



**Cumbria Youth Alliance**

# August 2021 Funding Gazette



This is a fast-changing environment so always check out the websites before applying for any of the funding listed in this edition as things close and re-open depending upon funding available and watch out for deadlines approaching.

Stay safe and keep up the wonderful work!



## Welcome to our August Funding Gazette

Welcome to the August 2021 edition of your funding gazette, in which we feature a few new opportunities with upcoming deadlines and a variety of funders and support agencies for groups working with young people or families with disabilities. This focus is in response to many recent queries from such groups.

Don't forget you are not alone Cumbria Youth Alliance can help with all sorts of aspects of your fundraising thanks to support from Cumbria County Council under the Infrastructure Support Contract to support organisations working with children and young people.

- We can source 5 big and 5 small charitable trusts that will give you a good match for what you want funded
- We can deliver fundraising training - how to apply to foundations and trusts -we can deliver this at a time and place to suit your needs and it can include staff, volunteers and /or trustees
- We can check your bids and see if we can add anything or help it with additional information
- We can act as a referee for any big bids you are submitting
- We can help you set up systems to manage your grant so you can report accurately to funders

**This year we have already helped third sector groups successfully apply for over £1 million!!!**

If you want to access any of these services just email [juan@cya.org.uk](mailto:juan@cya.org.uk) or ring us on 01900 603131, mob 07859092981

**And shout if we can help!**

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# AUGUST OPPORTUNITIES

**Funding sources for August – some are short dated and will need swift action so please always check the website for further details before proceeding with the applications. If in doubt please contact the potential funder.**

## National Heritage Memorial Fund-Covid 19 Response Fund

Grants are available to community and public sector organisations in the UK for projects to protect nationally important heritage assets that are at risk due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19). The COVID-19 Response Fund is a £40 million fund being distributed by the National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF). The purpose of the fund is to help safeguard and save the UK's most important heritage assets which are in jeopardy due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The fund comprises two lots of £20 million:

- NHMF – Funding available to applicants from across the UK.
- Cultural Assets Fund – Funding to safeguard nationally important heritage assets within England.

The fund has a total value of £40 million. There are no minimum or maximum levels of grant. However, NHMF operates as a fund of last resort - applicants must show that they have explored, or are exploring, all other possible sources of funding, including their own resources.

### Who can Apply?

Applications will be accepted from charities, non-profit organisations and public sector organisations with responsibility for an asset of outstanding importance to the UK's national heritage which is at risk due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19).

### Eligible Expenditure

Funding is intended to support any heritage asset which is of outstanding importance to the national heritage and at risk due to the impact of COVID-19, including: works of fine and decorative art; museum collections; archives; manuscripts; items of industrial, transport and maritime heritage; historic buildings and land.

Eligible costs and activities include:

- Acquisition/ purchase costs, including associated professional fees.
- Transport costs, including handling, packing, costs for large items/ historic vehicles.
- Interim storage costs and investment in new permanent storage capacity.
- Urgent conservation work necessary due to COVID-19 impact and investment to resolve maintenance backlog/ deficit, collection care costs.
- Condition surveys, cataloguing, management and conservation planning.
- Professional fees, including legal and other fees to support asset transfer.
- Ownership transition costs – fixed term support to enable rehoming of heritage asset.
- Organisational development costs to support asset transfer, skills development/ capacity building; business review and business planning support.

### How to Apply

The first step is to submit an Expression of Interest. Eligible applicants will then be invited to submit a full application.

Applications must be submitted using the online grants portal available at the NHMF website:  
<https://www.nhmf.org.uk/funding/covid-19-response-fund>

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following: Tel: 020 7591 6044 | Email: [NHMF\\_Enquiries@heritagefund.org.uk](mailto:NHMF_Enquiries@heritagefund.org.uk)  
Applications may be made at any time until the fund's final closing date of 30 April 2023.

## Digital Skills for Heritage: Digital Volunteering Funding

Funding is available for organisations and partnerships to create and support new digital volunteering opportunities.

Is this programme right for you?

- Is your organisation looking to establish new digital volunteering opportunities and roles in the UK?
- Will your project support UK heritage?
- Do you require a grant of between £10,000 to £100,000?
- Will your project last no longer than 18 months?
- Are you a not-for-profit organisation or a partnership led by a not-for-profit organisation?

