

Grants to help Individuals



Teignbridge CVS's remit is to support not-for profit groups. Citizens Advice is able to help individuals.

This document has been created to assist groups identify funding to help individuals.

Please note that it only covers a selection of what grants might be available. There is no guarantee of a grant being given.

The information is correct at the time of publication; however please make sure that you check the websites to ensure you have the latest details. If you know of other sources of funding for individuals, please email us details. If you have any questions about the information covered in this document, please contact CVS at funding@teigncv.org.uk.

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Try these searchable databases first...

Turn2us

Turn2us are a charitable service which helps people access the money available to them through welfare benefits, grants and other help. Their free, accessible website has been designed to help you find appropriate sources of financial support, quickly and easily, based on your particular needs and circumstances. <http://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

Scholarship Search and Scholarship Hub

These websites provide information on support and funding available to help with studies.

Scholarship search: <https://www.postgraduatesearch.com/funding>

Scholarship Hub: <https://www.thescholarship.org.uk/>

1930 Fund for District Nurses

The charity was founded on 10th October 1930, by Mr Ernest Cook with the specific aim of assisting District Nurses in need of financial assistance. Today the objective of the Charity is to provide personal contact and financial support. The Fund will consider applications for assistance from nurses who have worked or are working as community nurses, district nurses, community psychiatric nurses, community midwives, health visitors or school nurses in the Community Health Services. The Fund's stated objective is "relief of community nurses, either generally or individually, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress". There is no upper or lower limit of grant specified in the sponsor's guidelines. An award can either be in the form of a one-off grant for a specific amount or, if more appropriate, a regular payment. These payments may be short or long term, depending on the applicant's circumstances. The Fund will consider applications for assistance from nurses who have worked, or are working, as community nurses, district nurses, community psychiatric nurses, community midwives, health visitors or school nurses in the Community Health Services. Beneficiaries may be working, unemployed or retired and are experiencing financial or health problems. The awards are usually grants to supplement income in cases of hardship. The charity awards grants for the following:

- Home maintenance
- Purchase and installation of mobility aids (where appropriate)
- Living expenses

Tel: 01285 841904 Email: 1930fund@TheTrustPartnership.com
<https://www.1930fundfornurses.org/index.html>

Action for Kids now known as My AFK

My AFK provides mobility equipment for disabled children and young people that are not available on the NHS, such as bespoke powered wheelchairs, specialised trikes and walkers, to disabled children and young people up to age 25. The team will accept applications from or on behalf of anyone up to the age of 25 who cannot get the mobility equipment they need on the NHS.

Email: info@my-afk.org
<https://www.my-afk.org/>

ACT

ACT provides small grants of up to £2,500 to individuals with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for people in need, (specifically the mentally and physically disabled).

The grants provide financial assistance towards the cost of:

- 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.
- Equipment such as specialised wheelchairs or other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living.
- Short-term respite breaks at a registered respite centre.

They will not make grants:

- Which would replace statutory funding;
- Which would pay for work that has already commenced or equipment already purchased or on order;
- For building alterations where a DFG has not been applied for and awarded.

Any grant awarded will not normally exceed £2,500.

As a guide here are some of the grants they have made:

- Stair lifts
- Contributions to disabled bathroom conversions
- Motorised wheelchairs
- Books and equipment for use at specialist colleges
- Respite breaks
- Specialist and other furniture
- Vehicle adaptations

<http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk/ready-to-apply-individual>

Aid for the Aged in Distress

AFTAID consider applications for a wide variety of grant requests, there are many reasons why an older person may find themselves financially stretched beyond their means to the point of genuine distress.

To be able to make any grant they need to have as much information as possible and you will need written support from your Social Worker, Doctor or similar professional of the official care services.

The basic qualification criteria are that the beneficiary of the grant **MUST** be:

- of state pensionable age (60 years old for women and 65 for men)
- a UK citizen, residing in the UK
- on a lower income and have minimal savings

Please note they do not make grants for ongoing or retrospective payments, nor can they consider repayment of debts.

To apply, please make sure the beneficiary meets the above basic criteria and then visit the website which has a few details on what they need to be able to send the full application form to you by return email. The Grant Application Form they will send requests the fundamental information required for them to be sure the call upon their funds is appropriate. Applicants are also requested to include with their application some written support from care professionals (Doctor, Social Worker etc.) who are personally aware of the beneficiary's situation.

Once all the pertinent information has been gathered and verified, a decision is made as quickly as possible. All applicants should be aware that they have to check the information provided, to protect AFTAID and its supporters from fraudulent claims.

<http://www.aftaid.org.uk/grantapp.html>

Alice Cosh Trust

The object of the Alice McCosh Trust is to advance education by providing or assisting with grants for work or study related to natural history and/or the environment.

It is anticipated that the Trustees will award a grant in the region of £600 to £1000. The grant could, for example, cover the cost of a school field trip or project, an expedition as part of a research project or the development of new teaching materials for schools or institutes of higher education.

