

# Funding and Disability

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for those organisations involved in the engagement, development and support of people with Disability issues.

The text on each potential funding body is compiled from extracts from their respective websites at the date stated in the document's filename.

Some of the funding opportunities listed below were closed at the date of the searches. If they are closed permanently then they have been omitted, but those that are likely to re-open later in the year have been included.

This document is not meant to be exhaustive, nor complete. It is a snapshot of the most relevant funding opportunities at that particular time.

## **Archer Trust**

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

They provide 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.

## **Baily Thomas Charitable Fund**

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

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability by making grants to voluntary organisations working in this field.

Learning disabilities (intellectual disabilities), and autism are their priorities for funding. They consider projects for children or adults. They do not give grants for research into or care of people with mental illness, dyslexia, dyspraxia nor ADHD, if they do not also have learning disabilities (intellectual disabilities).

Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity. Schools and Parent Teacher Associations and Industrial & Provident Societies can also apply. The Fund does not currently accept appeals from Community Interest Companies.

In addition to the main grants programme, the Fund also operates a programme for small grants and research grants. They provide small grants up to a maximum of £5,000.

## **Henry Smith Charity**

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

They make grants across a large number of categories, including:

### **Disability**

Rehabilitation, support services, training and advocacy for people who are disabled; this includes people with learning disabilities as well as physical disabilities.

### **Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Misuse**

Rehabilitation and support services for people affected by, or at risk of, drug and/or alcohol dependency, and projects providing support to their families.

### **Mental Health**

Advice and support services for people experiencing mental health problems, and projects that promote positive mental health.

Applications for Revenue funding of £10,000 or more per year for work taking place in the UK can be made through their Main Grants Programme.

The amount requested must be at least £10,000 in each year. The maximum length of funding that can be requested is three years.

Revenue grants can be used to fund running costs, salaries and/or project costs.

### **Access to Work**

<https://www.gov.uk/access-to-work/overview>

An Access to Work grant can pay for practical support if you have a disability, health or mental health condition to help you:

- start working
- stay in work
- move into self-employment or start a business

The grant is not for business start-up costs.

How much you get depends on your circumstances. The money doesn't have to be paid back and will not affect your other benefits.

The money can pay for things like:

- adaptations to the equipment you use
- special equipment
- fares to work if you can't use public transport
- a support worker or job coach to help you in your workplace
- a support service if you have a mental health condition and you're absent from work or finding it difficult to work
- disability awareness training for your colleagues
- a communicator at a job interview
- the cost of moving your equipment if you change location or job

### **Allen Lane Foundation**

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

They are interested in funding charitable causes which we believe to be unpopular both in society, and with other funders. Their focus is currently on adults within eight beneficiary groups:

- Asylum seekers and refugees\*
- Gypsies and Travellers
- LGBTQ communities
- Migrant communities\*
- Offenders and ex-offenders
- Older people
- People experiencing mental health problems
- People experiencing violence or abuse

They aim to help organisations to become sustainable, supporting running and core costs to enable them to have flexibility, security and longevity.

*\* They do not fund organisations working with single nationalities*

Within the beneficiary groups, they focus on work with adults (not children or young people).

If the beneficiaries of your work do not include a significant proportion of people from one or more of these eight groups it is highly unlikely that your application will be successful.

The Foundation focuses on work which:

- will make a lasting difference to people's lives rather than simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems
- is aimed at reducing isolation, stigma and discrimination, and
- encourages or enables unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community.

While recognising (and being willing to support) on-going, tried and tested projects, the Foundation is particularly interested in unusual, imaginative or pioneering projects which have perhaps not yet caught the public imagination.

Some examples of the kind of activities which might be suitable for funding follow and more can be found on the pages where their annual reports list all previous grants

- Provision of advice or information
- Advocacy
- Arts activities where the primary purpose is therapeutic or social
- Befriending or mentoring
- Mediation or conflict resolution
- Practical work, such as gardening or recycling, which benefits both the provider and the recipient
- Self-help groups
- Social activities or drop-in centres
- Strengthening the rights of particular groups and enabling their views and experiences to be heard by policy-makers
- Research and education aimed at changing public attitudes or policy
- Work aimed at combating stigma or discrimination
- Work developing practical alternatives to violence

The Allen Lane Foundation makes grants for up to three years, with a total value of £500-£15,000. The average grant size is around £5,000-£6,000.