If you answered yes to these questions, then Digital Skills for Heritage Tranche 8: Digital Volunteering funding is for you.

### Overview

Our [Digital Skills for Heritage](#) initiative is designed to raise digital skills and confidence across the whole UK heritage sector. Since February 2020 we have made funding, resources and guidance available to help heritage organisations use digital to move into a more resilient and creative future.

The results from our [Digital Attitudes and Skills for Heritage \(DASH\) survey](#), published in October 2020, identified an opportunity for the heritage sector to create new types of volunteering opportunities that make use of digital skills.

This new funding programme is now available to help UK organisations or partnerships establish new digital volunteering opportunities across the sector. Opportunities should focus on digital activities and/or activities that can be carried out at distance.

Total available funding under this tranche is £1 million across all grants. Grants from £10,000 to £100,000 are available for each project. The expected project duration is 12 months, with possible extension to 18 months.

## Restarting Communities Fund

**A new Carlisle funding scheme has been launched to help communities come back together post lockdown and to stimulate economic activity in the district.**

Carlisle City Council has allocated £50,000 to support parish councils, community centres and constituted urban community groups to provide community activities and support the local economy.

This fund is designed to allow parishes and local communities to put in place additional measures to create and promote a safe environment for local trade and business, particularly in high streets, support the visitor economy and to bring the community together in a safe way.

The fund will contribute 80% of the total costs of agreed projects (Parish council or urban communities contribution 20% of total cost from their own reserves/fundraising activities/other grants).

The fund is available to parish councils, community centres in unparished areas and constituted urban community groups within Carlisle District.

The fund can provide 80% of the total funding for new projects that:

- Promote the district as a vibrant place in which to live, work and visit;
- Increase economic activity;
- Celebrate the civic history and heritage of the District;
- Engage with people from the local community; and/or
- Benefit the health and wellbeing of the community.

The window for applications is open between Monday 26 July and Monday 9 August 2021.

Applicants will be required to complete an application form that will be assessed by a grant panel consisting of Council Officers, Council Member representative and a member of the Carlisle Parish Councils Association.

The grant fund will be allocated on a first come first served basis and will be paid on receipt of a completion form and evidence of expenditure.

The grant will only be available for projects that will be completed and claimed against this financial year.

For more details and to download the application form visit:

<https://www.carlisle.gov.uk/news-and-events/restarting-communities-fund-rcf>

## Cash for Kids - CFM Radio

Cash for Kids for CFM Radio helps disabled and disadvantaged children in Cumbria and South West Scotland (the CFM transmission area). Funding is available to support young people under 18 years with a disability, special needs or an underprivileged background.

Organisations and individuals are able to apply. Grants have previously paid for specialist equipment, Christmas presents, sports wheelchairs, iPads and specialist projects.

Funding allocations take place twice a year. To apply: download an application form from the website.

[www.cfmradio.co.uk](http://www.cfmradio.co.uk)

## The Peter Harrison Foundation

**Please read carefully as some of the categories are geographically restricted**

The Peter Harrison Foundation makes grants under four programmes:

- Opportunities through Sport
- Special Needs and Care for Children and Young People
- Opportunities through Education
- Trustees' Discretion

### **Opportunities through Sport**

Applications for this programme accepted from charities throughout the United Kingdom. The Trustees wish to support sporting activity or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills. Grants will often be “one off” grants for capital projects. We will, however, also consider revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project.

The Trustees welcome applications for the following types of project:

- Projects which provide a focus for skills development / confidence building through sport
- Projects that have a strong training and/or educational theme within a sporting activity
- Projects that provide sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people
- Projects with a high degree of community involvement
- Projects that help to engage children or young people at risk of crime, truancy or addiction

**To find out more and to apply** <http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org>

## The Edward Gosfling Foundation

### **Funding to Enhance the Quality of Life for People in Need**

Registered charities, Hospices and state schools catering wholly for students with additional needs, can apply for grants to support their work that enhances the quality of life for people in need, specifically the mentally and physically disabled.

