

# Funder List – Individuals & Families

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This is one of 20+ funder lists from the free [Charity Excellence Framework](#) Maximising Income questionnaire. Double click the funder name to be taken to their website.

## Searchable Databases & Funder Lists

1. [Buttle.org](#) – links to a whole range of charitable funders.
2. [Charity Commission](#) - advanced search function. Select 'How the charity operates' from the drop down menu and then click on 'Makes grants to individuals' box – there are more than 29,000.
3. [Disabled Children](#) - grants to families.
4. [Disability Grants](#) – searchable – equipment, families, children, holidays.
5. [Education](#) - produced for Scotland, but includes national trusts, as well.
6. [Money Saving Expert](#) – wide range of charity, government and company grants for those on low incomes.
7. [Help Musicians](#) – funding wizard.
8. [The Princes Trust](#) – a whole variety of organisations that will consider funding for young people in a range of areas.
9. [Turn2Us](#) – enables you to search for grants for individuals, using a range of criteria.

## Individual Funders

1. [Actors Benevolent Fund](#) - professional actors, actresses and stage managers Financial assistance for those unable to work.
2. [Actors' Childrens' Trust](#) - grants and advice to actor-parents and their children
3. [a-n Artist Bursaries](#) - Time Space Money, plus financial support for artists and arts organisers.
4. [Allen & Nesta Ferguson](#) - gap year funding.
5. [Artist General Benevolent Fund](#) - professional artists and their dependents in England, Wales or Northern Ireland who cannot work or earn.
6. [BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme](#) - to meet the needs of UK children living in severe poverty, suffering deprivation as a result and who are facing additional social issues. May fund essential household items.
7. [Bernicia Foundation](#) - inspirational young people aged 24 and under.
8. [COSARAF](#) - Applications from from recognised social organisations, on behalf of a family or individual in need. Grants of up to £2k pa, with most grants £500-£1,000. Added 2 Apr 20.
9. [Crisis - Financial Grants](#) - if you are at risk of becoming homeless or are unable to provide the basic essentials for your family.
10. [Dance Fund](#) - financial grants to dance professionals of all ages.

11. **Dickie Bird Foundation** - individuals in the UK, to help disadvantaged young people (under the age of 16) - essential sports equipment and clothing.
12. **Disabled Facilities Grants** - for individuals.
13. **Dr Meena Sharma Memorial Foundation** - disadvantaged women in India and UK, and collaborations helping women and children in India. Apply to MSM Foundation, 14 Magdalene Road, Walsall, WS1 3TA.
14. **Elizabeth Finn Fund** - for people in financial hardship.
15. **Equity Charitable Trust** - educational grants for professional performers to retrain and re-qualify in a different field and one-off welfare grants
16. **Fund for Human Need** - one off grants to people in distress, particular focus on being homeless. Needs a referral from charity or agency.
17. **Family Action Welfare Grant** - grants for needs such as cookers, clothing etc. email [grants.enquiry@family-action.org.uk](mailto:grants.enquiry@family-action.org.uk)
18. **Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust** - people who are ill, convalescent or disabled to provide medical, disability and household aids that enable people to manage at home and live as independently as possible.
19. **Forces for Warmth** - currently serving and veterans, too alleviate the impact of fuel poverty, advice and some funding.
20. **Fredericks Foundation** - access to small business loans to people excluded from mainstream credit in order to create choice not charity.
21. **Friends of the Elderly** - people of state retirement age living in England and Wales on a low income to cover home essentials, digital connection or financial support.
22. **Gilchrist Educational Trust** - full-time students at a British University facing unexpected financial difficulties. Also students who are required to spend a short period studying abroad.
23. **Glasspool** – small grants to individuals in need.
24. **Hazels Footprints Grants** - funding for educational volunteering in a developing country for at least 6 months.
25. **Headway** - up to £500 in the immediate aftermath of brain injury, to help adult brain injury survivors and their families cope with the sudden practical implications.
26. **Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation** - Grants to support on-going medical conditions from £100 to £500 for hospital travel costs, household items, disability equipment etc. Applications in writing by social worker or other professional.
27. **Help for Musicians** - Health and Welfare grants, Creative development grants – plus help for those with long-term illness.
28. **Independence at Home** - long term illness or disability - financial help for equipment, home adaptations or other essential items to improve your independence, comfort, safety and quality of life at home.

