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FACTSHEET





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Introduction

Someone who needs help to buy an item of equipment may consider approaching organisations that gives grants for this purpose. For example, in the past, SIA members have been helped by all of the grant providers listed below. Details of each organisation's application process can be found on its website.

More generally, there are several useful publications on applying for grants. Details of some of these are at Appendix A to this factsheet. There are also a number of helpful websites, more information on a few of which can be found at Appendix B to this factsheet. Finally, potential grant applicants may wish to seek advice from their local Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Services Department or disability organisations.

The ACT Foundation

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Windsor
Berkshire SL4 1QW
@: info@theactfoundation.co.uk
W: www.theactfoundation.co.uk

ACT provides grants to individuals with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for those in need (including the physically disabled). Applicants must be permanent UK residents.

Examples of grants which ACT will consider include: building applications where a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) has been awarded, but there is a shortfall; mobility aids; specialised home and car seating; specialised beds and sleep systems; communication aids and specialised software; respite at a registered centre (for the applicant only); and vehicle adaptations.

Aspire Grants

The Aspire Grants Officer
Aspire
Wood Lane
Stanmore
Middlesex HA7 4AP
T: 0208 420 6707
@: kim.elliott@aspire.org.uk
W: www.aspire.org.uk



Aspire Grants are available to anyone living in the UK or Ireland with a spinal cord injury. Grants provide assistance with the purchases of equipment such as: manual wheelchairs; powered wheelchairs; power assist equipment; laptops/computers; assistive technology; hand bikes; sports wheelchairs; and other equipment giving greater independence.

The Buttle UK for Children and Young People

Offices in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales

T: 0207 828 7311

@: info@buttleuk.org

W: www.buttleuk.org

Buttle's mission is the maintenance, education and advancement in life of children and young people who through poverty and family circumstances are in need of, and will benefit significantly from, its support.

Eaton Fund for Artists, Nurses and Gentlewomen

The Eaton Fund

PO Box 528

Fleet GU51 9HH

T: 020 3289 3209

W: <https://eatonfund.org.uk/>

Grants are given to UK-resident artists (except performing artists), nurses and women. Donations are made once only to each individual for a specific item or purpose. For example, contributions have been made towards wheelchairs in cases of impaired mobility. Grants can't be considered for recurring expenses.

Turn2Us (Elizabeth Finn)

Elizabeth Finn Fund

Hythe House

200 Shepherds Bush Road

London W6 7NL

W: www.turn2us.org.uk

Using the "Grants Search" tool on Turn2us's website, individuals can look through 3,000 charitable funds across the country, to find out if they might be eligible for support.

Turn2Us also gives direct help through a range of funds administered directly by the charity. These include the Elizabeth Finn Fund.



The Elizabeth Finn Fund provides one-off and recurring grants for people who are British or Irish and have a professional or similar background or connection, and their dependents.

Full details regarding eligibility, the application process, etc, can be accessed via the above website.

Family Fund

Unit 4
Alpha Court
Monks Cross Drive
Huntington
York YO32 9WN
T: 01904 550055
@: info@familyfund.org.uk
W: www.familyfund.org.uk

The Family Fund helps families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under.

The fund will consider any grant request that relates to the needs of a disabled or seriously ill child, young person and their family. This might be furniture, clothing, bedding, kitchen appliances, sensory toys, computers or tablets, a family break, or maybe something to help with college for 16 and 17 year olds.

Family Action

Grants Service
24 Angel Gate
City Road
London
EC1V 2PT
T: 0207 254 6251
@: info@family-action.org.uk
W: www.family-action.org.uk

Family Action's grants programmes complement its aims to strengthen families and communities, build skills and resilience and improve the life chances of everyone it works with. Family Action's small grants programmes focus of the two areas of "Welfare" and "Education".

The welfare grants programme aims to help an immediate crisis (e.g. a broken washing machine) from spiralling and threatening the stability of families and individuals.



Family Action's educational grants programme helps individuals to begin their studies as well as supporting existing students to continue and complete their studies.

Full details about grant eligibility and the application process are given on Family Action's website. Alternatively, the Grants Team can be contacted at grants.enquiry@family-action.org.uk.

