Funding for Dementia

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for those organisations involved in the support of people with dementia.

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.

Charles Hayward Foundation
http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/older-people/

They have a small grant programme (Up to £7,000) for older people through which they fund projects in the following sub-categories:

In this category they wish to fund preventative and early intervention programmes being delivered at the community level which allow older people to stay in their own homes and remain independent. They are particularly interested in seeking out programmes which show some creativity in improving the quality of life of older people.

- Programmes aiming to alleviate isolation and depression in older people, including informal day care or social, physical and recreational activities
- Programmes which mainly use volunteers to give practical help, assistance and support for older people living in their own homes
- Programmes addressing the emotional and practical needs of older carers
- Programmes designed to meet the specific needs of people with dementia

Childwick Trust
http://www.childwicktrust.org/whowefund.htm

The Trust has a strong emphasis on helping charities which offer care and support for people who are terminally ill, or have a serious illness, the elderly, adults and children who have mental health problems or a learning disability. They give help to both children and adults with physical disabilities and offer funding towards specialist equipment, respite care, holidays, education and core costs.

They support both adult and children’s Hospices specifically those based in the South East of the UK and funding is given to all aspects of hospice care including running costs.

They help the elderly who are vulnerable and isolated and in need. Funding is offered towards respite for carers, general care and support plus specialist equipment.

Please note that applications from National organisations and charities will only be considered for the benefit of people in the South East of England.

Within the above criteria they will consider support for specialist equipment, salaries which are related to nursing and general care. They will consider funding towards some building and refurbishment costs but only once the appeal has reached at least half of the total budget.

Around half the Trust’s grants are distributed under this Object. Typically grants range from £5,000 - £30,000.

Concertina Charitable Trust
http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/About_us.php
Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. This not only brightens up their lives, but also provides a therapeutic benefit to their health and well-being.

Concertina is keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Since its inception in 2004, it has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations nationwide in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents.

Grants are a maximum of £250.

**Trusthouse Charitable Foundation**

They are a medium-sized grant making foundation giving grants to small, well-established organisations in the UK who address local issues in areas of extreme urban deprivation, or in remote and fragile rural communities.

Rural Issues: they are interested in projects providing **transport for the elderly**, disabled or disadvantaged; contact networks for the young disabled; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls; employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts; projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness.

Urban Deprivation: they will accept applications from local or national charities or not-for-profit organisations which are working with residents of urban areas (i.e. more than 10,000 inhabitants) which are classified in the latest government Indices of Multiple Deprivation as being in the lowest 20%. They are interested in, for example, youth clubs; training schemes to help people out of unemployment; drop in centres for the homeless.

Within these overarching themes, they are interested in three areas:

**Community Support**
For example: work with young people; community centres; support for carers; **older people’s projects**; help for refugees; family support; community transport; sports projects; rehabilitation of ex-offenders; alcohol and drug misuse projects; domestic violence prevention and aftermath.

**Disability and Healthcare**
For example: projects in deprived areas for people of all ages with physical and/or sensory disabilities; support for people with mental health issues; hospices.

**Arts, Education and Heritage**
For example: arts projects for people with disabilities; performance or visual arts with a clear and strong community impact; alternative education projects; supplementary teaching; heritage projects in marine or industrial areas which involve local people and have a demonstrable community benefit.

**Tudor Trust**
[http://tudortrust.org.uk/](http://tudortrust.org.uk/)

Tudor makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. They particularly want to help smaller, community-led organisations which work directly with people who are at the margins of society: organisations which support positive changes in people’s lives and in their communities.

There is no maximum or minimum grant, though in practice it is unusual for them to make a grant of less than £10,000.
Many of their grants go towards core organisational costs such as salaries and day-to-day running costs. As well as core funding they can also provide project grants, capital grants for buildings or equipment and grants to help strengthen your organisation.

There is no maximum or minimum grant. Most grants are made over one, two or three years.

They are more likely to fund groups with an annual turnover of less than £1 million.

Allen Lane Foundation
http://allenlane.org.uk/

The Allen Lane Foundation is interested in funding work which benefits people in the following groups, or generalist work which includes significant numbers from more than one such group:

- Asylum-seekers and refugees (but not groups working with a single nationality)
- Gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Migrant workers
- Offenders and ex-offenders
- Older people
- People experiencing mental health problems
- People experiencing violence or abuse

Some examples of the kind of activities which might be suitable for funding are:

- 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

They make grants for general running costs, core costs, or specific project costs. They can also offer funding for start-up costs.

Examples of types of grants we make could be

- Volunteers’ or participants’ expenses
- Venue hire
- Part-time or sessional staffing costs
- Work aimed at strengthening the organisation such as trustee or staff training

The average award is around £5,000-£6,000. You can apply for funding to a maximum of £15,000 – but this is generally only offered to larger organisations.

Henry Smith Charity
http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/

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.

The Henry Smith Charity support a wide range of target groups including Older People. They fund residential, health and emotional support services, such as befriending services and day care centres. Priority will be given to projects in areas of high deprivation and those where rural isolation can be demonstrated.

**Barchester Healthcare Foundation**  
[http://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk](http://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/)

Their mission is to make a difference to the lives of older people and other adults with a physical or mental disability; supporting practical solutions that lead to increased personal independence, self-sufficiency and dignity.