Applicants should note that:

- Applications should be emailed to the Trust Secretary between 1st October and 30th November each year. (Applications received at other times, or sent by post, will not be considered.)
- People of any age undertaking work or study related to natural history and/or the environment may apply.
- Preference will be given to individuals from (or work relating to) Scotland, England and Turkey.
- Projects involving joining an existing commercial organisation on a pre-paid tour or expedition will not be considered.

A 'Request for Reference' form to be sent to your Referees can be found here.

For further queries or information see website: www.thealicemccoshtrust.org.uk or please e-mail the Trust Secretary on info@thealicemccoshtrust.org.uk.

The Barchester Healthcare Foundation

The Barchester Foundation is a registered charity that helps older people and other adults with a disability lead more fulfilled lives and reach their full potential.

Their mission is to make a difference to the lives of older people and other adults with a physical or mental disability; supporting practical solutions that lead to increased personal independence, self-sufficiency and dignity.

This year their focus is helping older people (65+) in our community, to improve mobility, independence and quality of life. These applicants receive our highest priority in 2012.

- Older people 65+
- Adults (18+) with a physical disability
- Adults (18+) with a mental disability
- Individuals
- Small community groups and charities based

They favour applications that encourage a person's mobility, independence and improved quality of life. Their grants range from £100 up to £5,000.

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

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme

Buttle UK runs the BBC Children In Need's Emergency Essentials Programme, which works seamlessly with their own Small Grants Programme. The needs of the individual

child are paramount to both programmes and reflected in their united mission to make a positive change to the lives of children and young people in need.

BBC Children In Need funds are targeted towards some of the most vulnerable children and young people in the country, including those who may have experienced mental, physical or sensory disabilities; behavioural or psychological disorders; those who are living in poverty; or those who are suffering through distress, abuse or neglect. In providing a bed, or a cooker, or baby equipment they are able to make a real difference to the lives of these vulnerable children and young people living without the basics.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/emergency_essentials.shtml

The British Gas Energy Trust

The Trust awards grants to clear domestic gas and electricity debts and clear other priority debts, including water and sewerage (known as Further Assistance Payments (FAP) or purchase essential household items also known as FAP

The following are examples of the types of Further Assistance Payments you can apply for:

Council Tax Debts - Payment will only be considered in the most exceptional circumstances. Applications must always explain the history and current stage of enforcement.

Other Utility Debts - Payment may be considered where you can show that clearing these debts will enable you to budget better for your current bills. You must attach a copy of your most recent bill or demand for payment showing the up to date balance on your account. In the case of utility arrears, the bill must be based on actual usage, estimates cannot be accepted.

Telephone Debts - Payments for these debts may be considered where there is a serious social or medical need for the phone to remain connected or to be reconnected. Such a need must be supported by evidence from someone like your GP, health visitor or social worker.

Household items - Payments for items such as cookers, washing machines or refrigerators may be made where a special need for the item is shown. We will need a letter from an appropriate professional, e.g. health visitor, social worker or advice worker, confirming your need. If you need the item because of illness or disability in your family, you will also need to send us proof of that illness or disability. The Trust should not be seen as an alternative to Social Fund Community Care Grants.

Boiler Repairs / Replacement - Payment will be considered in exceptional circumstances, particularly where supporting letters from appropriate professionals confirming the need are provided. Quotes for the work will need to be provided prior to an award of a grant and work commencing.

Bankruptcy Deposits / Debt Relief Orders (DRO) - Applicants must not have previously been declared bankrupt nor be a home owner. They must provide a full list of debts and have received advice from a professional advice worker or intermediary. Bankruptcy applications will not be considered from those with assets above a value of £1,000 and total debts less than £15,000. DRO applications MUST include the ID number generated from the Insolvency Service's online application process. Please click here for the Bankruptcy & DRO declaration.

Funeral expenses - A payment may be considered where outstanding funeral expenses are causing hardship. Applications should indicate whether a payment has been received from the Social Fund towards those funeral expenses. Please tell us your relationship with the person who has died and why the estate of the deceased is unable to pay the funeral expenses.

Rent debts - Payment will only be considered in the most exceptional circumstances. Applications must always explain the history and current stage of proceedings and provide supporting documentation.

http://www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/grants_to_individuals/index.html

Buttle Trust

Buttle UK was established to ensure that children and young people in desperate need are given a brighter future. They achieve this through a range of grant programmes that are designed to provide vulnerable individual children and families the support they need to overcome immediate crisis, or ensure the best possible opportunity for a successful education.

Small Grants Programme

This programme provides essential items for children and young people whose development, health and well-being are at risk. It offers basic items, such as a bed, a cooker, a fridge-freezer or a washing machine. In 2009–2010 Buttle UK made 8,887 awards touching the lives of nearly 20,000 disadvantaged individual children and young people across the UK.

