

HOW TO
04Grant-Giving
Organisations

This factsheet provides information on grant-giving organisations that support carers, disabled people and those on low incomes.

Some organisations will only accept applications from a professional, in this factsheet this is denoted by PR (professional referral only). Other organisations may welcome direct applications from individuals as well as those submitted via professionals, in this factsheet this is denoted by SR (self-referral accepted), but will require supporting statements from professionals.

Where to find out
about grantsThe Guide to Grants
for Individuals in Need

- Comprehensive guide to grant-giving organisations and charities.
- Available to view at Croydon Central Library (020 8726 6900, www.croydon.gov.uk) or can be purchased from the Directory for Social Change (08450 77 77 07, www.dsc.org.uk) for £75.

Turn2us

0808 802 2000

www.turn2us.org.uk

- Helps people in financial need access welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help online or by phone.
- Website features a Benefits Calculator and a Grants Search database giving access to over 3,000 charitable funds.

Grants for
children & young
people

This section lists organisations that *only* help children and young people, organisations in other sections may be able to help this age group as well.

Action for Kids (SR)

020 8347 8111

www.actionforkids.org

- Wheelchairs and mobility equipment not available on the NHS for disabled children and young people aged 0-25.

The Boparan Charitable Trust (SR)

0845 078 6634

www.theboparancharitabletrust.com

- Grants for items such as mobility, disability and medical equipment, and household items for children aged 0-18 who are disadvantaged due to poverty, disability or terminal illness.

Buttle UK (PR)

020 7828 7311

www.buttleuk.org

- Grants towards critical household items for children aged 0-18 (and young people aged 20 and under who are living independently) who are experiencing difficulties such as illness, disability or severe financial hardship.

Caudwell Children (SR)

0845 300 1348

www.caudwellchildren.com

- Family support services, equipment, treatment and therapies for disabled children aged 0-18 and their families.

Children Today (SR)

01244 335 622

www.childrentoday.org.uk

- Grants for vital, life-changing equipment not available through the NHS for disabled children and young people up to the age of 25.

Children's Hope Foundation (SR)

020 7700 6855

www.childrenshopefoundation.org.uk

- Grants towards equipment (including computer equipment), medical treatment or therapies and days out for children aged 3-17 who are disadvantaged due to illness, disability or poverty.

The Family Fund (SR)

08449 744 099

www.familyfund.org.uk

- Grants to low-income families who care for a severely disabled child aged 0-17.
- Applications will be considered for anything that relates to the needs of the disabled child and their family, for example, household items, equipment and holidays.

Free Cakes for Kids UK (SR)

www.freecakesforkids.org.uk

- Community-based service for families who find it difficult to provide a birthday cake for their child.
- Croydon contact is Minelle Hemraj (020 8726 0088, chocofruits@aol.com).



Lifeline 4 Kids (SR)

www.lifeline4kids.org

- Mobility and sensory equipment and specialised computers for disabled children aged 0-18.

The MFPA Trust Fund for the Training of Handicapped Children in the Arts (SR)

01420 88755

- Grants towards participation in painting, music or drama for children aged 5-18 with physical or learning disabilities.

Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children (SR)

0800 902 0095

www.newlifecharity.co.uk

- Essential equipment for children aged 0-18 who are seriously disabled or terminally ill.

React (Rapid Effective Assistance for Children with Potentially Terminal Illness) (SR)

020 8940 2575

www.reactcharity.org

- Mobility, medical and sensory equipment, household items, educational/entertainment items, hospital/travel expenses and respite breaks for children aged 0-17 with a life-limiting illness.

Royal National Children's Foundation (SR)

01932 868 622

www.rncf.org.uk

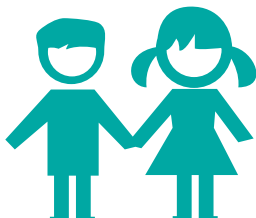
- Children aged 7-18 who are dealing with problems at home, are at risk and are likely to benefit from a boarding place in an independent school. Applications must be made before the child's 14th birthday.

