

Funding Search for Children's Nurseries and Childcare

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for those organisations involved with Childcare and Children's Nurseries.

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.

BBC Children in Need

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1N4ddmFHns8VPKjyp3PMYwn/apply-for-a-grant>

Their Main Grants programme is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations applying for grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years. There is also a small grants programme for smaller grants.

They 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

Child Care (including Crèches)

They consider projects with a child care element, including crèches, only when the focus is on providing a quality developmental experience for the children themselves. They do not consider applications for child care where this is to facilitate training or employment for a parent.

Equipment

They do not fund the purchase of equipment that will become the property of, or for the use of a statutory body, such as a school or hospital.

Where equipment is purchased for an individual child or young person to use, BBC Children in Need prefers that the item remain the property of the group not the individual. When an item is bespoke or not reusable they are comfortable that it becomes the assumed property of the child or young person.

Support for Parents

They consider projects that support parents or which offer training in parenting skills as long as they are not aiming to enhance the experience of parents as an end in itself, but are working with parents as a means of improving the experience of children and young people. Very clear evidence of outcomes for children needs to be provided.

Awards for All

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england>

Awards for All offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for grassroots and community activity that aims to improve life for local people and neighbourhoods.

It is their most popular grants programme so they will prioritise groups with smaller incomes. Due to high demand on the programme, organisations that have a large annual income may not be able to get funding through Awards for All.

They will fund activities that benefit the community, including:

- hosting an event, activity or performance;
- purchasing new equipment or materials
- running training courses
- setting up a pilot project or starting up a new group
- carrying out special repairs or conservation work
- expenses for volunteers, pay for workers and professional fees
- transport costs.

Discovery Foundation

<http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/discovery-grants.aspx>

The Discovery Foundation will provide grants to support knowledge, skills and innovation to give disadvantaged people the confidence to discover and create a new world of opportunities. The Foundation's previous three grants schemes have been combined into a single new scheme called Discovery Grants making it simpler to apply for funding.

Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions to fund small, local organisations with projects helping disadvantaged people.

Discovery Grants are available to fund an activity which supports one or more of their three priority themes:

- Explorer - improving knowledge and insight

Examples include a series of Money Management workshops to help people understand how to budget and identify the affordable credit choices available to them. A Freedom Training course giving abused women knowledge of how to regain control over their lives.

- Transformer - developing skills and experience

Examples include work-based training and mentors to help socially isolated people develop skills to get back into work. Sign language training for parents with hearing impaired children. Or teaching young people with autism vocational skills.

- Changemaker - innovative solutions to social challenges

Examples include a new social networking program for visually impaired young people which uses specially developed braille laptops to access the internet. An inclusive cycling social enterprise which adapts bicycles to enable people with disabilities to enjoy the outdoors.

Grants must directly benefit disadvantaged people in the UK and must be for something that is wholly charitable and local. Funding is available for specific projects and can cover salaries, equipment or materials for the project. Funding is only for one year and must deliver a local project, not a national initiative. They aim to fund a complete item rather than simply make a contribution to an appeal. They support health, research and palliative care charities through their staff fundraising scheme, so these are not eligible for a Discovery Grant.

Princes Trust

http://princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants.aspx

The Princes Trust Development Awards will support young individuals with childcare costs.

Development Awards help tackle financial barriers that may be preventing you from accessing education, training or employment.

You may be eligible for a grant if you are a UK resident, and you are:

- Aged 14-17 and not expecting to achieve five GCSEs (or equivalent) grades A-C
- Aged 17-25 and not in education, training or employment

Examples what can be funded include:

- tools or equipment for a job or qualification e.g. hairdressing kit, carpentry tools, chef's whites
- course fees
- interview clothes
- license fees e.g. CSCS card (construction) or SIA license (security)
- **childcare costs to help single parents access short term education**
- transport to a new job until first pay cheque

NetMums

<http://www.netmums.com/back-to-work/choosing-childcare-free-early-years-education>

This link seems to answer most questions on childcare allowances for individual parents.

Childcare New Business Grants

<http://www.childcarebusinessgrants.dcms.gov.uk/>

Please note the Scheme has now been closed with effect from the 29th March 2016. The scheme is being reviewed and they expect a revised scheme to be launched shortly.

The Childcare New Business Grants Scheme has been introduced to boost the provision of childcare in England and to incentivise entrepreneurship. It will encourage and support the starting up of new childcare businesses by providing a flat rate start-up grant of:

- £500 for new childminding businesses setting up in England (those who are looking after one or more children to whom they are not related, on domestic premises, for reward and for a total of more than 2 hours in any day);
- £1,000 for new childminding businesses, as above, that will provide care for disabled children (applicants will need to demonstrate that they have incurred additional expenditure in setting up their business as a result of this);
- £1,000 for new nursery, out of school club, or childcare on domestic premises setting up in England.

These grants are to support the establishment of new childcare businesses.

If you are already running a childcare business of any sort, you are not eligible for a grant, even if you intend to use the grant to start a new nursery on new premises.

Please be aware that schools, either independent, private or public who are planning to start an after school club, breakfast club, or other child care facility on school premises and run by the school are not eligible to apply for this grant

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

<http://www.bernardsunley.org/index.html>

The Trustees support capital projects only, not running costs. There is a preference to support projects related to the fabric of a building, rather than small, non-durable items subject to wear and tear such as furniture, appliances, musical instruments and tablets/laptops.

There are three levels of grant:

- Small – £1,000 up to £5,000
- Medium – £5,001 to £24,999
- Large – over £25,000

Small grants account for the majority of those awarded annually.

Hedley Foundation

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

The Hedley Foundation makes grants to small charities working with young people in the areas of Recreation, Sport, Training, Health and Welfare, Support and outdoor Education of young people between the ages of 11 and 25.

The Foundation is particularly keen on open air and adventure-type activities and the funding of appropriate kit and equipment.

The Foundation is keen to support small charities which can demonstrate achievement in persuading and deterring at-risk young people from proceeding further down the pathway to custody.

A secondary aim is to assist small charities helping with disabled and terminally ill young people through funding for specialist equipment, organised respite breaks and holidays.

The Foundation also supports young carers.

The Foundation provides limited bursary type funding to organisations which provide apprenticeships and specialist training for talented young people who, for want of money alone, are unable to develop their talents.

Few grants exceed £5,000 and most of them go to charities where they can make an impact.

Screwfix Foundation

<http://www.screwfix.com/jsp/landing.jsp?id=ScrewfixFoundation>

They work with both national and local charities donating much needed funding to help all sorts of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness or disability.

- Help with, or pay for the cost of building a new building
- Replacing machinery or equipment which will need to be replaced by a professional e.g. boiler system, electrics, kitchen or bathroom refits
- Maintenance of existing buildings by way of ad hoc modernisation, decorating and cosmetic updating
- Help with or pay for the full decoration of a whole building or a large proportion of it
- Help with or pay for the fixing of buildings which have suffered damage from events such as weather and flood damage
- Maintenance of community facilities for non-building structures such as play parks and gardens

Foyle Foundation

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/>

Their Small Grants Scheme is designed to support smaller charities in the UK, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.

Applications are welcomed from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme. Nor will the Scheme generally support charities that are able consistently to generate operational surpluses or which have been able to build up unrestricted reserves to a level equivalent to three months turnover.

They plan to make one year grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to charities which can demonstrate that such a grant will make a significant difference to their work.

Foresters Fund For Children

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

FFFC assists charities and organisations in the UK and Ireland that promote a better quality of life for children, their protection, care and well-being. For many years FFFC has issued cash grants for them to purchase essential equipment, or goods and services they need.