The Florence Nightingale Aid-in-Sickness Trust

Grants & Funding Manager
Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust
Community House
Room F35
South Street
Bromley BR1 1RH
T: 0207 998 8817
@: ann.griffiths@fnaiest.org.uk
W: www.fnaist.org.uk

Currently, this Trust is considering requests for funding for people of all ages who are sick, in poor health or disabled and require medical items and services to improve their quality of life. For example, grants may be given for the likes of: riser/recliner chairs; manual and electric wheelchairs; wheelchair power packs; mobile hoists, and specialist software.

The Headley Trust

The Peak
5 Wilton Road
London Victoria
London SW1V 1AP
T: 0207 410 0330
W: www.sfct.org.uk

The Headley Trust is one of the Sainsbury's Family Charitable Trusts. One of the things that The Headley Trust does is to provide small grants for disabled people.



Independence at Home

Kate Williams

4th Floor

Congress House

14 Lyon Road

Harrow HA1 2EN

T: 020 8427 7929

@: iah@independenceathome.org.uk

W: www.independenceathome.org.uk

Independence at Home may be able to help if someone, or a member of their family, has a long-term illness or disability and needs financial help towards the cost of equipment, home adaptations, or other essential items to improve independence, comfort, safety and quality of life at home.

Applicants must be in financial need and unable to afford the equipment or building work themselves or to obtain the funding that they require from statutory services. Independence at Home's grants are often used together with funds raised from other charities and sometimes from statutory services to complete purchases.

Individuals have to be referred to Independence at Home by a professional worker from health, social care or via a charity that is in contact with them or a family member.

Margaret's Fund

Margaret's Fund

P.O. Box 135

Buntingford SG11 2XJ

@: support@margaretsfund.org

W: www.margaretsfund.co.uk

The Fund only gives grants to women who are in financial need and who are in ill-health or suffering from a health-related problem. Grants are made for: aids for disability; extra comforts; convalescent holidays; clothing; extra nourishment; and extra heating. Poor women are also assisted by way of disability grants, funding for electric mobility, for finance for medical equipment and so on.



Mark Davies Injured Riders Fund (MDIRF)

Lancrow Farmhouse
Penpillick Hill
Penpillick
Cornwall PL24 2SA
T: 01726 813 156
@: rosemary@mdirf.co.uk
W: www.mdirf.co.uk

The MDIRF supports people who have suffered from an accident around horses and where other relief is inadequate or unobtainable and they have nowhere else to turn. The Fund helps those from all walks of life and irrespective of whether an accident has happened on or around horses and at home or at a riding event.

MDIRD assists by providing help to access professional medical and legal advice. Also, by providing practical help where it is most needed. In the past, the Fund has provided wheelchairs, specialised beds, house adaptations, stair lifts and physiotherapy.

Motability

Motability Operations Ltd
City Gate House
22 Southwark Bridge Road
London SE1 9HB
T: 0300 456 4566
Minicom: 0300 037 0100
W: www.motability.co.uk

The Motability Scheme enables disabled people to lease a new car, scooter or powered wheelchair by exchanging their mobility allowance. Those receiving either the Higher Rate Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance (HRMC DLA), the Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of Personal Independence Payment (ERMC PIP), the War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement (WPMS) or the Armed Forces Independence Payment (AFIP) may also be eligible to join the Motability Scheme.



Mobility Trust

Mrs Denise Valentine
Mobility Trust
19 Reading Road
Pangbourne
Reading
Berkshire RG8 7LR
T: 0118 984 2588
@: mobility@mobilitytrust.org.uk
W: www.mobilitytrust.org.uk

The Trust helps individuals who are in desperate need of a powered wheelchair and cannot obtain one through statutory sources or afford to purchase equipment themselves.

Applicants should explain to the Trust why they need equipment, giving details of any disabilities they have and the cause of them. They should also provide details of the benefits they receive.

Help Musicians UK

7-11 Britannia Street
London WC1X 9JS
T: 0207 239 9100
@: info@helpmusicians.org.uk
W: www.helpmusicians.org.uk

Help Musicians UK is the leading UK charity for professional musicians of all genres, from starting out through to retirement. The charity recognises the strains that long-term illness and disability can place on musicians and it provides specialist advice and support to help improve quality of life. Individuals should contact Help Musicians UK if a serious injury or disability means they are unable to work in the long-term or ever again. Also, if they need a lot of support to carry on working as a musician, or need help to retrain so they can earn a living in an alternative career.