Priority is given to small and medium size charities making a significant impact in their community and who may lack the time and resources to be able to focus on their fundraising.

Grants are awarded to projects that have a significant impact across one or more of four life “themes” and priority is given to organisations that clearly demonstrate this within their application for grant funding, these are: Health and Wellbeing; Independent Living at Home; Respite; and Transition.

### **Grants can support:**

- Modifications to homes, state schools (wholly for students with additional needs), hospices etc
- The provision of specialist equipment such as the provision of specialised wheelchairs, other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living
- Financial assistance towards the cost of short-term respite breaks at a registered respite centre.
- Grants are awarded through two programmes:
- A fast-track Small Grants Programme for applications under £5,000
- A Large Grants Programme for applications of £5,000 or over.
- There are no application deadlines; applications can be submitted at any time.

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

## Destination Florida

Every 2 years Destination Florida takes 75 children with life threatening, life limiting, terminal illness and other challenging conditions for a one week holiday to the Sunshine State. To qualify you must live in the North West of England and have not visited Disneyland, Florida in the past either with family or another charity. Accompanying the children will be a full medical team of nurses, carers, a physiotherapist and a doctor. The trip will include visits to the best theme parks in Florida. To nominate a child download an application form.

Telephone: 01617897788

Email: [info@destinationflorida.org.uk](mailto:info@destinationflorida.org.uk)

Website: [www.destinationflorida.org.uk](http://www.destinationflorida.org.uk)

## REACT charity

The React Charity helps families caring for a child with a life threatening illness in the UK.

It provides financial support towards basic essential needs:

- Specialist or medical equipment (not supplied from statutory sources)
- Educational equipment (to aid a child's development)
- Domestic equipment (household items)
- Hospital expenses (travel, food or related costs)
- The charity is also able to assist with funeral and memorial expenses.

Families can also apply for a week's holiday at one of their mobile homes at 6 sites around the UK.

To apply: download an application form. A professional such as a social worker or doctor will need to endorse the form. Financial information is required on the form but this is very straightforward.

[www.reactcharity.org](http://www.reactcharity.org)

## Hopscotch Care Foundation

The Hopscotch Care Foundation supports young people under 21 years who are in residential care make the transition to independent living in Cumbria and Lancashire.

They are able to help by providing grants to individuals, support in finding work experience and training. Further details can be found from Mr. Richard Witt, telephone: 015242 72628

Email: [equiries@hopscotch-care.org](mailto:equiries@hopscotch-care.org)

## The Phoenix Children's Foundation

The Phoenix Children's Foundation provides specialist equipment and/or activities for terminally ill and special needs children. The charity has previously funded an adapted tandem bike, tandems, a specially adapted riding helmet, sensory equipment, hypnotherapy and riding lessons. It also supports special needs schools, children's hospices and Riding for the Disabled groups.

**To apply:** download an application form and check grant criteria before applying. Applications can be submitted at any time of the year, with the Trustees meeting in June and November to consider applications.

[www.pheonixcharity.org](http://www.pheonixcharity.org)

## United Utilities Trust

The United Utilities Trust provides help to individuals who receive their water and sewerage services from United Utilities Water. It supports people who are struggling with hardship and debt by providing an opportunity for a fresh start. This may include budgeting advice and help in sorting out debt.

The trust does not pay grants to individuals but it will help with one off grants to pay creditors directly to give them a chance to take control of their expenses.

To apply: Contact the trust fund direct on on 0845 1791791 or contact your local Citizens Advice.  
[www.unitedutilities.com](http://www.unitedutilities.com)

## Cumbria Community Foundation

Has a lot of local grants for local people and it is worth talking to one of the grants officers before deciding which of these grants for individuals is the right one for you or your family. This information is taken from their website <http://www.cumbriafoundation.org.uk>

To apply for an individual grant please use the following application forms:

- Under 18s or in full-time education
- Over 18s and vocational training
- Beck Burn Wind Farm Education and Training Fund Application Form
- Cumbria Disaster Relief Fund
- Cumbria Victims Charitable Trust Application form
- Cumbria Welcome Fund Application Form
- Mary Grave Trust Fund Application Form containing the Itinerary Sheet to be completed by schools or visit organisers.
- Swales Trust Application Form

