# Grant-Giving Organisations

This factsheet provides information on grant-giving organisations that support carers, disabled people and those on a low-income. For more information on financial support available to carers and the people they care for, see our **Money Matters** factsheet. Please note that any organisations listed are included for information only and listing does not mean recommendation.

This factsheet is part of **How To... A Guide for Carers in Croydon**. You can download the full series of factsheets from our website <u>www.carersinfo.org.uk</u>. You can also call us on 020 8649 9339, option 1, or visit the Carers Support Centre.

Some grant-giving organisations will only accept applications from a professional, whilst others allow you to apply as an individual. Please be aware that organisations that allow individual applications will generally require supporting statements from professionals.

In this factsheet, professional applications are marked as **professional referral** (PR) and applications from individuals are marked as **self-referral** (SR).





### Find local grants

#### Turn2us

www.turn2us.org.uk

Provides online information on welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help. Website includes a benefits calculator and local grants search database.

# Grants for children and young people

This section lists organisations that specifically help children and young people. Organisations in other sections may be able to help this age group as well, so it may be worthwhile looking at all your options.

#### Able Kidz (SR)

www.ablekidz.com

Grants for families with a disabled child or young person aged 18 or under. Applications can be made in writing with a supporting letter from an education or medical professional to Able Kidz Educational Trust, 43 Bedford Street, London WC2E 2HA.

#### The Boparan Charitable Trust (SR)

0121 214 9364

www.theboparancharitabletrust.com Provides grants to disabled children, children with a life-limiting condition or children living in extreme poverty until their 19th birthday.

#### **Buttle UK (PR)**

020 7828 7311

www.buttleuk.org

Grants towards essential household items for children aged 0-18 with an illness or disability, or who are experiencing severe financial hardship. Grants also provided to young people aged up to 20 who are living independently and estranged from their family.

#### Caudwell Children (SR)

01782 600 265 / 266
applications@caudwellchildren.com
www.caudwellchildren.com
Family support services, equipment,
treatment and therapies for disabled
children aged 0-18 and their families.
Provides certain types of equipment
only, so check criteria on applying.

#### Children Today (SR)

01244 335 622

info@childrentoday.org.uk www.childrentoday.org.uk Grants for specialised equipment and aids not available through the NHS for disabled children and young people aged 0-25.

#### Children's Hope Foundation (SR)

020 7700 6855

info@childrenshopefoundation.org.uk 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.

#### Elifar Foundation (SR)

info@elifarfoundation.org.uk
www.elifarfoundation.org.uk
Grants for disabled children and adults.
Can provide funding for specialised
mobility or sensory equipment.

#### Family Fund (SR)

01904 621 115
info@familyfund.org.uk
www.familyfund.org.uk
Provides grants to families of
disabled or seriously ill children
or young people aged up to 17.

#### Family Holiday Association (PR)

020 3117 0650

grants@familyholidayassociation.org.uk www.rncf.org.uk Supports childrer neglect or traum must be on a low-income, have a child under 18 and have not had a holiday in the past four years. Families cannot be eligible for a Family Fund grant.

#### Free Cakes for Kids (SR)

www.freecakesforkids.org.uk
Community service to families run
by volunteers. Provides birthday
cakes to families who find it difficult
to provide a cake for their child.

#### Lifeline 4 Kids (SR)

appeals@lifeline4kids.org
www.lifeline4kids.org
Funds equipment that improves quality
of life for disabled children aged 0-18.
Accepts online applications only.

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

tom@flatspace.co.uk Grants towards participation in the arts for children aged 5-18 with a physical disability.

# Newlife – Foundation for Disabled Children (PR)

0800 092 0095

www.newlifecharity.co.uk

Just Can't Wait service offers free
loans of essential equipment to
children with a life-threatening or lifelimiting condition. Includes equipment
grants and loaned sensory boxes.

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

020 8940 2575
react@reactcharity.org
www.reactcharity.org
Mobility, medical and sensory

equipment, household items, items for education or entertainment, hospital or travel expenses and respite breaks for children aged 0-17 with a life-limiting condition.

