

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

The areas that their grants cover includes:

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.

There are a wide range of other activities that their funding covers at:

<http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/tv/pudsey/A-to-Z-advice.pdf>

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.

Awards for All has three funding priorities and your project idea must meet at least one of these. They will use your answer to question 8 of your application form to make a decision, so please tell them there how your project will:

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage

It's important to them that you involve your community in the design, development and delivery of the activities you're planning, so please tell them how you've done this. They believe this will help your project to be better supported by the energy and strengths that exist within your community and it is more likely to be successful as a result. By community, they mean people living in your local area, people who share a common interest, or people who experience similar barriers and issues.

They are keen to support smaller organisations. To achieve this, they will take your organisation's income into consideration as part of their overall decision.

They can fund:

- equipment
- one-off events
- small capital projects
- staff costs
- training costs
- transport
- utilities/running costs
- volunteer expenses.

Discovery Foundation

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

Discovery Grants support projects that improve people's knowledge, skills or which provide innovative solutions to overcome social challenges. We can only support projects which fulfil these goals and our three priority areas - Explorer, Transformer and Changemaker.

Grants can be used to support one or more of their three priorities:

EXPLORER Improving people's knowledge

Such as Money Management workshops helping disadvantaged people learn how to budget.

TRANSFORMER Improving skills and experience

For example, training to help socially isolated people develop skills to get back into work or volunteering opportunities for disadvantaged young people.

CHANGEMAKER Innovative solutions to social challenges

What about a new social networking program for visually impaired young people to access the internet?

They aim to help as many organisations as possible so we don't offer grants for longer than one year.

Funding is available:

- for small local projects and lasts for up to 12 months
- for complete projects, we don't make contributions or part funding
- to cover part-time salaries, equipment or materials but they must be specific to your project

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.

Princes Trust

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

Their awards remove the financial barriers preventing you from taking the next step into work, education or training.

The Princes Trust Development Awards can help to cover costs such as: course fees, transport or equipment to help you achieve your plan to get into education, training or employment. If you meet the eligibility criteria, you can receive up to £500.

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

- Aged 14-17 and do not have/are not expecting to achieve 5 GCSEs grades A-C-(or equivalent), or
- Aged 17-25 and unemployed or working fewer than 16 hours a week, or in education fewer than 14 hours a week

Development Awards can be used to help fund:

- Costs up to £500
- Tools or equipment for a job or qualification e.g. hairdressing kit, carpentry tools, chef 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/>

The Childcare Business Grants Scheme is now open to newly registered early years childminders, childcare providers on domestic premises and Childminder Agencies (CMAs) in England.

This scheme is intended to reimburse you for the costs of setting up your childcare business.

The scheme is only open to newly registered businesses. From 1 May 2017 a newly registered business is one that has been registered with Ofsted or a CMA within the last 3 months.

There are three types of grants available.

- A £500 grant for an early years childminder or childcare provider on domestic premises
- A £1,000 grant for an early years childminder or childcare provider on domestic premises of children with special educational needs and disability (SEN/D)
- A £1,000 grant for a Childminder Agency (CMA).

Please note that from 1st May 2017 if you have been registered with Ofsted for longer than 3 months you are not eligible for a grant. This rule will be strictly upheld.

The Childcare Business Grants Scheme is funded by the Department for Education. There is a fixed amount of funding available. The scheme is due to end by 31 March 2018, or sooner if all funds have been exhausted.

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

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

They offer one-off grants for capital projects, i.e. new buildings, major refurbishments, transport and equipment. Rented premises are expected to have a lease of at least 10 years. Applications for transport should be for new, not used, vehicles. Applications for equipment should be for single, high cost (£5,000 and over), durable items (for exclusions, see below).

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.

They do not fund running/revenue costs, e.g. salaries, training costs, rent and utilities, software licences. They rarely fund reasonably priced, non-durable equipment subject to wear and tear, such as appliances, camping gear, cutlery/crockery, furniture, mobility aids, musical instruments, tablets/laptops and clothing/uniforms. They also do not fund feasibility studies, building surveys or planning applications.

Their grants are divided into the following categories:

- Community
- Education
- Health
- Social Welfare

Social Welfare

Applications for capital projects are considered by trustees ranging from residential housing for the homeless to 'day centres' providing support, training and education facilities. Trustees also support the welfare needs of those who have served in the Armed Forces, the emergency services and their families, particularly those with physical and mental health issues.

Types of application considered:

- New build and refurbishment of residential and rehabilitation centres; premises for the relief of homelessness, those suffering from substance abuse and young people 'at risk'; emergency centres which do not qualify for statutory funding.
- 'Move on' support facilities
- Day care / Drop-in-centres

Hedley Foundation

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

The 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.

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.

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.