If you have any queries about applying for a grant please refer to our **FAQs**, the criteria on **fund pages**, email [enquiries@cumbriafoundation.org](mailto:enquiries@cumbriafoundation.org), or contact the Grants & Donor Services Team on 01900 825760

## BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme

...which supports children and young people up to the age of 18 living with severe poverty as well as additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability or poor health in the family is currently open for applications from referral organisations that will be able to apply for grants on behalf of families or young people. The fund will cover the purchase of critical items such as:

Gas or electric cookers /Essential household items /Furniture and kitchen equipment /Children's beds and bedding /Washing machines/ Fridges and freezers/ Baby equipment/ Clothing in exceptional or emergency situations. Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs.

The referrer's organisation should also be able to administer and supervise the grant on behalf of the BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme.

**Useful Links:** <https://www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk/emergency-essentials>



## Go Fund Me

Using social media to raise funds for a piece of equipment or help and support is gaining popularity and we know of some families who have raised very large sums of money for specialist treatments for conditions such as cerebral palsy. There is a step by step guide on how to set up your campaign and how you will receive the money - you then use facebook or other social media avenues to reach your potential supporters - don't forget to thank everybody and let everybody know what you did with the money that was raised.

<https://www.gofundme.com>

## The Archer Trust

The Archer Trust provides funding for small UK charities who support needy or deserving people including those with physical or mental disabilities and the disadvantaged.

Grants vary from £250 to £3,000. They prioritise organisations working in areas of high unemployment/deprivation and favour charities who make good use of volunteers.

Apply in writing to The Secretary, The Archer Trust, Bourne House, Wadesmill, Ware, Herts, SG12 0TT.

Trustees only meet twice a year (normally in March and September) so replies may take some time. They do not reply to unsuccessful applications.

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

## A B Charitable Trust

Grants are available for small to medium-sized charities registered and working in the UK that defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals in the UK. The A B Charitable Trust (ABCT), an independent, UK based grant-making organisation, is concerned with promoting and defending human dignity and human rights. The Trust's focus is on unpopular causes reaching the most vulnerable and marginalised in society.

The Trust offers funding to UK registered charities that are working to defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals whatever their circumstances. Full details at:

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

## The Allen Lane Foundation

The Foundation funds small community groups and voluntary organisations working with specific beneficiary groups including the elderly, and people experiencing mental health difficulties. However, it does not fund organisations specifically working with physical disability or learning disability.

It is open to groups throughout the UK except where the beneficiaries of the work all live in London. The maximum grant is £15,000, either as a single grant, or over two or three years. Examples of previous funding activities include advocacy, self help groups, arts activities and befriending.

Visit the Foundation's website to check the criteria and find information about how to apply for funding.

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

## Shine Trust

Schools in the North of England can apply for funding to help raise the attainment for children from low income homes. The funding is available to try out new ideas to improve teaching and learning in schools and help the best ideas grow to scale.

The funding aims to address the following priorities:

- Ready for School: improving the school readiness of children during the reception year, with a priority focus on language and communication skills (age 4-5)
- Bridging the Gap: supporting vulnerable children who may not meet Age Related Expectations at primary school to make better academic progress during Key Stage 3 (age 9-14)
- Flying High: supporting high attaining students to build on their achievements at primary school and stay on a high attaining trajectory during the first few years at secondary school (age 9-14).
- The funding is being made available through the educational charity Shine and funding decisions are made four times a year typically in March, June, September and December.
- Any grants to non-school organisations, including to other charities, will need to involve a strong element of co-delivery and/or training for schools, with the aim of the project becoming sustainable without SHINE over time. On average, it takes 3-6 months between initial contact with the SHINE office to a grants decision being reached.
- If you have an idea which you think may meet our funding criteria, please email [info@shinetrust.org.uk](mailto:info@shinetrust.org.uk) with a basic outline detailing the following points, in no more than 3-4 paragraphs:
  - An overview of the project and its aims, specifically related to academic attainment in maths, literacy or science; How it would meet SHINE's core priorities;
  - The number of beneficiaries and schools it would reach; and
  - The overall project budget and size of request to SHINE.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<https://www.shinetrust.org.uk/what-we-do>

## Ragdoll Foundation

Not-for-profit organisations in the UK that are working with children and young people using the arts and creative media can apply for funding through the Ragdoll Foundation's Open Grants Programme. The Foundation's vision is to support projects where the concerns of childhood can be heard. A variety of art forms can be supported including dance, drama, ceramics, creative play, film, music, puppetry and storytelling. Supported projects will support equality of opportunity, can include families and take place in rural or urban settings and may be delivered, for example, in children's and community centres, nurseries, schools and hospitals.