Cavell Nurses' Trust

Grosvenor House
Prospect Hill
Redditch
Worcestershire B97 4DL
T: 01527 595999
Low Cost Helpline: 0300 365 365 5
@: admin@cavellnursestrust.org
W: www.cavellnursestrust.org



The Cavell Nurses' Trust helps registered nurses, midwives, healthcare assistants and retired nurses. One way which it helps is grant provision. Anyone applying for a grant is required to be: a UK resident; have less than £4,000 in savings; and be in need.

The Percy Bilton Charity

Administrator
Bilton House
7 Culmington Road
Ealing
London W13 9NB
T: 0208 579 2829
W: www.percy-bilton-charity.org

The Percy Bilton Charity gives assistance to disabled individuals on low incomes and in distressed circumstances. It can help with the likes of: washing machines; electric cookers; fridges/freezers; beds and bedding; vacuum cleaners and portable heaters; carpets/flooring; and essential clothing and footwear. Importantly, only Support Workers working within a local council or NHS trust may apply on behalf of disabled persons.

The Prince's Trust

National Offices in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. Freephone: 0800 842 842
T: 0207 543 1234
Advice Line: 0800 842 842
W: www.princes-trust.org.uk

The Prince's Trust provides help and support for young people. This includes: mentoring programmes; personal development courses; vocational courses; support and funding for business ideas; and help with motivation, self-confidence and gaining life-changing skills.

Regain Sports Charity

78 Shirburn Road
Watlington
Oxfordshire OX49 5BZ
T: (Grants) 020 8807 1955
@: enquiries@regainsportscharity.com
W: www.regainsportscharity.com

Regain helps people who've had a sports-related spinal cord injury resulting in tetraplegia/quadriplegia. Money is available to provide them with the specialist equipment that they need to achieve greater independence and quality of life.



Scotscare

22 City Road
London EC1Y 2AJ
Freephone: 0800 652 2989
T: 0207 240 3718
@: info@scotscare.com
W: www.scotscare.com

ScotsCare offers a range of services to Scots and children of Scots living within 35 miles of Charing Cross in London. Such services include independent advocacy services, to help resolve issues and concerns about health and social care services (helping individuals stay in control of decisions made concerning them). To help ease money worries, ScotsCare also offers help with the cost of buying essential household items, etc.

The Sequal Trust

3 Ploughmans Corner
Wharf Road
Ellesmere
Shropshire SY12 0EJ
T: 01691 624222
@: info@thesequaltrust.org.uk
W: www.thesequaltrust.org.uk

The Sequal Trust is committed to bridging the communications gap for disabled people of all ages throughout the UK. The Trust's aim is to help disabled individuals reach their full potential through the provision of suitable communication equipment. Simply, to provide the means to set lively minds free.

The Snowdon Trust

Unit 18 Oakhurst Business Park,
Wilberforce Way
Southwater
Horsham
West Sussex
RH13 9RT
T: 01403 732899
@: info@snowdontrust.org.uk
W: www.snowdontrust.org.uk



The Snowdon Award Scheme has now changed to Snowdon Trust. It provides grants to help cover the additional disability-related costs of study, for physically disabled students in Further or Higher Education or vocational training in the UK. The Scheme will not usually meet costs that have to be borne by all students, such as fees, books or standard accommodation. Grants ranging from £250 to £2,500 are made for a range of extra needs that are not being met by statutory or other sources.

Tourism for All UK

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44 Appleby Road
Kendal
Cumbria LA9 6ES
T: 0845 124 9971
@: info@tourismforall.org.uk
W: www.tourismforall.org.uk

Tourism for All UK is the UK voice for accessible tourism. A break or a holiday, or a simple day trip, is important, giving individuals something to look forward to, time to enjoy families, a chance for adventure, or perhaps some time to themselves, to recover, and acquire memories of happy times. In the past, disabled people and their carers (plus others in society) have encountered barriers to participation in tourism. Tourism for All UK works hard to overcome these barriers. Amongst other things, it gives useful accessibility information and details of offers and places to go.

WellChild

16 Royal Crescent
Cheltenham GL50 3DA
T: 01242 530007 (Helping Hands Project Manager)
@: info@wellchild.org.uk
W: www.wellchild.org.uk/

There are thousands of children and young people in the UK living with a long-term or complex health condition. Well Child works to ensure the best possible care and support for all these children and their families, wherever they are and whenever they need it. For example, Well Child's nurses play a crucial role in enabling children to leave hospital and be cared for at home, reducing the practical, emotional and financial impact for families.