29. [Lawrence Atwell's Charity - Individuals Programme](#) - Grants for young people (aged 16 to 26 years) from low-income backgrounds, to help them gain vocational, accredited qualifications so that they can move into employment.
30. [Lifeline 4 Kids](#) - respite and holidays for children with disabilities and special needs.
31. [Live Events PSA Stagehand Welfare and Benevolent Fund](#) - small grants to help tide people over or retrain for those who work in the live event production industry.
32. [Make-A-Wish Foundation](#) - life changing experiences for seriously ill children.
33. [Mayor of London – Stronger Communities Fund](#) - local grassroots organisations, groups and individuals who typically find it hard to access funding for London projects to encourage and support social integration through physical activity.
34. [Mobility Trust](#) - powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters for severely disabled children and adults who cannot obtain them through statutory sources or purchase such equipment themselves.
35. [Mrs F B Laurence's Charitable Trust](#) - registered charities; focus on social welfare and disadvantaged people. Will consider applications from smaller organisations, particularly those that find attracting funding difficult.
36. [Mummys Star](#) - supporting families by providing some financial relief when most needed.
37. [Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children](#) - specialist equipment and nursing for children with complex and life limiting conditions.
38. [Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Ideas & Pioneers Fund](#) - early development of ideas with unusual promise to improve life for individuals and communities in the UK.
39. [Percy Bilton Charity](#) - disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (persons under 25); people with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities or mental health problems); older people (aged over 60).
40. [PRS Foundation](#) - women, trans and non-binary songwriters and composers of all genres and backgrounds at different stages of their career.
41. [Rainy Day Trust](#) - those who have worked for company involved in the home improvement or enhancement industry for one year.
42. [Royal Variety Charity](#) - for all people that have worked professionally in the entertainment industry, financial assistance, plus residential and care home.
43. [Royal Society of Musicians](#) – help may be offered in many ways: living expenses, rehabilitation, counselling, referrals to specialised practitioners, or consultations with financial advisors.
44. [Rufford Foundation Small Grants](#) - individuals and small groups involved in nature/biodiversity conservation projects in the developing world.
45. [Split Infinitive Trust](#) - Grants for organisations and individuals in the UK for projects that support live and performance arts, in general and in education.

46. [The Boparan Charitable Trust](#) - small grants for disabled or terminally ill children. Families can complete the application form and a supporting letter from professional (e.g. Social Worker or GP) is also generally required.
47. [The League of the Helping Hand](#) - people who are in hardship due to illness or disability. Essential household items and specialist equipment not available from statutory agencies and for fares, travel expenses and regular travel costs for hospital visiting.
48. [The Hilda Martindale Trust](#) - up to £3000 for training or courses to follow a profession in areas where women are under-represented.
49. [The Lawn Tennis Association](#) – grants to individuals.
50. [The National Benevolent Institution](#) - to supplement income and one off grants for emergencies. Must be in receipt of benefits and have a referee such as a social worker.
51. [The Rob George Foundation](#) – sports funding for young people.
52. [The Talisman Charitable Trust](#) - Grants for education, health, housing and disability.
53. [Universal Music UK Sound Foundation](#) - Instrument and Equipment Awards - schools, individual students and teachers to improve access to music through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and equipment.
54. [Westminster Amalgamated Charity](#) - the relief of need, grants to individuals in Westminster.

Lastly, not usually grants, but the [St Vincent De Paul Society](#) provides a whole range of services to those in need across the UK.

## Can you help?

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