

## Funding and Grants information

As a busy parent/carer it can sometimes be difficult to have time to research what grants you could apply for. Some of our parents tell us they are at a total loss and don't know where to begin. We also know the financial difficulties that raising an autistic child or young person may bring. With this in mind we asked some of our families to tell us about some of the grants they have used in the past.

| Name                            | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contact information                            |
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| <b>Family Fund</b>              | Family Fund is one of the biggest charities providing grants for families raising autistic children. For children under 17 you can apply once a year- certain eligibility criteria applies. The grant can be used for sensory equipment, games, books, music, kitchen appliances, recreation and household, day trips, computers and family breaks.                                                                                                                                                         | 01904621115<br>info@familyfund.org             |
| <b>Merlin's Magic Wand</b>      | You can apply for free days out to Merlin attractions across the UK. Applications are welcome for children aged two-18 with life threatening illnesses and disabilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | admin@merlinsmagicwand.org                     |
| <b>Sunshine Fund</b>            | Provide equipment to hundreds of disabled children in the North East every year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 0191 2016289                                   |
| <b>AbleKidz</b>                 | AbleKidz provides grants for specialist equipment, IT equipment and specialist software.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 08451233997<br>info@ablekidz.org               |
| <b>Greggs Hardship Fund</b>     | Greggs hardship fund allows you to apply for up to £150 of household equipment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 0191 212 7626<br>greggsfoundation@greggs.co.uk |
| <b>Jessie's Fund</b>            | This is a charity supporting children with additional complex needs, to develop communication through music. Priority is given to children who are none verbal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 01904 658 189 info@jessiesfund.org.uk          |
| <b>Cauldwell Children</b>       | Cauldwell children provide short breaks for children under 19. Your annual income must be less than £45,000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 0345 300 1348<br>charity@cauldwellchildren.com |
| <b>Children Today</b>           | Children Today provide grants for specialist equipment such as aids, educational resources and trikes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 01244335622                                    |
| <b>Boparan Charitable Trust</b> | The aim of the trust is to 'help little stars shine, by enriching the lives of young people who are disadvantaged through disability'. The trust will provide funds towards trikes, sensory toys, books and computer equipment. Applications for those under 18 must provide evidence of their condition. For individuals aged up to 25 basic financial information and a reference will be required.                                                                                                       | 01212149373                                    |
| <b>Remembering Rebecca</b>      | The charity offers financial assistance to children, from birth to 16 years, with Lissencephaly and other neurological conditions. As a charity we offer respite breaks in one of our three caravans in Filey, North Yorkshire and situated on Primrose Valley and Reighton Sands. The caravans are available to families who have children with neurological conditions. We supply specialist equipment to children with neurological conditions from adapted bikes to sensory toys and weighted blankets. | rememberingrebecca@hotmail.co.uk               |
| <b>Tabitha's Toys</b>           | The aim of the charity is to loan out specialist toys to children that may need them. For example bubble lamps and fibre optics.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Info@tabithastoys.org                          |