<http://www.buttleuk.org/pages/criteria-eligibility-small-grants.html>

School Fees Programme

This programme transforms the lives of vulnerable children (aged 11 and over) by funding places at schools that provide a safe and supportive environment, often for the first time in their lives. Some children, many because of problems at home, do not thrive in mainstream education, and so fail or drop out of school entirely. Buttle UK enables children with medical, emotional or social difficulties to gain a stable and more supportive secondary education. In 2009-2010 alone Buttle UK enabled 304 children to get a better education at over 150 different schools throughout the UK, many of whom completed their GCSEs and went onto further study or employment.

Students & Trainees Programme

This programme awards financial support to young people (aged 16-20), with severe social problems, particularly those who are estranged from their parents, to attend further education and training. By funding course costs, equipment, field trips or basic day-to-day living costs, Buttle UK relieves the financial pressures and worries that often force these vulnerable young people to abandon their studies early. In 2009-2010 Buttle UK enabled 172 young people to access courses as varied as architecture, music technology, business and tree surgery.

Access to the Future Programme

This programme offers bespoke packages of support for hard to reach young people (aged 18-25) to aid their return to education, employment or training. Working with local partner organisations, their grants are targeted at removing the barriers to learning and work for vulnerable young people as well as funding a range of courses, activities and learning that would otherwise be unavailable. The support may vary from something like the cost of security guard training and licence, to driving lessons, or buying suitable cloths

for an interview. Buttle UK aims to provide a complete package designed specifically for each young person that will help them access a better future.

<http://www.buttleuk.org/pages/grant-programmes.html>

Captain Scott Society - Spirit of Adventure Award

The scheme is intended to support groups undertaking adventurous endeavours. In particular, the scheme wishes to fund adventurous "firsts", which have not previously been attempted. Examples of eligible projects include:

- The scaling of unclimbed peaks
- Navigational firsts
- Sporting firsts
- Expeditionary firsts

The value awarded is £2,500. Individuals and groups in the UK are eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is the end of March of any year.

Email: hazejon@talktalk.net

<http://www.captainsscottsociety.com/awards.html>

Children Today

Many people assume that a child or young person with a disability would automatically receive the equipment they need. Sadly, this is not the case.

Many families are unable to get the help they need from local health authorities for major items related to their child's disabilities such as specialised mobility equipment. This means that because of budget constraints or delays, many families have no alternative but to purchase the items themselves, if they can afford it.

Specialised equipment and aids enable disabled children and young people to experience the everyday things that many of us may take for granted, often for the first time in their lives. Whether it's a walking frame to enable them to take their first steps outside or a powered wheelchair enabling them to join their family on a walk, it can literally change their life overnight.

- They deal directly with disabled young people or their parents or legal guardians.
- They will help fund any item of equipment, however specific it may be, if it will help the child to reach their potential.
- They work together with other charities, so can often co-fund when necessary.
- They will help any young person, regardless of their condition or disability, up to the age of 25.
- They will help a young person resident anywhere in the UK, including Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands.

If you think we may be able to help please call us on 01244 335622.

<http://www.childrentoday.org.uk/how-we-can-help>

Devonian Fund

The Devonian Fund helps groups or individuals to alleviate mobility in relation to disability or ill-health.

This fund aims to help people overcome or relieve mobility problems, such as contributing towards the cost equipment that significantly improves individuals' quality of life. It can also help with specialised transport needs, such as accessible coaches or taxis.

The average grant is £500, however larger sums of £1,000 or more may be considered. Each grant is assessed individually.

<http://www.devoncf.com/apply-for-a-grant/devonian-fund/>

EDF Energy Trust

Applications to the EDF Energy Trust are welcomed from individuals and families in need, suffering or other distress.

Applications are welcomed from customers of all energy companies – applications are not restricted to customers of EDF Energy.

The Trust prioritises help to applicants who are clearly struggling to pay their domestic gas and electricity bills.

Only the account holder can apply for a grant to clear a utility debt – gas, electricity, water or sewerage. If the account holder is unable to complete the application form, an explanation must be given why someone else is doing so on their behalf.

The EDF Energy Trust is part of a 'Shared Programme of Giving' with a number of other utility trusts and funds. By applying to the EDF Energy Trust you will automatically be considered for help from any trust or fund within the shared programme. For more information and to find out how to apply click below

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

The Elmgrant Trust

The Elmgrant Trust is a charity which makes grants for charitable purposes to individuals living in the south west of England and to organisations and groups with projects in the south west. By so doing it aims to improve the quality of local life and welfare through education, the arts and social sciences.

The South West includes the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset.

Details of the Elmgrant Trust are available on the Charity Commission Website. The registered charity number is 313398

By post to the Secretary:

The Elmgrant Trust,
The Elmhirst Centre

Email: info@elmgrant.org.uk

Dartington Hall,
Totnes,
Devon
TQ9 6EL

Telephone: 01803 863 160

<http://elmgrant.org.uk/>

Energy Saving Trust

Improving the energy efficiency of your home is one of the simplest ways of saving energy and combating rising energy prices. Finding out what grants and discounts are available is easy. All you need to do is answer some simple questions and they will bring up a list of deals available in your local area.