Organisations can apply for both one-off short-term projects and for projects lasting up to three years. Preference will be given to those projects which have a deep commitment to listening to children and allow the perceptions and feelings of children themselves to be better understood. The Foundation is mainly interested in applications that involve children during their early years, but appropriate projects for older children (up to 18 years) will also be considered.

Whilst the Foundation will fund work in and around London, they will prioritise projects taking place elsewhere in the UK. Grants of up to £50,000 are available with £7,500 generally the smallest. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, however, the Open Grants Scheme application form and guidance notes are currently being revised and will be available on the website at:

<http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

## The Stoller Charitable Trust

Public address; Mr Stephen Lowe, 24 Low Crompton Road, Royton, Oldham, OL2 6YR

The Trust is solely a grant-making charity particularly in the fields of The Advancement of Young People, Healthcare Research and Development and Cancer Relief , throughout the North West Region.

### What the charity does:

Education/training / The advancement of health or saving of lives Disability/ The prevention or relief of poverty/ Arts/culture/heritage/science/ Economic/community development/employment Contact details prior to making an application, Email:

[enquiries@stollercharitabletrust.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stollercharitabletrust.co.uk)

## Masonic Charitable Foundation Programmes

Charities in England and Wales can apply for Early Years Opportunities Grants through the Masonic Charitable Foundation. The Early Years Opportunities programme is open to charities that help disadvantaged children and young people (up to the age of 25 years) overcome the barriers they face to achieve the best possible start in life.

Grants can be offered to charities that provide:

- Mental and physical health support/ Learning and development, including language and communication skills, social and emotional etc./ Parental Support, including whole family approach/Pastoral and advocacy support. The type of activities that could be funded include:
- Additional educational opportunities such as improving literacy and numeracy
- Individual interventions, i.e. parent education, home visiting or mentoring
- Encouraging healthy behaviours with regards to diet, activity and wellbeing
- Psychological interventions for domestic abuse and behavioural issues etc.
- Provision of vital adaptive technologies and equipment removing barriers
- Alternative methods or specialist therapies to help children and young people integrate into the mainstream education system.

The programme offers both small grants of up to £15,000 to charities with an annual income of up to £500,000 for projects lasting up to three years; and grants of between £10,000 and £150,000 to charities with an annual income of above £500,000 for projects lasting up to three years.

<https://mcf.org.uk/apply-early-years/>

## Grants for Specialist Tennis Equipment (UK)

Grants of up to £1,500 are available to special schools, disability groups and associations, etc for equipment and specialist wheelchairs to enable disabled people to play tennis. Individuals can apply for grants of up to £500. Individuals can receive support for sports wheelchairs, tennis rackets, coaching lessons with a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) licensed coach or course fees for official LTA development/coaching courses. Groups can apply for: Wheelchairs; Court hire; Coaching fees; and equipment packages which will include: / Rackets/Balls/ Mini net/ Coaching aids such as: cones and throw down marker lines. In the case of wheelchairs, a deposit will be required; for individuals, the amount of deposit required will depend on the wheelchair type requested, clubs will need to raise deposit of £250.

<http://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant.html>

## Together Trust

Provides a range of Special Educational Needs and Therapy services to enable families caring for children and young people with complex conditions, including autism and learning difficulties to get the help they need at specific times. The services offer practical solutions, help and support to ensure that families, children and young people get the best from their school and home life.