# Royal National Children's Foundation (SR)

o1932 868 622
admin@rncf.org.uk
www.rncf.org.uk
Supports children suffering from
neglect or trauma. Predominantly
helps to fund boarding school
education, but may also fund day
schools if more appropriate.

#### Sunny Days Children's Fund (SR)

o1376 528 376
margaret@sunnydaysfund.org.uk
www.sunnydaysfund.org.uk
Grants to families of children with
a chronic or life-limiting medical
condition. Includes grants towards
white goods, hospital visiting expenses,
medical or sensory equipment,
computers (excluding iPads or tablets)
and clothing. Also provides short
breaks for families in holiday homes.

#### Tom's Gift (SR)

020 7840 7810

macmillangrants@macmillan.org.uk Present and £30 gift voucher for children aged 0-16 who are receiving treatment for cancer.

#### Trefoil (SR)

0131 220 3249

www.trefoil.org.uk

Personal development grants for young people aged under 25 with PY with special educational needs or a disability. Grants include funding young people to participate in overseas conservation or community projects, as well as specialist equipment.

#### Turn2Us Response Fund (PR)

www.turn2us.org.uk
Supports people who are coping
with a life-changing event in
the last 12 months. Grants only
available from intermediary charity
partners, including Carers Trust.



#### Variety Club Children's Charity (SR)

020 7428 8100
grants@variety.org.uk
www.varietyclub.org.uk
Medical, care or sensory equipment
and grants for other items of
equipment for children aged 0-18
who have an illness, disability
or who are disadvantaged.

#### Whizz Kidz (SR)

020 7233 6600
info@whizz-kidz.org.uk
www.whizz-kidz.org.uk
Mobility equipment not available
from the NHS for disabled
children aged up to 17.

### Wish-making grants

Many charities specialise in granting wishes for children and young people who have a serious, life-limiting or life-threatening illness. Check directly with the organisation for further details on eligibility criteria.

#### **Dreams Come True (SR)**

0800 018 6013 info@dreamscometrue.uk.com www.dctc.org.uk
Provides wishes for children and young people aged 2-21 with a serious, life-threatening or life-limiting medical condition.

#### **Promise Dreams (SR)**

01902 212 451
info@promisedreams.co.uk
www.promisedreams.co.uk
Provides wishes for children and
young people aged 0-18 with a lifelimiting or life-threatening condition.

#### Rays of Sunshine (SR)

020 8782 1171

www.raysofsunshine.org.uk
Provides wishes to children and
young people aged 3-18 with a lifethreatening medical condition.

#### Starlight (SR)

020 7262 2881

www.starlight.org.uk

Provides wishes to children and
young people aged 4-18 with a lifelimiting or life-threatening condition.

#### When You Wish Upon a Star (SR)

0115 979 1720

www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk Provides wishes to children and young people aged 2-16 with a lifelimiting or life-threatening condition.

# 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 on a low-income with minimal savings towards the cost of items such as household goods and mobility scooters. Grants may also be provided towards home maintenance or adaptations.

#### Friends of the Elderly (PR)

0330 332 1110 hello@fote.org.uk www.fote.org.uk

One-off grants towards essential items such as basic furniture and flooring, household appliances, home adaptations and mobility aids. Can also help with utility bills. Grants are available for people of state retirement age living on a lowincome with savings under £4000.

#### 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.

# Grants for people with cancer

#### Macmillan Grants (PR)

0808 808 0000
macmillangrants@macmillan.org.uk
www.macmillan.org.uk
Grants for people with cancer on
a low-income with savings under
£6,000 (£8,000 for a couple).

# Grants for professionals

#### **Elizabeth Finn Fund**

Elizabeth Finn Fund, Hythe
House, London W6 7NL
www.turn2us.org.uk
Part of Turn2Us. Offers grants to
individuals from a professional
background and their dependents.
Individuals must have less than £4,000
in savings, be on a low-income and
work/be the partner or ex-partner
of someone in a listed profession.
Grants exclude university costs, debt
relief, legal fees, holidays, computer
equipment or funeral expenses.