### **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation**

<http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/what-we-fund/young-people/>

Their funding supports the social, emotional and learning needs of young people aged 0-25 at greater risk of being left behind educationally or who have been left behind. They fund work that challenges the public policies and practices that reinforce educational inequality. They are interested in early intervention and long-term support. They welcome unorthodox approaches, work that looks at the whole picture and does not 'treat' its users in isolation. They believe this is best done by backing organisations that challenge, as opposed to alleviating the symptoms in, the system. For this reason they do not fund routine delivery in schools but rather prioritise work that interconnects school, home and the community and challenges inequality in the system. Where they see a particular gap we may partner with a specialist funder or solicit a cluster of applications.

Funding priorities:

#### Social and emotional development of disadvantaged children and young people

They are interested in the social and emotional development of disadvantaged children and young people as well as their learning. They are particularly interested in work that addresses this development in the earliest years, and also in work that helps young people make successful transitions throughout their childhood and into adulthood. They also support work that offers opportunities to those who did not get the most out of the education system (such as care leavers and pupils with special educational needs).

### The rights of vulnerable children and young people

They aim to protect the rights of vulnerable children and young people and provide investment to tackle persistent inequalities that are difficult for others to support. They are interested in ambitious, expansive and innovative programmes of work that level the playing field for disadvantaged children and tackle inequalities in the system.

### Addressing the root causes of low educational attainment and challenging behaviour

They are interested in early intervention and in ambitious schemes that identify and address the underlying issues in children and young people's lives which prevent them from achieving their full potential. They are looking for holistic approaches and long term impact (e.g. not just getting young talented people into university but also equipping them with the tools to thrive once there).

### Civic and political participation for young people under-represented in decision-making

They are interested in organisations that can nurture and provide progression routes for young people who are under-represented in decision-making. We support organisations able to help create young leaders and empower them to influence change. They are looking for work that inspires leadership, enables social mobility and social action and encourages enterprise.

The Foundation does not set limits and makes grants across a fairly wide spectrum of sizes. The Foundation rarely makes grants that are smaller than £5,000.

Their grants support organisations' core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. They do not fund building or equipment costs, or individuals. 2015 grants ranged from £5k to £1.5m (median average £100,000), with support lasting 1 - 5 years (45% 3 years).

### **DM Thomas Foundation**

<https://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/>

The Foundation has a rigorous grant process which aims to identify the most effective projects helping disadvantaged young people in the UK and Ireland. Applications from registered charities in the UK and Ireland are first assessed by the Foundation office, with a shortlist of approximately 20 of the strongest and regionally representative applications put forward for consideration by our Grants Committee.

The Grants Committee comprises independent members and members nominated by DMTFYP's business partners and meets quarterly to discuss the applications. There is approximately £200,000 available to distribute each quarter.

Applications working in the areas of education or health with one of our four chosen focus groups are selected or considered:

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Children and young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care)

If favoured, grant applications for up to £10,000 can be approved by the Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval. The Foundation is a small charity and generally will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for up to 2 years for any particular project.

### **Children in Need**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b/features/cin-grants-main-shouldiapply>

Children in Need give grants for children and young people of 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect

- Any kind of disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

Their Main Grants Programme is for grants over £10,000 to support projects for up to three years. There is no upper limit for Main Grants but they make very few grants over £120,000 and most grants are for much less.

### **Yapp Charitable Trust**

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

They only offer grants to registered charities with a total annual expenditure of less than £40,000 who are undertaking work with their priority groups:

- Elderly people
- Children and young people aged 5 – 25
- People with physical impairments, learning difficulties or mental health challenges
- Social welfare – people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin (such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, offending)
- Education and learning (with a particular interest in people who are educationally disadvantaged, whether adults or children)

They only make grants for core funding. They define core funding as the costs associated with regular activities or services that have been ongoing for at least a year. They cannot fund new projects, extra services or additional delivery costs. This includes creating a paid post for work that is currently undertaken on a voluntary basis or rent for premises that are currently cost free.

Grants are normally for a maximum of £3,000 per year and they will fund for up to three years. Most of their grants are for more than one year because they like to fund ongoing needs