We provide:

- Autism support
- Sleep support
- Therapy services
- Disagreement resolution

Our specialist services can support you and your child to focus on ordinary life and independence skills such as self-care, toileting, sleeping and eating programmes that can transform the need for ongoing carer support and help. These services deliver not just huge positive change to families but build your child's independence skills, self-esteem and confidence that will support them now and into adulthood. Help with toilet training, sleep, eating, and becoming independent makes a huge difference to family life and the possibilities for each child. Our specialist therapy services provide direct speech and language therapy and occupational therapy to children and young people at home, school and in other environments. Therapists offer bespoke and nationally accredited training courses to professionals, parents and carers.

For family and community support from the Together Trust contact **us** on: 0161 283 4848 to find out more or visit <https://www.togethertrust.org.uk> where you can also find information for our upcoming events.

## Paul Bush Foundation

Supports registered charitable organisations in England whose objectives are solely related to the provision of services to people with an acquired disability as a result of an accident or birth injury. Grants of up to £10,000 for one year only are awarded at twice yearly meetings held in April and October. Preference is given to discrete projects with defined outcomes and seed-funding will be considered. For example, grants may be awarded for:

- Projects or items related to improving the health and well-being of individuals suffering as the result of an acquired physical disability.
- Projects or services aimed at providing education to disabled people, their families and professionals regarding the difficulties they face.
- Projects or services that assist individuals or families to overcome social deprivation related to disability

Funding is also available to assist those individuals with a disability to improve their physical, psychological and emotional well-being. Applications for funding for individuals must be supported and completed by a third party sponsor, for example, a health/personal care professional, social worker or charity /support group representative.

<https://www.bushco.co.uk/the-paul-bush-foundation-trust>

## Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation supports a wide range of community charities and organisations that include children, the elderly, health and social welfare.

The Foundation has previously provided funding for the Drake Music Project (for disabled people), National Blind Children's Society and the Homes for Heroes Charitable Foundation. Applications are to be made by letter including details of funding required, money raised and sustainability of the project.

<http://www.bernardsunley.org>

## Ulverscroft Foundation

The Ulverscroft Foundation provides grants to organisations that support the visually impaired such as schools, libraries, hospitals, social and welfare groups. Applications should be made in writing detailing how many visually impaired people would benefit from the project and the amount of funding already obtained. Contact: Mrs Joyce Sumner, The Ulverscroft Foundation, The Green, Bradgate Road, Anstey, Leicester, LE7 7FU. Applications are considered four times a year. Deadlines for applications: 15th March, 15th June, 15th October and 15th December.

<http://www.foundation.ulverscroft.com>

## The Henry Smith Charity

This is a large grant making charity which provides funding for a number of different types of organisations and charities.

In particular, it provides grants toward Carers projects (including Young Carers) and Disability projects providing rehabilitation, training or advocacy support to people with disabilities.

It runs the following programmes:

- Main Grant Programme - for grants over £10,000 providing capital grants and revenue grants for 3 year core funding costs.
- Small Grants Programmes - for grants under £10,000 a year
- Medical Research

**Holiday grants for children** - for organisations, schools and youth groups organising holidays for disabled children under 13 years or holidays for children who live in an area of high deprivation. Funding is usually between £500 and £2,500 and is normally limited to two-thirds of the total cost of the trip. As each of the programmes has a different application procedure do check the individual guidelines for each of the programmes on the website.

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

## The Hedley Foundation

The Hedley Foundation provides grants to registered charities for one-off projects that benefit young people, the disabled and terminally ill. This includes the provision of specialist equipment and support for carers. Funding is provided up to a maximum of £5,000. To apply: download an application form from the website.

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

## Newlife- disability or life limiting conditions

Newlife is the largest provider of specialist equipment to help children/young people who are disabled or terminally ill under 19 years who live in the UK. It offers professional support to families and practical support through the provision of specialist equipment.

Newlife Nurses are the key contact point for families and gateway for services. They can discuss your child's needs on their free confidential Nurse Helpline: 0800 902 0095. There is also Live Chat on the website. Newlife provides grants for essential equipment such as beds, wheelchairs and communication aids. It also offers: Play Therapy Pod Service – providing specialist toys on loan/Emergency Bed Loan Service – providing specialist beds within 72 hours/ Comfort Capsule Service – providing equipment to improve the quality for a child with a terminal illness/ Just Can't Wait Service – providing equipment within 72 hours to children with life limiting or/and palliative needs to enable them to be discharged from hospital. More detailed information on the services can be downloaded from the website.