#### **Professionals Aid Council (SR)**

020 7935 0641 admin@professionalsaid.org.uk www.professionalsaid.org.uk Provides grants to individuals with a higher education degree or equivalent professional qualification. Individuals must be on a low-income with savings under £6,000 if below Pension Credit age, or below £10,000 if above.

### **Grants for veterans**

#### Officers' Association (SR)

020 7808 4175

www.officersassociation.org.uk
Provides help and support to former
officers of the armed forces and
their dependants. Financial help
can cover disability aids, white
goods, furniture and care home
top-up fees. Each case is considered
on individual circumstances.

# Heating and utility grants

#### Affordable Warmth Obligation (SR)

O300 123 1234 (Energy
Saving Advice Service)

www.gov.uk/energycompany-obligation
Government scheme funded by six
major UK energy companies. Provides
grants and financial support to
home-owners, people living in social
housing or or private tenants (with
the landlord's permission) on certain
means-tested benefits to cover all or
part of the costs of installing home

#### **Charis Grants (SR)**

energy-saving improvements.

01733 421 060 (Applications) applications@charisgrants.com www.charisgrants.com
Administers major utility trust funds on behalf of Affinity Water, Anglican Water, British Gas, EDF, E.ON and npower. Customers of participating utility companies can apply for help clearing or reducing arrears. Some trusts will help with other essential household bills or costs. British Gas and E.ON also accept applications from non-customers.

#### **Cold Weather Payments (SR)**

0345 600 0723

www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment Individuals receiving certain meanstested benefits will receive a weekly £25 payment when the temperature is at or below zero degrees Celsius for seven consecutive days during the winter period. The winter period is 1 November to 31 March. If eligible, you will be paid automatically.

# npower Health Through Warmth Scheme (PR)

0800 022 220 (Energy
Efficiency Option)
healththroughwarmth@npower.com
www.npower.com/health\_
through\_warmth
Supports people with long-term
illnesses who are unable to fully fund
home heating systems/repairs and
insulation. Individuals must own and
occupy their own home but be on a
low-income and minimal savings.

#### **South West London Law Centres**

020 8767 2777

www.swllc.org

Provides free legal advice in South West London, including Croydon. Can provide support with applying for utility debt relief and grant applications.

#### **Thames Water Customer** Assistance Fund (SR)

0800 111 4680 contact@twcaf.org.uk www.thameswater.co.uk

Provides support to Thames Water customers who are struggling to pay their water bills. Can also apply to Thames Water Trust Fund for a grant towards an essential household item or other related costs.

#### Warm Home Discount Scheme (SR)

0345 603 9439

www.gov.uk/the-warmhome-discount-scheme

Government heating discount scheme for older people on a low-income. Can receive a £140 discount off heating bills if your energy supplier is part of the scheme, your name (or partner's name) is on your energy bills and you receive the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit. If eligible, you should receive a letter by late December explaining how to apply. If you have not received one, contact the Warm Home Discount Team directly.

## **Educational grants**

#### **Church Tenements Charity** - Education Branch (SR)

020 8726 6000 ext 62317 june.haynes@croydon.gov.uk Grants to people aged up to 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/our-charities/deg Grants to assist women to update skills after employment breaks or to acquire new skills to improve opportunities for employment. Applications run on a yearly cycle.

#### **Disabled Students' Allowances (SR)**

0300 100 0607 (Student Finance England) www.gov.uk/disabledstudents-allowances-dsas Payments to disabled students in higher education (undergraduate or postgraduate course lasting over a year) to help meet additional course costs resulting from their disability. Applicants must qualify for student finance from Student Finance England.

#### **Other Government Support** for Students (SR)

Your university, college or institution may have its own bursary scheme for students on a low-income. For more information on financial support for students on a low income, visit <u>www.gov.uk</u> or contact your educational institution.

