

FAMILY FUND

FROM THEIR WEBSITE:

Family Fund is the UK's largest charity providing grants for families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people. Last year, we provided over 150,000 grants or services worth over £48 million to families across the UK.

Our purpose is to improve the lives of low-income families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people.

Our mission is to provide items and services to all low-income families in the UK raising disabled or seriously ill children that they could not otherwise afford or access, and that help improve their quality of life, realise their rights, and remove some of the barriers they face.

Our vision is that all families raising disabled or seriously ill children have the same choices, quality of life, opportunities and aspirations as other families.

We provide grants for a wide range of items, such as washing machines, sensory toys, family breaks, bedding, tablets, furniture, outdoor play equipment, clothing and computers. It can be a financial, emotional, and physical struggle for families raising a disabled or seriously ill child. These grants help break down many of the barriers families face, improve their quality of life, and ease the additional daily pressures.

Eligibility

Children and young people with additional support due to a disability, disabling condition or with a serious or life-limiting illness meet our criteria if:

- ▶ There is evidence that their additional needs mean that their family cannot enjoy an ordinary life. This may be because the degree of planning and support needed to support their child is much greater than that usually required to meet the needs of children.

AND

- ▶ They require a high level of additional support in three or more of Family Fund's seven areas of support below.

AND

- ▶ Their condition is long term or life-limiting. When we refer to long term, we mean lasting or likely to last 12 months or more.



FAMILY FUND 'SEVEN AREAS OF SUPPORT'

If your child needs additional support in at least three of the seven areas below, they are likely to be eligible for a grant:

- ▶ **Personal care:** Your child needs physical support with feeding, washing, toileting or moving and transferring.
- ▶ **Access to social activities:** Your child needs support engaging socially and taking part in activities.
- ▶ **Education:** Your child needs support with their education and learning. You will need to let us know who gives this assistance and in what ways.
- ▶ **Communication:** Your child needs listening, speaking and understanding.
- ▶ **Supervision and Vigilance:** Your child needs supervision and measures in place to ensure their safety.
- ▶ **Medical or therapeutic treatment or condition management:** Your child needs support in the form of treatment or therapy. You will need to let us know what therapy is given, who does this, how often and when.
- ▶ **Physical environment and specialist resources:** Your child needs physical adaptations and adjustments to help them. You will need to let us know what specialist equipment or resources are used.
- ▶ **Children and young people do not need a formal diagnosis to meet Family Fund criteria, but their additional support needs must arise from a disability or disabling condition.**

To apply, or to find out more, please visit their website at;
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