<http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk>

## Sunny Days Children's Fund

The Sunny Days Children's Fund supports children under 18 years with a range of medical conditions. This includes Leukaemia, Cerebral Palsy, the deaf and blind, terminal and life limiting conditions. It is able to make small grants for day trips, medical equipment, respite, hospital travel, white goods, IT equipment (not iPads) and children's last wishes. The charity also has two holiday homes at Haven Orchard's Holiday Park, Clacton-on-sea, Essex. Open to applicants in England, Wales and Scotland. To apply: Telephone 01376 528376 and ask for Margaret or Email:

[margaret@sunnydaysfund.org.uk](mailto:margaret@sunnydaysfund.org.uk)

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

## AFK (Action For Kids) AFK (Formally Action For Kids)

Supports disabled children and young people up to 26 years to develop their mobility, personal and independent living skills. It supplies a variety of mobility equipment not available through the NHS. This includes powered, manual and sports wheelchairs, walkers, trikes, scooters and car seats. Powered wheelchairs are on 'permanent loan' and remain the property of the charity. This means that AFK is responsible for maintenance and repairs. Other items supplied are the property of the family or individual. To apply: download an application form from the website.

<http://www.my-afk.org>

## Boparan Charitable Trust

The Boparan Charitable Trust helps children and young people under 18 years in the UK who are disadvantaged through poverty, disability or terminal illness. Each application request is judged on its own merits. The Trust has previously funded wheelchairs, trikes, sensory books, toys and special wishes. To apply: download an application form from the website. Confirmation of the applicant's condition or circumstance will be required by a qualified professional.

<http://www.theboparancharitabletrust.com>

## Focus on Autism

**Aware UK** This charity provides families with online support whilst working to increase the awareness surrounding autistic spectrum disorder (ASD). **Autism Aware UK** has helped fund specialist playgrounds, and could offer financial support to buy equipment. Autism Aware UK operates to increase awareness of autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and to support families through online support. It also purchases specialist equipment for schools and groups to help educate and support people with Autism. The charity has previously funded purpose built playgrounds for a school.

Schools, groups and organisation requiring assistance with funding equipment that benefits people with ASD should contact the charity direct.

<http://www.autismaware.co.uk>

## The Fred Foundation

This autistic charity is one of the smallest in the UK and, as such, is only able to help a few children. However, the **foundation** could provide invaluable support, and has recently funded programmes for Applied Behaviour Analysis, so it could be a good grant source. The website is currently inactive. For further information email:

[thefredfoundation@googlemail.com](mailto:thefredfoundation@googlemail.com)

[www.thefredfoundation.org](http://www.thefredfoundation.org)

## The John and Lorna Wing Foundation

If you have an older child who needs help with higher education needs, the John and Lorna Wing Foundation could be ideal. They operate in England and Wales, and provide group and individual autism funding for both research and educational support. Though they don't have a website, you can contact them by writing to Dr. J.A. Gould at 43 Barnfield Wood Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 6ST.

## Music for Autism

Sensory play and learning can be extremely important for children with autism; a fact recognised by Music for Autism. This organisation put on interactive concerts for kids to enjoy, and hosts a number of events across the UK. A programme of concerts can be found on the website at a number of locations around the UK. It also supports special units and schools for children with Autism.

[www.musicforautism.org.uk](http://www.musicforautism.org.uk)

## Nihal Armstrong Trust- focus on cerebral Palsy

The Nihal Armstrong Trust is a small charity which helps children under 18 years with Cerebral Palsy. It is able to provide funding (under £1,000) towards essential equipment, communication aids, and other specific services not provided by statutory services. The charity prefers applications to be completed on-line and sent direct from the website. Supporting evidence from an appropriate professional is required.