Because they are an impartial organisation that works closely with a range of providers including government, energy suppliers, retailers and installers you can be sure that the deals recommended are the best around – and not commercially motivated.

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Take-action/Grants-and-Discounts-Database>

Family Action's Welfare Grants

Family Action's Welfare Grants are available for clothing and general household needs such as beds and cookers but we can also help with more varied needs such as communication aids and medical adaptations. While there are no set limits, in general grants are made for £100 to £300. If you need a larger grant they will advise you to also explore funding from other sources or to revise the amount you are seeking before submitting an application.

Funds available for use as Family Action welfare grants are restricted due to a lower return on our investments. As a result they are limiting the periods when they are open to welfare grant applications.

They accept welfare grant applications between the following dates each year:

- 1st - 31st January
- 1st – 30th April
- 1st – 31st July
- 1st – 31st October

These Welfare Grants mainly assist families and individuals with low incomes, particularly those living on benefits. These grants are for the benefit of the whole family, for example, they might make a grant for a washing machine.

Welfare Grant applicants must fall into one or more of the following priority areas to be eligible for funding.

Priority Areas

Mental Health:

- Adults (over the age of 18) with a clinical diagnosis of a mental health problem.
- Parents and expectant parents (over the age of 18) with a drug or alcohol problem.

Domestic abuse:

- Grants to families or individuals in the first 6 months of fleeing the family home and/or the first 6 months after moving into a new home, or the first 6 months after the perpetrator has left the family home.

Older people:

- Support to promote independence, improve the quality of life and reduce isolation for those aged 60 and over.

Young people (aged 19 to 25):

- Grants to support young people living alone (i.e. not living with friends, family, others, including children).

Sickness/disability:

- Grants to pay for treatment or disability aids.

<http://www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=8301>

NB This Trust has reduced income, and may close for applications at short notice.

Family Fund

Family Fund helps families who are raising a disabled child or young person with additional complex needs or children and young people with a serious illness.

You can apply to the Family Fund if:

- You live in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales.
- You are the parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under.
- You have evidence of your entitlement to one the following: Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Income based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support, Incapacity Benefit*, Employment Support Allowance*, Housing Benefit and Pension Credit. If you do not receive any of the above, further information may be needed to complete your application.
- You have permanent legal residency in the UK and have lived in the UK for six months.

*They may need to contact you for further information about your household income.

Help from the Family Fund is discretionary and subject to available funding. The Fund also retains discretion to decline an application where a family has a significant level of capital.

They are unable to help children and young people in local authority care, including those living with foster carers. Where a statutory agency has a responsibility to pay for the item needed, the Fund cannot help.

Due to limited funding, they are unable to help all disabled children. They use their own disability criteria when establishing eligibility.

<http://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants/who-we-help>

Family Holiday Association

The bulk of the Family Holiday Association's work is taken up with helping families in need access a holiday. All the families they help live on a very low income. For them, a holiday is not a luxury; it is an essential break to help them cope with difficult circumstances. It may also be their first ever holiday.

Referrals come from welfare agents, e.g.:

1. Social workers
2. Health visitors
3. Voluntary and statutory agencies
4. Charities such as Barnardos and NSPCC
5. GPs
6. Schools

All applicants need to meet the following criteria

1. The family lives on a low income
2. The family has not been on holiday for the past four years
3. The family has at least one child of three years of age or over
4. The family has been referred by a welfare agent

<http://www.fhaonline.org.uk/singlePage.php?id=77&mpid=11>

Friends of the Elderly

Friends of the Elderly provides grants to alleviate stress and worry. They currently have three types of grants available:

1. Home essentials – to cover the cost of replacing everyday items, small home repairs and mobility adaptations.
2. Digital connection – can be used towards the cost of equipment, such as tablets and smartphones, as well as broadband costs.
3. Financial support – to help with unexpected bills and large costs, such as utility bills, funeral costs or moving fees.

You can apply for a grant if you meet the following criteria: • You are of state retirement age • You live in England or Wales • You are managing on a low income with savings of less than £4,000 • You are not living in a residential care home

Applications need to be made through a referring agent. This can be someone working in local health or social care teams, the Citizens Advice, or other charities and community groups. Tel: 0330 332 1110

Email: hello@fote.org.uk

<https://www.fote.org.uk/>

Gardening for Disabled Trust

The Trust awards grants to individuals in the United Kingdom in order that they may continue to garden, despite disability or advancing illness. The Trust supports individuals in the United Kingdom including: • People with a wide range of disabilities including visual, physical and mental • People who need to re-organise gardens because of health issues • Residents in long stay hospitals or nursing homes who share a garden Applicants are required to become a member of the Trust's Garden Club. Membership is free. The Trust offers the following support: • The adaptation of private gardens to meet the special needs of disabled people • Grants towards tools, raised beds, paving, wheelchair access and greenhouses • Provision of help with special gardens in hospitals, centres and schools • Provide information on garden aids and techniques Applications can be made at any time.