#### Family Action (SR)

020 7254 6251

www.family-action.org.uk

Educational Grants Fund gives grants to education with a physical or sensory individuals aged 14 and over on a lowincome to help them start or continue education or training. Applications can be made for additional costs, 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 61402 (Angela Havnes-Ranger) angela.haynesranger@croydon.gov.uk www.croydon.gov.uk/advice/ grants/frankdenning

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 enquiries@hkf.org.uk www.hkf.org.uk

Bursaries for students in severe financial hardship who are experiencing barriers progressing from further to higher education.

#### Lawrence Atwell's Charity (SR)

020 7213 0561 atwell@skinners.org.uk www.atwellcharity.org.uk/form1 Grants for individuals aged 16-26 from households on a low-income to undertake vocational training to help them progress towards employment.

#### **Professionals Aid Council (SR)**

020 7935 0641

Grants of up to £500 for medical, dental or veterinary university students in the final two years of their course. Students must have one or two parents or carers with a university degree or have a first-class undergraduate degree. Also provides grants towards children's education costs.

#### The Snowdon Trust (SR)

01403 732 899 info@snowdontrust.org www.snowdonawardscheme.org.uk Grants to students in post-16 disability 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 provides grants of up to £500 to students in higher education on a full-time basis to help meet extra costs associated with their illness or disability. Students must have applied for Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) before making a grant application.

#### **Thomas Wall Trust**

information@thomaswalltrust.org.uk www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk Grants towards training courses to improve an individual's chances of employment. Applicants must be aged 16 plus, earn an average UK salary or below and face employment barriers.

### Learning to drive



#### Family Fund (SR)

01904 621 115 info@familyfund.org.uk www.familyfund.org.uk

Driving Ambitions grant supports disabled young people to start driving lessons. Applicants must have no experience of driving or driving lessons. Grants can contribute towards the cost of the provisional license, theory test, learning materials and the first taster lesson.

#### Motability Scheme (SR)

Customers of the Motability Scheme aged 16-25 can receive a contribution towards the cost of driving lessons for up to 40 hours of tuition. Applicants must be in full-time education or training and they or their parents must receive a means-tested benefit.

## Other grants

#### The ACT Foundation (SR)

01753 753 900
info@theactfoundation.co.uk
www.theactfoundation.co.uk
Grants to individuals in need,
specifically disabled or older people,
to help towards the costs of shortterm respite breaks at a registered
respite centre. Also provides grants for
equipment under certain conditions.

#### **Bruce Wake Charitable Trust (PR)**

www.brucewaketrust.co.uk
Provides grants to disabled people,
particularly wheelchair users, to access
leisure activities. Applications should
preferably be made by a non-profit
organisation on an individual's behalf
using the online application form.

#### **Croydon Discretionary Support (SR)**

020 8760 5719

www.croydon.gov.uk/advice/benefits/discretionary-support/croydon-discretionary-support
Discretionary payments to support people in times of crisis. Applicants need to be aged 16 or over, resident in Croydon for at least three months and receive an income-related benefit or disability benefit. Awards occur annually and will normally be in the form of gift cards or vouchers.
Cash payments will not be issued.

#### **Disabled Facilities Grant (PR)**

020 8726 6500 (Croydon Adult Social Care) Referral.team2@croydon.gov.uk (Croydon Adult Social Care) www.croydon.gov.uk/housing/ privatehousing/disability 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. The grant is means-tested and individuals will be financially assessed. Contact adult social care to apply. An occupational therapist (OT) will assess your home before a grant is made.

# **Equipment for Independent Living (PR)**

One-off grants to disabled people aged 16 or over to purchase disability equipment. Application forms should be sent to Janet Hillman, Honorary Secretary, 19 Flanchford Road, London W12 9ND

# Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust (PR)

020 7998 8817
ann.griffiths@fnaist.org.uk
www.fnaist.org.uk
Grants to individuals of any age with
an illness or disability to pay for
medical items or services that improve
quality of life, such as convalescent

care. Applications must be made by a health or social care professional, such as a doctor or social worker.