Trefoil (SR)

0131 339 3148

www.trefoil.org.uk

- Personal Development Grants for young people aged 18-25 with special needs that impact on their development.
- Grants are provided for a variety of projects including funding young people to participate in overseas conservation/community projects as well as specialist equipment.



The True Colours Trust (PR)

020 7410 0330

www.truecolourstrust.org.uk

- Grants for young people aged 18-26 and their families (including siblings) who have a disability or complex care need and are receiving income-related benefits or on a low income.
- Applications can be for household items, play and exercise equipment, music equipment, computing and games equipment, mobile phones, leisure activities, hospital visits, driving lessons, sensory items, holidays, removal costs and funeral expenses.

Variety Club Children's Charity (SR)

020 7428 8100

www.varietyclub.org.uk

- Mobility equipment and grants for other items of equipment that will improve the life of children aged 0-18 who have an illness, disability or are otherwise disadvantaged.

Whizz Kidz (SR)

0845 052 1231

www.whizz-kidz.org.uk

- Mobility equipment not available from the NHS for disabled children aged 0-17.

Wish-Making Grants



Many charities specialise in granting wishes for children and young people who have a serious or life-threatening illness. Each organisation has its own eligibility criteria and age limit.

Believe in Magic (SR)

01403 752 488

www.believeinmagic.co.uk

Dreams Come True (SR)

01428 726330 or 0800 018 6013

www.dctc.org.uk

Promise Dreams (SR)

01902 212451

www.promisedreams.co.uk

Rays of Sunshine (SR)

020 8782 1171

www.raysofsunshine.org.uk

Grants for Older People

Aid for the Aged in Distress (SR)

0870 803 1950

www.aftaid.org.uk

- Grants for people aged 65 and over, who are living on a low income and have minimal savings, to purchase items such as household goods and mobility scooters or to pay for home maintenance or adaptations.

Crossroads Care - South Thames Carers Support and Advocacy Service (SR)

020 8663 5624 (Monday - Wednesday)

ros@souththamescrossroads.org

- Carers aged over 50 who are caring for someone over 50 can apply for up to £250 to prevent the breakdown in health or wellbeing of the carer.

Friends of the Elderly (PR)

020 7730 8263

www.fote.org.uk

- Grants and regular allowances for people aged 60 and over who are living on a low income and have minimal savings to pay for essential items such as mobility aids, clothing, furniture and property repairs or adaptations.

Morden College (SR)

020 8463 8330

www.mordencollege.org.uk

- Grants for people of state pension age and over who are not in paid employment and are in need due to financial hardship, disability or other disadvantage.
- Applicants must have held a position of responsibility in their professional lives, or be the partner of someone who has.

National Benevolent Fund for the Aged (SR)

020 7828 0200

www.nbfa.org.uk

- TENS machines (devices to help block pain signals) and Check & Go alarms for people over 65 who are living on a low income.

National Benevolent Institution (SR)

01666 505 500

www.thenbc.org.uk

- Grants and regular allowances for people of state pension age, or younger people who are unable to work due to illness or disability, who are experiencing financial hardship and have a low income and minimal savings.

Gas & Electricity Grants



Charis Grants (SR)

01733 421 021

www.charisgrants.com

- Administers six major utility trust funds on behalf of the following suppliers: Affinity Water, Anglian Water Assistance Fund, British Gas Energy Trust, EDF Energy Trust, npower Energy Fund and South East Water.
- Customers of any of the participating utility companies can apply for help clearing or reducing arrears, and some trusts will also help with other essential household bills or costs.

Home Warmth for the Aged (SR)

01322 863 836

- Grants to people of state pension age who are on a low income and have minimal savings to pay for heating-related issues such as paying fuel debts where the supply has been disconnected and provision of heating appliances, bedding, clothing and fuel.

npower Health Through Warmth Scheme (PR)

0845 070 2809

www.npower.com/health_through_warmth

- Range of heating and insulation measures for vulnerable homeowners of any age who have a long-term cold-related illness and are on a low income.