There is no formal application form. Applicants are required to submit an application by letter giving details of the work to be carried out, including an estimate of the cost of the material and tools.

Email: info@gardeningfordisabledtrust.org.uk

<https://www.gardeningfordisabledtrust.org.uk/>

Gibbons Family Trust

The objectives of the Gibbons Family Trust are the care, benefit, support, education and welfare of children and young persons up to the age of twenty five years in Devon and the Isle of Thanet area of Kent. In the case of Devon, preference is to be shown for children and young persons from the East Devon area.

The Trustees have the discretion to assist those fitting the above criteria in the following ways:

1. To award grants to charitable residential and day care establishments for children and young people, including those who are handicapped;
2. To award grants and scholarships for or towards the maintenance and educational advancement, training and recreation of children and young people.

The Gibbons Family Trust does not assist financially with ongoing school or college fees. Neither does the Trust award grants to individual students or young people travelling abroad for work experience or projects

<http://www.gibbonstrusts.org/trust.html>

Henry Smith's Charity - Outings for young people

Applications can be made for grants towards holidays or outings within the UK for children aged 13 and under who are from areas of high deprivation, are experiencing disadvantage, or those who have a disability.

Applications can be considered for holidays or outings that have the objective of providing children with a break they would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. Holidays or outings can be to countryside or city locations, but must be outside the children's immediate locality.

Schools, youth groups, not for profit organisations and charities are all eligible to apply. The maximum grant available is £3,000 for any one trip. Grants are normally limited to a maximum of two-thirds of the total cost of a trip as they would expect some local partnership funding to be in place.

Organisations may apply for funding year on year for a maximum of three years, subject to receipt of satisfactory progress reports. They cannot, however, guarantee that each application will be supported. Each case is judged on its own merits and demand for grants usually exceeds the budget available.

If a satisfactory progress report is not submitted at the end of a grant, further requests for funding will not be considered. * by "areas of high deprivation" they mean those that fall within the bottom third of the National Indices of Deprivation.

You should apply in writing in letter format (maximum of four A4 sides) providing the following information and enclosing your latest accounts: State clearly what your organisation does, who you are, and who your organisation helps; Provide full contact details including a telephone number and email address for the main contact; Details of when and where is the trip to take place, what its aims are, and what you hope the children will gain from the experience; The number of children who will be attending and their ages (if any children are aged 14 and over, they may attend but cannot be funded); A budget breakdown.

Your application should be posted to them with your latest audited or independently inspected accounts (NB: schools are not required to send accounts) to:

Applications – Holiday Grant, The Henry Smith Charity, 6th Floor, 65 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2AD

It usually takes between six and eight weeks for decisions to be made on applications.

For further information please contact Jo Halpin on 0207 264 4983.

www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/notice.html

The John Taylor foundation for young athletes

The John Taylor foundation for young athletes is a charitable trust set up in 2002 to honour John's memory in a fitting way, through the sport that he loved.

The objects of the foundation are:

- The relief of poverty by the provision of financial assistance to young amateur athletes to allow them to pursue opportunities in amateur athletics; and
- The promotion and preservation of good health by raising public awareness of the condition of Cardiomyopathy in athletics

Email enquiries@johntaylorfoundation.org.uk

Junius S Morgan Fund for Nurses

The aim of the Fund is to provide financial or other relief for needy practising and former members of the nursing profession. The maximum award to any individual in any one year will not normally exceed £1,000.

The Trustees consider applications from registered nurses, former nurses and nursing auxiliaries who have practised in the UK for a minimum of five years, post registration, and who find themselves in hardship for a variety of reasons, for example:

- Prolonged physical or mental ill health
 - Broken marriages
 - The death of the primary wage earner, which may have created unforeseen expenditure and debt
- The Fund grants regular cash payments to assist with payments for a variety of purposes. The following list offers examples of eligible expenditure:
- Lighting
 - Heating
 - Telephone charges
 - Household renewal costs (decorating, furniture, furnishings)
 - Television rental and licence fees, as the need arises

Applications must be submitted through a third party who has reviewed the application, such as a Social Worker, a Care Worker or Citizens Advice Bureau.

The third party must not be a family member or friend. An application has to be completed and returned with a supporting letter from the Social Worker or other care agency.

Tel: 020 7399 0110

<https://www.juniusmorgan.org.uk/>

Kids Out

The statistics around domestic violence and especially the involvement of children are shocking and disturbing. For children living with domestic violence home is a place of fear and terror rather than the safe and secure place it should be.

Thankfully, each year more than 20,000 children escape the abusive situation, usually with their mothers, and make their way to Women's refuges across the country.

After a period of around 6-12 months, most of these families move onto their new home. But moving into a strange community can be particularly tough for children – who have usually left home with nothing more than the clothes they were wearing.