They are particularly keen to provide grants which enable groups and individuals to mix, join in social activities and reduce their danger of isolation and loneliness.

They give grants to help reduce isolation and loneliness, promote group activities and generally improve people’s independence, mobility and quality of life. They aim to give grants that will help people lead more fulfilled lives and reach their full potential.

They help individuals, small community groups and small local charities.

This year their focus is about connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. Applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged will receive their highest priority in 2016.

Previously their grants ranged from £100 up to £5,000.

**Greggs Foundation Local Community Projects Fund**  

The Local Community Projects Fund helps organisations based in local communities to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need at the heart of our local communities.

Local Community Projects Funding is offered to organisations supporting people in need. Any not for profit organisation can apply, however, larger organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 are unlikely to be successful.

They are interested in projects that improve resilience within your community of interest. This can include sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. They are also interested in new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting your community of interest. They do not fund running costs or continuation of existing and ongoing work.

All projects must support a community of interest, ie people who are:
- Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- Living in poverty
- Voluntary carers
- Homeless
- Isolated older people
- Other demonstrable significant need

The maximum grant that we can give is £2,000.
Yapp Charitable Trust  
http://www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk/  

They make grants for running costs to small registered charities in England and Wales to help sustain their existing work.

They only fund running costs  
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

They only offer grants for core funding to registered charities with a total annual expenditure of less than £40,000 who are undertaking work that focuses on one of 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)

Percy Bilton Charity  
http://www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk/  

Assistance is given to organisations and individuals in need throughout the U.K. Charities assisting disadvantaged youth, people with disabilities, people with mental health problems and older people may apply for grants towards furnishings and equipment (excluding office items), building or refurbishment projects.

Social Workers, Community Psychiatric Nurses and Occupational Therapists within Local Authorities or NHS Trusts may apply on the behalf of individuals in financial need who have a disability or severe mental health problem, or who are over 65 on low income, for grants to purchase basic household items including white goods, single beds, flooring and clothing vouchers.

Only registered charities in the U.K. whose primary objectives are to assist one or more of the following groups:

- Disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (under 25 years of age)
- People with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities) or mental health problems
- Older people (aged over 60)

The Charity will consider capital funding for the following projects and schemes:

Disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (persons under 25)  
Supported housing schemes and educational and training projects to encourage disadvantaged young people who may be homeless and/or unemployed away from crime, substance/alcohol misuse and homelessness. Facilities for recreational activities and outdoor pursuits specifically for young people who are educationally or socially underprivileged or disadvantaged

People with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities or mental health problems)  
Residential, respite care, occupational and recreational establishments for children, young people and adults with physical or learning disabilities or enduring mental health problems

Older people (aged over 60)  
Day centres, nursing and residential homes, sheltered accommodation and respite care for the frail or sufferers from dementia or age related disorders. Projects to encourage older people to maintain their independence.

They have two levels of grant:
Large grants – one off payments for capital expenditure of approximately £2,000 and over (the majority of grants fall within the range of £2,000 to £5,000). Preference is given to specific items of furniture and equipment (excluding office items) which the Charity can fund in their entirety.
Small grants up to £500.

**Sobell Foundation**  

They concentrate our funding on small national or local charities; the trustees are unlikely to support large national charities which enjoy wide support. They do not accept applications from individuals. They restrict their funding to charities working in the following areas:

- Medical care and treatment, including respite care and hospices
- Care for physically and mentally disabled adults and children
- Education and training for adults and children with physical and learning disabilities
- Care and support of the elderly
- Care and support for children
- Homelessness

**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 doesn’t have a deadline and you can apply at any time.

It is their most popular grants programme so we 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.

**Alzheimer’s Research UK**  
[http://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/grant-schemes/](http://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/grant-schemes/)

Alzheimer’s Research UK has a large number of different grant schemes through which you can apply for funding.

A brief overview of each of their schemes can be found at: [http://tinyurl.com/gsqc368](http://tinyurl.com/gsqc368)

All applications must fall within Alzheimer’s Research UK’s remit which covers biomedical research in Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. Alzheimer’s Research UK funds research into cause, diagnosis/detection, prevention and treatment (disease modifying and symptomatic). Of particular importance is research which has translational potential for patient benefit. This includes basic preclinical as well as clinical research, but not care or service delivery research.

**Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust**  
The Trustees make general grants to UK registered Charities involved in the following activities:

- Medical care charities
- Charities in connection with old people
- Charities assisting people who have fallen on evil times through no fault of their own
- Various charitable bodies specified in the Trust Deed

Areas of operation specifically supported are detailed below:

- Medical care charities - care specifically aimed at benefitting older people, to include Alzheimer’s, Macular Disease, Prostate Cancer, Parkinson’s disease, etc.
- Charities in connection with old people - Old Age, Homes, Carers
- Charities for people fallen on evil times – Disabled, Hospices, Ex services, Natural or Man-made disasters, Mental Health, Homelessness.

While there is no geographical limitation on applicants, applications from charities operating in the “Preferred Locations” of Lancashire (especially Lancaster and District), Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Merseyside will receive preference over applications for support in all other geographical areas.