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Hope for families with life-limiting epilepsy

# **Grant & Support Signposting Summary**

for those living with Dravet Syndrome aged 16+

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# Grant & Support Signposting Summary

**For those living with Dravet Syndrome aged 16+**

This guide highlights charities and organisations that may offer grants, equipment funding, respite support, holidays, mobility assistance, and special experiences for young people and adults living with Dravet Syndrome and related complex disabilities.

Please be aware that details are correct at time of publication, however individual charities may choose to change their criteria before we update our guide. Grants listed in this booklet may not be eligible to all families supported by Dravet Syndrome UK.





# Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust

## Who is eligible?

Children and adults of all ages living with disability, chronic illness, or long-term health conditions who need specialist equipment or support. Applications must be made through a professional referrer such as an occupational therapist, nurse, social worker, or charity worker.

## What can they fund?

- Wheelchairs and mobility aids
- Specialist beds and chairs
- Sensory equipment
- Communication aids and specialist software
- Respite/convalescent breaks
- Medical equipment and white goods linked to disability needs

## Grant amount

Varies depending on need and available funding.

## How to apply

Application forms are completed by a professional referrer and submitted directly to the trust. Meetings take place throughout the year

**For more information visit: [home.fnaist.org.uk](http://home.fnaist.org.uk)**

## Who is eligible?

People of all ages in the UK with a physical disability, learning disability, or long-term illness who are experiencing financial hardship. Applications must come from a professional referrer.

## What can they fund?

- Wheelchairs
- Riser recliner chairs
- Wet rooms and home adaptations
- Essential disability equipment

## Grant amount

Typically between £300–£600.

## How to apply

Applications are submitted online by an occupational therapist, nurse, social worker, Citizens Advice adviser, or charity support worker.

**For more information visit: [independenceathome.org.uk](https://independenceathome.org.uk)**

## Who is eligible?

Adults aged 18+ with a physical disability, learning disability, or mental health condition, and adults aged 65+. Applications must be completed by a third-party professional or support worker.

## What can they fund?

- Outdoor mobility equipment
- Powered wheelchairs
- Mobility scooters
- Specialist bikes/trikes
- Car adaptations

## Grant amount

Usually £100–£1,500 for individuals.

## How to apply

Applications can be made online throughout the year by a professional referrer.

**For more information visit: [bhcfoundation.org.uk](http://bhcfoundation.org.uk)**

# Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation

## Who is eligible?

Young people and adults with disabilities or long-term illness experiencing financial hardship.

## What can they fund?

- Specialist disability equipment
- Therapy or respite support
- Household items linked to disability needs

## Grant amount

Varies according to circumstances.

## How to apply

Applications are usually made through supporting professionals or charities.

**For more information [hinchilla.com/funder-directory/the-heinz-anna-and-carol-kroch-foundation](https://hinchilla.com/funder-directory/the-heinz-anna-and-carol-kroch-foundation)**



# Family Fund

Helping disabled children

## Who is eligible?

Families raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 and under who lives at home in the UK.

## What can they fund?

- Washing machines and kitchen appliances
- Computers/tablets
- Bedding and sensory toys
- Family breaks
- Clothing and play equipment

## Grant amount

Varies depending on need and available funding.

## How to apply

Applications are completed online directly by parents/carers.

**For more information visit: [familyfund.org.uk](https://familyfund.org.uk)**



## Who is eligible?

Children and young adults with life-limiting or serious illnesses.

## What can they fund?

- Special experiences and wishes
- Days out
- Holidays and memory-making opportunities

## Grant amount

Support is tailored individually.

## How to apply

Referral or direct family application via the charity website.

**For more information visit: [genieswish.co.uk](https://genieswish.co.uk)**



# Sandcastle Trust

Supporting rare families

## Who is eligible?

Families caring for children or adults with serious illness or disability who require respite support.

## What can they fund?

- Family respite breaks
- Holidays
- Emergency support

## Grant amount

Varies by family need.

## How to apply

Applications are made directly through the trust.

**For more information visit: [sandcastletrust.org](https://sandcastletrust.org)**



## Who is eligible?

Seriously ill young adults aged 16–40.

## What can they fund?

- Special day experiences
- Short breaks
- Memory-making activities for families and couples

## Grant amount

Experiences are organised directly rather than cash grants.

## How to apply

Referral through a healthcare professional or direct application.

**For more information visit: [willowfoundation.org.uk](http://willowfoundation.org.uk)**

# UK Government Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)

## Who is eligible?

Disabled children and adults needing adaptations to remain safe and independent at home.

## What can they fund?

- Wet rooms
- Ramps
- Stairlifts
- Adapted bathrooms
- Widened doorways and access improvements

## Grant amount

Up to £30,000 in England (higher in some areas of the UK).

## How to apply

Apply through your local council occupational therapy or housing department.

**For more information visit: [gov.uk/disabled-facilities-grants](https://www.gov.uk/disabled-facilities-grants)**



## Who is eligible?

Disabled children and young people under 25.

## What can they fund?

- Holidays
- Respite breaks
- Educational and recreational opportunities

## Grant amount

Varies according to need.

## How to apply

Applications are generally made through professionals or supporting organisations.

**For more information visit: [trefoil.org.uk](https://trefoil.org.uk)**

# AFK

working with disability

creating opportunities



## Who is eligible?

Disabled children and young adults up to age 25 who need mobility or independence equipment.

## What can they fund?

- Wheelchairs
- Specialist trikes
- Adapted equipment
- Technology supporting independence

## Grant amount

Varies depending on equipment required.

## How to apply

Families can apply directly through the charity website.

**For more information visit: [afkcharity.org](http://afkcharity.org)**



## Who is eligible?

Disabled children and young people up to age 25.

## What can they fund?

- Wheelchairs
- Communication aids
- Adapted trikes
- Specialist seating and therapy equipment

## Grant amount

Varies according to equipment costs.

## How to apply

Application forms are available online and usually supported by a professional quote/report.

**For more information visit: [childrentoday.org.uk](http://childrentoday.org.uk)**



## Who is eligible?

Women in financial hardship who would benefit from a holiday break for health and wellbeing reasons.

## What can they fund?

- Convalescent holidays
- Respite and wellbeing breaks

## Grant amount

Varies depending on holiday costs.

## How to apply

Applications are usually made through a support professional or organisation.

**For more information visit: [mmht.org.uk](http://mmht.org.uk)**



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