Educational Grants



Church Tenements Charity - Education Branch (SR)

020 8726 6000 ext 62317

june.haynes@croydon.gov.uk

- Grants to people under the age of 25 who are living or studying in the London Borough of Croydon and experiencing financial hardship.
- Can meet educational costs such as uniforms, equipment, books and educational outings.

Diamond Education Grant (SR)

www.sigbi.org

- Grants to assist women to update skills after employment breaks or to acquire new skills to improve opportunities for employment.

Disabled Students' Allowances (SR)

0845 300 50 90

www.slc.co.uk

- Payments to disabled students in higher education to help meet the extra course costs resulting from their disability.

Other Government Support for Students (all SR)

- Schemes include:
 - 16-19 Bursary Fund - help to pay for essential education-related costs for students aged 16-19 in further education or training.
 - Access to Learning Fund - for students in financial hardship who need support to start or stay in education.
 - Childcare Grant - for full-time students in higher education.
 - Discretionary Learner Support - for students aged 19 and over on a further education course.
 - National Scholarship Programme - bursaries for students with a household income of £25,000 or less.
 - Parents' Learning Allowance - for full time undergraduate students.
 - Student Finance - loans and grants to pay for tuition fees and living costs.
- For more information on a range of financial support for students on a low income contact the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900 or visit www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk.

Family Action (SR)

020 7241 7459

www.family-action.org.uk

- Educational Grants Fund gives grants to individuals aged 16 and over to help them start or continue on a course of education or training. Applications can be made for a variety of educational needs including fees, travel, books and equipment. The individual must be attending a college or university affiliated to the Educational Grants Service.

Frank Denning Memorial Charity (SR)

020 8726 6000 ext 62326 (Jim Simpson)

- Grants for students aged 19-25 who live, or whose parents live, in Croydon to pay for travel abroad to carry out projects with an educational objective.

Helena Kennedy Foundation (SR)

020 8223 2027

www.hkf.org.uk

- Bursaries for students who wish to progress from further to higher education but are disadvantaged in some way.

Lawrence Atwell's Charity (SR)

020 7213 0561

www.skinnerhall.co.uk

- Grants for individuals aged 16-26 from low income families to undertake vocational training taking them closer to employment.

The Snowdon Award Scheme (SR)

01403 732 899

www.snowdonawardscheme.org.uk

- Grants to students in post-16 education with physical or sensory disabilities to pay for additional disability related costs not fully funded by statutory funding.

Student Health Association (SR)

www.studenthealthassociation.co.uk

- Student Disability Assistance Fund gives grants to students aged 18 or over, who are studying full-time at degree level or higher to help meet extra costs associated with their illness or disability.

Thomas Wall Trust

www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk

- Grants to assist with the cost of training courses that improve people's chances of employment.
- Applicants must be on a low income and be facing barriers to employment or education such as illness or disability.

Learning to drive

For organisations that can help fund driving lessons see our *Getting Around* factsheet.

Other Grants

The ACT Foundation (SR)

01753 753900

www.theactfoundation.co.uk

- Grants of up to £2,500 to individuals in need, specifically those with learning and/or physical disabilities, to assist with modifications to the home (where the Disabled Facilities Grant leaves a shortfall), provision of disability equipment or help towards the costs of short-term respite breaks.

Al-Mizan Charitable Trust (SR)

www.almizantrust.org.uk

- General Welfare Fund provides grants and interest-free loans to people living in social or economic deprivation.
- Priority groups for grants include young carers and people who are disabled or terminally ill and their families.

Croydon Discretionary Support (SR)

020 8760 5719

www.croydon.gov.uk

- Discretionary payments to support people in times of crisis, to support people moving out of institutional or residential care, and to help residents stay in their communities and help keep families together.
- Applicants need to be aged 16 or over, resident in Croydon for at least three months and be in receipt of an income-related benefit or disability benefit.
- Awards will normally be in the form of gift cards or vouchers; cash payments will not be issued.