KidsOut are here to help these children. They deliver these children a box of brand new toys, age and gender specific. Each Toy Box is filled with games to play, books to read, a teddy to cuddle which they can call their own.

Each Toy Box gives children a sense of normality, making the world seem a kinder place where someone cares. It helps them settle in and make new friends, as they can invite other children home to play with their toys.

<http://www.kidsout.org.uk/toy-box-introduction/introduction>

The League of the Helping Hand

LHH is a national charity providing financial assistance to people who are in hardship due to illness or disability. This includes physical and mental health problems, learning disabilities and people caring for an adult or child with a disability.

Only those who are living on a very low income, receiving the appropriate welfare benefits and have exhausted all other funding sources including statutory funding, local and occupational charities, will be considered for a grant.

Financial assistance may be provided under the following two categories:

One-off Grants

These are generally awarded towards essential household items and specialist equipment not available from statutory agencies. When funds are available, they also offer grants towards carers' breaks.

Regular Beneficiaries

LHH supports around 70 ill and disabled people who have been identified as being in need of on going financial help. Quarterly gifts help contribute towards daily living expenses and regular contact is maintained through quarterly newsletters, birthday and Christmas cards as well as a personal visit from the Secretary once a year where possible.

<http://www.lhh.org.uk/WhowehelpHow>

Macmillan grants

A Macmillan grant is a one-off payment for adults, young people or children with cancer, to cover a wide range of practical needs. This can include things such as heating bills, extra clothing, or a much needed break. Every week over 600 people receive a grant from Macmillan Cancer Support.

You can apply for a Macmillan grant if you have cancer or are still affected by your illness or treatment and:

- your savings amount to no more than £6,000 if you are single, or £8,000 as a couple or family
- your household disposable income (this means the total amount left once you have paid your mortgage, rent or council tax) is under:
 - £170 a week for a single person
 - £289 per couple
 - £85 for each child
 - £119 for each additional adult (only when their income is relevant to the request)

NB: Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance do not count as disposable income.

Since the amount of money available for grants is limited they will usually only be able to offer this kind of support once. Award amounts will vary depending on circumstances and needs but the average grant amount will be £250.

Some of the typical expenses Macmillan grants help with are fares to and from hospital for treatment, heating bills, washing machines and other household items to help make life easier. They also give grants for items that help individuals with cancer continue with activities they enjoy. For example, they gave a grant to a man with cancer of the larynx to help pay for a special swimming device, so that he could still enjoy swimming after his operation.

A grant from Macmillan will not affect the benefits you are entitled to. Any personal or medical information included in your application will be treated confidentially.

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/HowWeCanHelp/FinancialSupport/MacmillanGrants.aspx>

Money Saving Expert Charity

Anyone resident in the United Kingdom over the age of 18 can apply for an individual grant of up to £500 to help pay towards an approved course that will help improve their ability to budget and manage their finances. The money can be used to pay for financial education course fees and other necessary expenses associated with the course. We cannot support any career development or vocational courses.

The 'Grant Approval Panel' (GAP) meets three times a year to discuss application rounds. The closing date for each round will be announced on the website. After a provisional check that your application meets the requirements of the charity and it's correctly filled in, it will be put to the (GAP) whose job it is to distribute the funds. We hope to make a decision within six weeks of the deadline, and will inform all applicants of the outcome after that.

If you have any other queries, first consult the Frequently Asked Questions section. If you can't find an answer there, then contact the Operations Manager:

stuart@msecharity.com

N and P Hartley Memorial Trust

The Trust supports individuals and community organisations benefiting people who have disabilities, older people, young people and people who are sick, including the provision of medical facilities and care for all age groups.

Grants are usually under £10,000. Individuals in need and community organisations, particularly small charities are eligible to apply.

Mrs Virginia Watson,
Arabesque House,
Monks Cross Drive,
Huntington,
York,
Y032 9GW

NPower Fund

The aim of the npower Energy Fund is to help domestic customers of npower who are experiencing hardship and struggling to pay their gas and electricity bills regain a hold on their finances and become financially stable with the ability to meet future bills.

The npower Energy Fund offers two types of grants to domestic customers of npower:

- Grants to clear gas and/or electricity arrears if the client first demonstrates their commitment to achieving financial stability by making regular payments over a three month period for ongoing usage.
- Grants for other essential costs (household debts or needs) through Further Assistance Payments.

Grants are awarded to allow customers of npower to take control of their finances by clearing debts - particularly household energy debts - and helping them meet their future bills.

The Fund operates a three month Provisional Award Scheme. This means that in order to receive an award, an applicant must first demonstrate their commitment to achieving financial sustainability by making payments for their current usage.

Following notification of a provisional award the applicant will need to contact npower to agree an affordable payment scheme, discuss the tariffs available and any other energy efficiency advice and support required. In the three months following an offer of an award, the client must make regular payments covering their usage. Whilst they do this, any debt they have is suspended. If they make sufficient payments, the award is confirmed and the debt is cleared. If the client makes insufficient payments, the award is withdrawn and the debt, together with any further arrears accrued over the three months remains.