As another example, Well Child Helping Hands is a unique home improvement programme which, with the support of volunteer teams from local companies and organisations, tackles garden and bedroom make-overs.



Appendix A - Publications on applying for grants

The Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need

Authors: Rachel Cain & Jennifer Reynolds

Publisher: Directory of Social Change (DSC)

Available from: www.dsc.org.uk

Regularly revised publication for individuals and families in need of emergency financial help. This comprehensive, up-to-date and easy to navigate guide simplifies the often difficult task of finding the most appropriate support. It contains details of over 1,500 trusts and outlines at-a-glance eligibility criteria, amounts available and how to apply. There is also extensive advice on how to select funds and make successful applications, as well as a directory of useful organisations.

Annual publication, which is the essential handbook for those seeking help, providing advice services or referencing charity information. It gives instant access and up-to-date information on over 2,000 regional and national charities, as well as nearly 2,000 voluntary and independent organisations. There are also extensive listings for local organisations (e.g. Citizens Advice Bureau, Law Centres and associations of and for disabled people).

The Directory of Grant-making Trusts

Author: Gabriele Zagnojute

Publisher: Directory of Social Change (DSC)

Available from: www.dsc.org.uk

Regularly updated publication giving all the information that an individual needs to potentially gain a share of around £4 billion. Entries outline grant makers' selection criteria, how to apply and what kinds of projects they fund. Readers can go straight to the most relevant funders, thanks to extensive indexes. Grant makers are distinguished by geographical area, field of interest, type of beneficiary and type of grant available.



Appendix B - Websites

Grants For Individuals - [Link](#)

This website claims to have more sources, more commentary and more analysis than anywhere else. It enables individuals to instantly identify grants for people experiencing hardship or for educational purposes. Users enter criteria specific to their needs and find the trusts most likely to fund them, how much they are likely to give, any exclusions that they may have, and how to apply. So, people won't waste time trawling numerous websites and thousands of words and won't make applications for which they've little chance of securing funding. An incredible time-saver!

Website features include: over £362 million available each year; over 3,500 trusts operating locally and nationally; non-statutory sources of help for individuals experiencing hardship; non-statutory help for people in education who are in financial need, up to first degree level; educational aid for fees, school uniforms, books, outings and disability-related equipment; extra lessons, musical or sporting equipment; and aid for hardship (e.g. food vouchers).

Charity Commission - [Link](#)

The website of the Charity Commission for England and Wales, which details all Charity Commission services and available information. Also, an online "Search for a charity" database.

Charity Choice - [Link](#)

Amongst other information, this website includes an online "Find a charity" database containing details of over 160,000 charities. Users can search for a charity by name or number. Or they can browse charities by Charity Sector.

Disability Grants - [Link](#)

This website enables disabled users, parents and carers to save time finding Disability Grants. Charities and Trusts provide funding towards the high cost of disability equipment, holidays, housing, days out.... In fact, anything above and beyond the normal costs of everyday living. Individuals can discover what's available nationally and in their local area by searching the individual sections of the website.

GrantsExpert - [Link](#)

A lot of ideas, no matter how good or beneficial they are, need funding to put them into practice. Unless such money is available, the best projects can soon founder. The GrantsExpert website helps to improve this situation. By providing an abundance of articles about UK grants and funding schemes, it gives everyone a chance to obtain the financial support needed for an idea.

For more information, contact us at:

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2 Trueman Place, Milton Keynes, MK19 6HY

0800 980 0501 (freephone support line open Mon-Fri 10.00am-4.30pm)

sia@spinal.co.uk



About SIA

Spinal Injuries Association (SIA) is the leading national charity for anyone affected by spinal cord injury. We have specialist support available, for free, to support you through the mental and physical challenges you may face, both now and for the rest of your life.

Our support network is coordinated by a team of people, across the UK, who can put you in touch with our network of experts and trusted partners, covering all aspects of mind, body and life, to help you move forward with life. Our partners specialise in services such as legal, care, housing, finance, mental health and much more.

We are the voice of spinal cord injured people, through our expertise and we can connect you to the services and organisations you need through our network for all.

You can join the SIA community by signing up for free online at www.spinal.co.uk.

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