

# TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL<sup>+</sup>

Strengthening Faith Based Social Action in Cornwall

## Hardship Grants for Individuals in Need - 2025

### Disability and Illness

#### **Barchester's Charitable Foundation**

<https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/apply-grant>

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a registered charity that helps older people and other adults with a physical or learning disability or with mental health problems across England, Scotland & Wales. Their funding focus is about connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. They support applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged. The application form must be completed by a third party who knows the individual in a professional or community-based capacity

#### **The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust**

<https://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/?q=index.html>

Dan Maskell Tennis Trust is a tennis charity raising funds for people with disabilities who play tennis. Please note that the Trust supports people with all disabilities, e.g. physical impairment, deaf, learning disability, visually impaired etc). If you are playing wheelchair tennis you may apply for your own sports wheelchair or the trust will consider include tennis rackets, coaching lessons with an LTA Licensed coach; course fees for official LTA Development/Coaching courses

#### **Elizabeth Eagle-Bott Memorial Fund**

[Music Awards and Funding | RNIB](#)

Awards to blind or partially sighted musicians for musical study, projects and events for the benefit of local, national and international communities. The Elizabeth Eagle-Bott Memorial Fund grants funds to: blind or partially sighted people, to support their music making; to third parties, supporting blind or partially sighted musicians in their music making. Grants are up to £10,000. To qualify, applicants, or people supported by applicants, must be registrable as sight impaired or seriously sight impaired (partially sighted or blind) and a UK citizen.

#### **Family Fund**

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

Family Fund offers grants for those who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child. They provide funds for a range of things such as family breaks, household appliances, furniture, computers, tablets, bedding and clothing. You must be currently living in the UK and have done so for at least six months, and have evidence of entitlement to certain benefits.

**Frederick Andrew Trust**

[www.frederickandrewtrust.org](http://www.frederickandrewtrust.org)

The Trust provides grants for women who have experienced an illness or injury and helps women of all ages and backgrounds regardless of age or medical condition. The only criteria is that applicants are currently, or have previously been, in paid employment.

**The Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel**

[www.guildofourladyofgoodcounsel.co.uk](http://www.guildofourladyofgoodcounsel.co.uk)

Grants, resources and equipment are available to registered charities, local authorities and social services in England and Wales that are supporting expectant mothers and new mothers in crisis. Individuals may also be provided with grant support. The Guild also exists to provide information, support and help to women experiencing a difficult time in their pregnancies and to those with children, particularly newly born children, who are facing hardships. Although rooted in the Roman Catholic faith, the Guild serves women from all religious backgrounds, all nationalities, all ages, all social classes, rich or poor, married, single, and minors.

**Headway Emergency Fund**

<https://www.headway.org.uk/supporting-you/headway-emergency-fund/>

The Emergency Fund provides one-off grants of up to £1,000 in the immediate aftermath of brain injury, to help adult brain injury survivors and their families cope with the sudden practical implications.

Please note that due to increasing and unprecedented demand for support from the Emergency Fund, applications are currently only being considered for those with transport and accommodation needs to visit loved ones in acute care following a brain injury diagnosis.

**Independence at Home**

[www.independenceathome.org.uk](http://www.independenceathome.org.uk)

Provides grants to people who have a long-term illness or disability. They consider grants for mobility and travel equipment, specialist disability equipment, home adaptations, communication equipment, home repairs, kitchen equipment, beds and bedding, home adaptations and more. Please note each application must be submitted on behalf of the individual by a Referrer.

**LHH (Linking Help with Hope)**

<https://lhh.org.uk/>

Give grants for essential household items for disabled individuals and their carers who are living on a very low income, receiving the appropriate welfare benefits and who have exhausted all other funding sources including statutory funding, occupational, local and specialist charities. To be eligible, applicants must present with a physical or diagnosed mental health condition, learning disability, or be a carer for an adult or

child with a disability. Please note they will only accept application forms that have been filled in and submitted by a third-party sponsor from a recognised agency.

### **The MS Society**

<https://www.mssociety.org.uk/care-and-support/support-for-carers/support-for-young-carers>

If you're under 18 and have a family member with MS, the MS Society give grants of up to £300 to young carers (15 years and under), and up to £1,000 for young adult carers (16-24 years) to help pay for leisure activities or personal development. This could be for things like school or college trips, sports equipment, music lessons, courses or driving lessons for example.

### **Percy Bilton Charity: Individuals in Need Fund**

<https://www.percy-bilton-charity.org/applyInd>

The Percy Bilton Charity can provide grants for older people - Individuals aged over 65 on low income and disabled People - Children or adults with a physical/learning disability or serious long-term illness or adults with a severe and enduring mental health problem which prevents them from working. Please note only Support Workers working within the Council or NHS Trust may apply on behalf of individuals.

### **Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB)**

[Grants from RNIB | RNIB](#)

RNIB offer grants of up to £500 for certain small items of technology to people who are registered as blind or partially sighted, on a means-tested benefit and who have been unable to get statutory funding. Please note your application must be supported by a professional who knows your personal circumstances. This could be a social worker, occupational therapist, health care visitor, or a worker from another charity or local society that is helping you. It cannot be your GP, a friend or a family member.

### **Southern Spinal Injuries Trust**

<https://www.ssit.org.uk/grant-application-form/>

The Southern Spinal Injuries Trust (SSIT) supports people living with spinal cord injury in the South and South West of England. It does this principally by purchasing a range of specialised equipment, such as mobility aids and adjustable beds, on behalf of beneficiaries.

Please note at the time of list grant list being updated the Trust's website was not available.

### **The Terrence Higgins Trust**

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

The Terrence Higgins Trust (THT) is the national charity for people in the UK with HIV/AIDS. It has a hardship fund for people living with these conditions, who face difficulty or extra expenditure because of their HIV status. Please note all applications must be submitted by registered referrers so that clients are given support in making their application

### **Victoria Convalescent Trust**

<http://victoriaconvalescenttrust.org.uk/>

The Trust make grants to fund or part-fund short breaks for those of any age, living in England and Wales. Individuals who are in need of a short break due to disability, poor health or their role as a carer should approach an approved organisation for support with the application process.

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