www.raysofsunshine.org.uk)

Make wishes come true for terminally and seriously ill children.

Terminally and seriously ill children between the ages of 3 and 18.

Application form on the website. Anyone can refer a child - contact the charity for an informal and confidential discussion. There is a simple application process which must be completed by parents/guardians and be signed by the child's paediatrician.

**Starlight Children's Foundation**

Macmillian House, Paddington Station, London, W2 1HD

Tel: 020 7262 2881 ext 1

[www.starlight.org.uk](http://www.starlight.org.uk)

Grants wishes to children who must be able to choose and articulate the wish for themselves and not have received a wish from another wish granting organisation.

Seriously or terminally ill children (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 and 18 years.

Anyone can refer a child to Starlight by completing an application form on their website, or downloading one and returning it by post or email address. Starlight cannot accept referrals by telephone, but if you have any questions please call the number above.

### **Matts Mission Childrens Charity**

26 Harrowfield Road, Stechford, Birmingham, B33 9BU

Tel: 07816239674 web: [www.mattsmission.co.uk](http://www.mattsmission.co.uk)

[contact@mattsmission.co.uk](mailto:contact@mattsmission.co.uk)

Matts Mission Childrens Charity grants wishes and provides gifts, family trips, funeral care, finances and sibling support for children who are going through an illness or recovering from an illness that is life threatening or who are children with disabilities. They have helped children with conditions such as Cancer, Cystic Fibrosis, Meningitis and other severe disabilities. Councelling can also be offered to families and help with the cost of special 'send offs' ie funeral arrangements if needed.

For children 0 - 16 who are going through an illness or recovering from an illness that is life threatening or who are children with disabilities.

Applications through the charity's website or via email

### **GRANTS RELATED TO MUSIC**

#### **Christine Brown Trust**

The Christine Brown Trust for Young Musicians,

15 Harrowby Road,

Leeds,

LS16 5HN

<http://www.christinebrowntrust.org.uk/>

The Trust offers financial support to talented young musicians under 19 years of age who may be finding it difficult to meet the expenses involved in learning a musical instrument. This may mean contributing towards the cost of lessons, helping to pay for a new instrument, perhaps paying for summer school or orchestra fees - in fact, anything connected with the costs of an instrumental education. Christine Brown was born and brought up in Yorkshire and priority will therefore be given to children who apply from her beloved Yorkshire region. Applicants must be able to show a serious commitment to their instrument as well as exceptional talent.

Applications via the website, download application from the website

#### **EMI Music Sound Foundation Awards**

[www.emimusicfoundation.com](http://www.emimusicfoundation.com)

The EMI Music Sound Foundation provides instrument and equipment awards to schools, music teachers and individuals in full time education.

Grants up to £2,000 are available towards the purchase of musical instruments or/and equipment.

Bursaries are also offered to students to study at specified music colleges/organisations.

To apply: Download an application form.

### **Jessie's Fund**

15 Priory Street, York, YO1 6ET, United Kingdom

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[www.jessiesfund.org.uk](http://www.jessiesfund.org.uk)

Jessie's Fund helps seriously ill and disabled children in the UK by using music for communication and therapy. The fund mainly works with children's hospices by providing them with a wide range of musical instruments to give the children access to creative music-making and music therapy. It also works with schools for children with special needs, hospitals, and other centres for children with special needs. Jessie's Fund is able to support the funding of a music therapist for three years and the purchase musical instruments. Individual children are also able to apply for funding towards music therapy sessions. By registering on the site you will be able to access free resources for making music with children.

To apply for the different projects download the relevant application form, [www.jessiesfund.org.uk](http://www.jessiesfund.org.uk)