An applicant will also be considered for help from any other utility Trusts and Funds managed by Charis Grants for which the applicant is eligible - water, gas or electricity

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

Paul's Fund

You can apply for a grant to stay at Paul's Place for up to a week if you are a young adult aged approximately 18 to 30 and meet one of the following criteria:

- You have been diagnosed with a life limiting, life threatening or terminal illness
- You have been bereaved due to the death of a close relative, your spouse or partner.
- You have a significant, unpaid, caring role for a family member.

Paul's Fund will also pay for another adult accompanying you who may be a friend, relative, spouse, partner or a carer (unless their costs are met by their employer). This person may be of any age 18 or over.

At the discretion of the Fund Administrator, and depending on circumstances, the Fund may also pay for up to a further four people comprising close family members or friends (of any age). Please discuss with the Administrator before applying.

For each person, the grant will pay the full cost of staying at The Old Bakery for up to a week on a Bed and Breakfast basis. It will also cover the cost of using a guest pass to Putsborough Beach car park for the week.

The Fund will also make a grant towards travelling costs and other meals - please see the application Guidance Notes for details.

They would normally expect applications to be made by a professional on behalf of the qualifying Young Adult, but they can be made by a close relative or friend, or by the Young Adult themselves.

Before filling out the form, you may wish to talk to Alison Woodbridge-Nash, who deals with applications, on 0117 949 1378 or 0740 342 4369.

Check availability by contacting David and Pippa at The Old Bakery and making a provisional reservation. This is also your opportunity to discuss the facilities available with the owners to ensure it is suitable for you. Phone 01271 891076 or 0779 398 0760 or email theoldbakery11@virginmedia.com

Or scan the signed form and e-mail it as a pdf file to paulsfund11@virginmedia.com

The Percy Bilton Charity

The aim of this programme is to provide urgent one off financial assistance for essential items to the beneficiaries defined below, up to £200. The Charity will consider giving assistance on a one-off basis for specific essential items to individuals on low incomes and in distressed circumstances and who are within the categories stated below:

- Older People - Individuals aged over 65 on low income
- Disabled People - Children or adults with a physical/learning disability or serious illness on low income or adults with a severe and enduring mental health problem which prevents them from working.

They can help with essential items of need such as:

- Laundry equipment
- Cooking appliances
- Heating appliances
- Essential furniture, beds & bedding or floor coverings
- Essential clothing and footwear

The following are eligible to apply:

- Only Social Workers, CPNs or Occupational Therapists working within the Local or Health Authority may apply on behalf of individuals who are on a low income and have a serious illness, disability or are over 65 on low income
- We are not able to help individuals outside the above groups
- We do not accept or acknowledge applications made by individuals directly or from any other agency
- Please do not reapply for the same person within 12 months of any previous grant
- Applications should always be first made to statutory sources and any appropriate specialist charity (e.g. Medical charities, employment related funds, armed forces funds).

Social Workers should contact the Charity by phone for an application form which will be sent by email. The form must be completed in full and returned to them by email. Alternatively, the form may be posted to us together with a covering letter on Local or Health Authority headed notepaper. Incomplete application forms will not be considered or acknowledged.

You may apply at any time during the year.

The Local or Health Authority must have a bank account in its own name and be able to bank and administer grants on their behalf as they cannot make payments to any other agency and not to any individual.

<http://www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk/application-individuals.htm>

Ron Pickering Memorial Fund

Applications are invited for grants from young track and field athletes who are in education and may need financial help towards training or provision of equipment.

Applicants must be aged between 15 and 23 years, medalists from their National Schools AA, AAA U17, & U20 or U23 Championships or in the top six of the appropriate UK ranking lists.

The grant application process starts each year on October 1st, with completed forms submitted online by November 30th.

http://www.rpmf.org.uk/grants_new.asp

St. Jude's Trust

The scheme is intended to support general charitable purposes, particularly projects which aid the disadvantaged or disabled. Individuals and not-for-profit organisations in the UK are eligible to apply. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Grants tend to range between £300 and £1,500, however larger grants can also be awarded. The Trust does not maintain a website or email address. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Mr R G Millman - Administrator St. Jude's Trust Druces LLP Salisbury House London Wall London EC2M 5PS

Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances

All the women that they help:

- live alone

- have limited savings
- receive Pension Credit or some other means tested benefit
- are not eligible for help from any other charity

They help these women in a number of ways:

- with regular allowances paid monthly
- by paying for their TV licences and telephone rental charges
- by sending birthday and Christmas cards to our regular beneficiaries, some of whom receive no other cards
- by sign-posting to other potential sources of funding

The Society no longer makes one-off essential needs grants.