Disabled Facilities Grant (PR)

020 8760 5505 (Staying Put team) for information

020 8726 6500 (Social Services for Adults) to request an assessment

www.croydon.gov.uk

- Grants of up to £30,000 for owners and tenants of private and housing association properties to pay for adaptations to help a disabled person stay in their home.
- Applicants need to contact Social Services for Adults and arrange for an Occupational Therapist (OT) to visit their home to assess which adaptations are needed.
- The Staying Put team will then support the person to make an application for a Disabled Facilities Grant to pay for the work recommended by the OT, and carry out a financial assessment.

Elizabeth Finn Care (SR)

020 8834 9200

www.elizabethfinncare.org.uk

- Financial support for people living on a low income or means-tested benefits who have formerly been employed in one of a wide range of qualifying occupations or are a partner of someone employed in a qualifying occupation.

Equipment for Independent Living (SR)

020 8940 2438

- Grants to disabled people over 16 to purchase disability equipment.
- Application forms should be sent to June Sutherland, Honorary Secretary, 10 Pembroke Walk, London W8 6PQ.

Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust (SR)

020 7605 4244

www.fnaist.org.uk

- Grants to individuals of any age who are ill or disabled to pay for medical items/ services that improve quality of life such as convalescent care and disability equipment.

The Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation (SR)

020 8977 5534

hakf50@hotmail.com

- Grants to people who are older and/ or have a chronic illness and are in financial hardship to pay for items such as household bills, hospital travel costs, disability equipment, home adaptations and general living costs.

Independence at Home (PR)

020 8427 7929

www.independenceathome.org.uk

- Grants to people living with a long-term illness or disability, to help with the cost of adaptations, equipment or other useful items for the home directly related to the disability, for which public funds are not available.

League of the Helping Hand (PR)

01444 236 099

www.lhh.org.uk

- Grants and regular financial support to people experiencing financial hardship due to illness or disability, or as a result of being a carer, to pay for essential household items such as domestic appliances and specialist equipment.

Margaret's Fund (PR)

www.margaretsfund.org

- Grants for women experiencing ill-health who are in financial need to pay for disability equipment, convalescent holidays, clothing, food or extra heating.

The Matthew Trust (SR)

020 7736 5976

www.matthewtrust.org

- Grants for people who are experiencing mental health problems to pay for items such as household goods, clothing, and counselling and medical bills.

- Support to enable young carers of a parent or sibling with a mental health problem to access leisure, cultural and educational opportunities.

Mobility Trust (SR)

0118 984 2588

www.mobilitytrust.org.uk

- Powered wheelchairs and scooters for severely disabled adults and children who cannot obtain them through statutory sources or purchase such equipment themselves.

The Percy Bilton Charity (PR)

020 8579 2829

www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk

- Grants of up to £200 to people of any age who have a disability or severe mental health problem, or people aged over 65 who are living on a low income, to pay for essential items such as furniture, household goods, equipment or clothing.

The Respite Association (SR)

01406 373 163

www.respiteassociation.org

- Funding for alternative care (respite care) for carers living on a low income.

The R L Glasspool Charity Trust (PR)

020 8520 4354 Mon - Fri 9.30am - 12pm

www.glasspool.org.uk

- Grants to individuals in need for essential items such as white goods, travel expenses for hospital visits, and disability equipment.

The Straitened Circumstances Fund (PR)

01394 388 746

www.ogilviecharities.org.uk

- Grants to people in financial need to pay for essential items such as beds, bedding and white goods.

Talisman Charitable Trust (PR)

www.talismancharity.org

- Grants to people living on low incomes to help with issues such as education, health, housing and disability.

Every effort has been made to ensure the contents of this factsheet are correct, but the Carers' Information Service cannot accept responsibility for information that is inaccurate or for the quality of the services listed.

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