[www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk](http://www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk)

## The Shepard Street Trust- South Cumbria and Barrow –

Educational grants for young people under 21 years old who live within 50 miles of Preston Town Hall. Grants are to pay for outfits, clothing, tools, instruments, equipment which will help to further education or entry into a profession, trade or calling. Examples of successful applications are: grant to help a young person with autism achieve PADI diver certification and a grant to enable a young person attend residential course with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain

**Eligibility:** Young people under the age of 21 who live within 50 miles of Preston city centre.

**How to apply:** You can download an application form from the charity's website:

<http://www.shepherdstreettrust.co.uk>

Applications must be supported by a professional, for example a social worker, a teacher, or a religious leader. **Address and contact details:** Sheppard Street Trust Co Uk, PO Box 658 Longridge, Preston PR3 2WJ. Telephone: 01200 427625 Email: [enquiries@shepherdstreettrust.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@shepherdstreettrust.co.uk)

## Disability Grants

There is a good website for grants for disabilities <https://www.disability-grants.org> It has a host of searchable grants avenues and lots of advice and details of all kinds of support agencies - well worth a visit just click on the link.

Cumbria Autism and Special Needs Support Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/589250824452358/>

Dyspraxia Foundation Cumbria Support Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/494365677362010/>

Cumbria Downs Syndrome Support Group: <https://www.facebook.com/CumbriaDSSG/>

## Local Contacts

### Mental Health Provider Forum

The group's Chair is as follows:

**Denise Jarman** - CEO Glenmore Trust

[Denise.Jarman@glenmore.org](mailto:Denise.Jarman@glenmore.org)

Tel: 01228 522448 Mobile: 07734487613

### Action for Health

Cumbria CVS

[claree@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:claree@cumbriacvs.org.uk)

Tel: 01768 800350

Supports the network and helps to organise meetings

### Learning Disability Provider Forum

The Group's Chair is as follows:

James Cox CEO West House

[jamesc@westhouse.org.uk](mailto:jamesc@westhouse.org.uk) Tel: 01900 67777



### **Children and Young People's Reference Group**

The group meets Bi-monthly in Penrith (virtual at present) and the representatives from the third sector come together with partners in statutory sector to share information and inform practice. It is also attended by local funders and has visiting speakers from national funders.

The Group's Chair is Becky Wolstenholme, Chief Officer of Cumbria Youth Alliance

Becky@cya.org.uk Tel: 01900 603131; contact [info@christinewhite.co.uk](mailto:info@christinewhite.co.uk) for meeting dates and minutes. This is a strategic network for Cumbria funded by County Council and CVS as part of the Third Sector Network.

### **Cumbria County Council - One stop shop for the information you need**

<http://localoffer.cumbria.gov.uk/kb5/cumbria/fsd/home.page>

- Short Break Advisory Groups
- Autism - Individual Programmes
- Cumbria Support Groups
- Support for Parent and Carers
- Ready Steady Go - Transition out of Children's Services

### **Government website**

The government also provides useful information on the following link - this is just an example of the kind of information you can find on their website:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/disabilities>

### **Carers**

Includes Carer's Allowance, disabled children and disability day care centres

### **Disability equipment and transport**

Includes Disabled Students Allowances, Blue Badge and disabled access

### **Disability rights**

Disability rights under the Equality Act 2010

### **Turn2 Us**

There is a great national organisation called **Turn2 Us** that specialises in support for families and you can go onto their website and check out. Benefits entitlement - go on and use the benefits calculator and check benefits. Information on sources of help and support - locally, regionally and nationally You can do a grants search with your own personal details and it will find options for you and your family.

It is easy to navigate and you can do multiple searches - there is also a page for charities that might be supporting groups and they can go and access information, help and support and access to the searchable grants pages

[https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Get Support/Turn2us-Funds](https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Get%20Support/Turn2us-Funds)

CYA would like to acknowledge a wide range of sources of information. We regularly look at funding information from NAVCA, NCVO, Merseyside Funding Portal, Get Grants and Focus on Funding from Cumbria CVS. CVS will do a search for funding for your specific project via Grantfinder. Contact : [cvsfunding@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:cvsfunding@cumbriacvs.org.uk)

More good news! CVS is looking to restart the excellent funding fairs which are highly recommended as you get to meet all the local funders and several national ones:-

- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - South Lakes (Kendal Town Hall)
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 – Carlisle (venue TBC)
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - West (Whitehaven Golf Club)
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 - Barrow (The Forum)
- For further details on booking see next month's funding gazette or look at CVS newsletter



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