The Society assists women domiciled and habitually resident in the United Kingdom who are living alone in their own home (either owned or rented) and in genuine financial need, irrespective of social status. They generally assist women who are not eligible for help from any other trade, professional or Service benevolent fund. Unfortunately at the present time they cannot consider applications from women who are students or are working for 16 hours or more per week. Some purposes for which they are unable to offer assistance are listed on another page, together with suggestions where help may be found.

All beneficiaries are receiving means-tested benefits of some kind. At present they consider women for regular assistance where they have savings of less than £8,000. These criteria are subject to periodic review by the Trustees.

For an informal discussion please telephone us on 0300 3651886 - the helpline is open Monday - Friday 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. - or complete the enquiry form and we will call you.

http://www.salrc.org/guide%20to%20grants%20for_individuals.htm

Smallwood Trust The Trust's mission is to enable women to become financially resilient by equipping them with the skills they need to secure a confident financial future. We provide grants to organisations and individuals and work with selected partners to help women overcome financial adversity and to improve their social and emotional well-being. The Trust has been helping women on low incomes since 1886, more than 130 years. Her Majesty The Queen has been our patron since 1953.

Tel: 0300 3651886 Email: info@salrc.org.uk
<https://www.smallwoodtrust.org.uk/>

Sydney Dean Whitehead's Charitable Trust

The trustees apply their funds towards supporting parents with the educational costs of their children and respond more readily to appeals relating to children with special talents, particularly in the artistic fields. 42 They also respond more readily to appeals which show that there is an element of self-help already in operation and where a lack of finance could preclude children from receiving the type of education their particular 'gift' merits.

Apply to the Secretary, in writing (including SAE):

Ernest and Young Sydney Dean Whitehead's Charitable Trust 1 Barbirolli Square
 Manchester M1 3EY Tel: 01225 486100

The Triangle Trust 1949 fund

The objects of the Trust are the education and alleviation from poverty of past or present employees, and their dependants, of the pharmaceutical industry; the promotion of a good standard of health in the community, including recreational facilities and medical welfare; such charitable purposes as the trustees may determine.

Trustees have established the following priorities within these objects:

- (a) grants to individuals in need who are or have been employed in the pharmaceutical industry for a minimum of 2 years and resident in the UK, or their dependants.
- (b) grants to individuals in need made through block grants to a number of selected agencies

<http://thetriangletrust1949fund.org.uk/Guidelines.htm>

Variety Club

Sometimes it's the small things that make a really big difference. A specially adapted car seat costing just a few hundred pounds, for example, might mean that a family with a disabled child can finally go on simple trips and outings, as a family. The Variety Club has always welcomed applications from individuals with a specific need.

They recognise the huge demands, both emotional and financial, that caring for a sick or disabled child can make. They do what they can to make life a little easier for families in difficulty by providing the vital daily items that are often overlooked and yet add up to many thousands of pounds every year – for example, bath mats and hoists, mobility equipment, learning and communication equipment, plastic sheets and feeding tubes.

For further information please contact the Grants Programme Manager on 020 7428 8100, or grants@varietyclub.org.uk

<http://www.varietyclub.org.uk/how-we-help/individuals>

The Violet Clegg Fund

The Trust runs one main small grants programme (The Violet Clegg Fund) throughout the year. All other grant programmes are one-offs and are run for a limited period of time for a specific purpose.

The Violet Clegg Fund awards grants of up to £250 for applications that fall within two main categories; these being Overcoming Hardship or Community Benefit. Grants can either be for a specific purpose/item or meeting the overall costs of such a purpose or item.

Category 1 grants are those that are of benefit to Gypsies and Travellers who are experiencing exceptional hardship. By exceptional hardship they mean situations that go beyond the general hardships experienced by the Gypsy and Traveller community on a day to day basis. Examples of this might be such things as repair costs for damage or loss caused by fire, relief for individuals suffering from severe ill health or disability, children with special needs, or families experiencing domestic violence.

Category 2 grants are those that are of benefit to a community. Examples of this might be exchange trips between residents on different sites, improving or providing safe play

areas or equipment or other activities that are of general benefit to members of a community.

This is a rolling grants programme so there is no deadline and applications can be sent in at any time. Please read the full grant guidelines for more details of this programme

<http://www.travellersaidtrust.org/grants/>

The Wrightson Trust

The Trust founder - Miss Wrightson had a passionate belief in encouraging and promoting talent amongst young musicians. The charitable trust was founded to administer funds and provide grants for qualifying cases.

Applications are invited primarily from individuals, and also very occasionally groups and charitable organisations.

- They generally aim to benefit those of secondary school age (usually 11+). From September 2018 the lower age limit will be 11+ to 18 years
 - Disbursements include payment for lessons, choir/orchestra tour fees, music colleges etc
 - Assistance varies according to circumstances. Distributions have ranged between £100 and £800 • Grants are either "one offs" or reviewable annual payments for a specific period
 - Three grants per person is normally the maximum the trust gives
 - Two letters of support from the candidate's tutors/teachers
- Email: info@wrightsontrust.co.uk

<http://wrightsontrust.co.uk/>