#### **Glasspool Trust (PR)**

020 3141 3161
grants@glasspool.org.uk
www.glasspool.org.uk
Grants to individuals in need for
essential items such as white goods,
travel expenses for hospital visits, and
disability equipment. Applicants are
required to apply for state benefits
and/or local authority support
before making an application.

# The Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation (PR)

01524 263 001 hakf50@hotmail.com Grants to people who have ongoing medical problems and are in severe financial hardship.

#### **Hospital Saturday Fund (PR)**

o20 7202 1365
charity@hsf.eu.com
www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org
Provides grants to individuals with
a medical condition or disability
who would benefit from specialised
equipment or medical treatment.
Grants can cover mobility or
therapeutic equipment, medical
aids, specialised computer
equipment, therapeutic treatment,
home adaptations or a respite
break in a treatment centre.



#### Independence at Home (PR)

020 8427 7929

iah@independenceathome.org.uk www.independenceathome.org.uk Grants for people with a longterm illness or disability on a lowincome towards the cost of home adaptations, equipment or other essential items directly related to their disability. Individuals must not be eligible for statutory funding.

#### League of the Helping Hand (PR)

01444 236 099 secretary@lhh.org.uk www.lhh.org.uk

One-off grants and regular financial support to people experiencing financial hardship due to illness, disability or a caring role. Grants can pay for essential household items such as domestic appliances and specialist equipment. Provides one-off grants towards carer respite breaks.

#### Margaret's Fund (PR)

www.margaretsfund.co.uk
Grants for women with a long-

term illness in financial need to pay for convalescent holidays, disability aids, clothing, food and heating. Applications must be made via a social care professional.

#### Mary Macarthur Holiday Trust (SR)

02920 359 091

cheryl.andrews@mmht.org.uk www.mmht.org.uk

Grants for holidays for women aged over 18 who have not had a holiday for several years. Preference is given to women in, or who have been in, employment. Women who are currently unemployed can also apply.

#### The Matthew Trust (PR)

020 7736 5976 amt@matthewtrust.org www.matthewtrust.org

Grants to people who are experiencing mental health problems to pay for items such as household goods, clothing, and counselling and medical bills. Applicants must have exhausted all other avenues of financial help, including statutory funding. Also provides support to 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
mobility@mobilitytrust.org.uk
www.mobilitytrust.org.uk
Provides powered wheelchairs
and scooters for disabled adults
and children who cannot obtain
them through statutory sources or
purchase equipment themselves.

#### **Newby Trust (PR)**

info@newby-trust.org.uk www.newby-trust.org.uk
Grants of up to £250 for individuals and families on a low-income in a crisis situation. Grants are provided to meet an individual's basic needs.
Applications from organisations only.

#### **Ogilive Charities**

01394 388 746

www.ogilviecharities.org.uk
Provides several charitable grant funds including carer holidays, essential household items and education and training. Contact directly for the

eligibility criteria for each fund.

#### Our Aim Appeals (PR)

020 8748 2382

www.ouraimappeals.org.uk
Provides grants to individuals with
a long-term illness or disability.
Applications are made by hospital
services departments, GPs, hospices
and charities. Grants can be
provided towards specialist aids and
equipment, utility bills, respite, short
breaks for people with a life-limiting
condition and specialist holidays.

#### The Percy Bilton Charity (PR)

o20 8579 2829
percybilton@aol.com
www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk
Grants for people with a long-term
illness or disability, or aged 65 and
over, on a low-income. Social workers,
community psychiatric nurses and
occupational therapists may apply.
Can provide basic household items
including white goods, single beds,
flooring and clothing vouchers.

#### The Respite Association (SR)

01775 820 176
help@respiteassociation.org
www.respiteassociation.org
Funding for respite (short breaks) for
carers on a low-income. Also offers
free breaks for carers at caravans
in Skegness and near Blackpool.

#### **Talisman Charitable Trust (PR)**

www.talismancharity.org
Grants to people living on a lowincome to help with education,
health, housing and disability costs.
Applications can be made in writing
to The Talisman Charitable Trust,
Basement Office, 354 Kennington
Road, London SE11 4LD.



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