



cashforkids

General Grants

Application Eligibility Criteria



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Cash for Kids exists to help disadvantaged children and young people up to and including the age of 18 who are affected by poverty, illness, neglect or have additional support needs.

Applicant information will be treated as strictly private and confidential.

Grant applications can only be made to support children living in our local communities within the UK.

Funding guidance

Eligibility criteria

Cash for Kids reserve the right to review and amend the eligibility criteria at any time. Live applicants that may be affected will be contacted to advise of any amendments.

Award size

Average grants made are between **£1,000** and **£3,000** but we will consider applications for smaller or larger amounts.

Please ensure the total grant amount being applied for includes any delivery, VAT or other additional costs as these **cannot** be added retrospectively.

Application window

General Grant application windows will open where funds allow. Application windows may close earlier than advertised if capacity is reached.

Examples of what we can fund



Poverty

Beds / bedroom items*, clothing*, school uniform, white goods, laptop / tablets for study, holiday hunger / before or after school activity clubs*, baby equipment, sensory room / equipment.



Mental Health and well-being

Therapy* including counselling, music / art therapy, speech / language therapy, physiotherapy, bereavement support, sensory equipment.



Sport and physical well-being*

Sports equipment, kit, hall / pitch hire, volunteer coaching / training, minibuses.



Disability or life-limiting illness

Specialist equipment including beds, hoists, mobility aids, bathroom hoists / baths, sensory equipment, holiday hunger / before or after school activity clubs*, car seats / harnesses, communication aids, minibus, trikes, wheelchairs and buggies.



Education and essential skills

Educational materials (books, classroom equipment, outdoor / indoor play equipment), school trips / residential*, volunteer training such as First Aid and coaching qualifications, bleed control kits / defibrillators, specialist schools, swimming / sport / uniformed organisation subs for disadvantaged children, sensory rooms / equipment.



Diversity and inclusion

Projects that promote equality, diversity and inclusion, and benefit the wider community.

*Specific limitations

Beds and bedroom items

Single, bunk and specialist beds only.

Therapy

A maximum of six months of sessions. We do not fund diagnosis or suitability assessments.

School trips / residential

For disadvantaged children who would be excluded without support.

Holiday hunger / before or after school activity clubs

For disadvantaged children which must include food provision.

Sports and physical well-being

Applicants will be offered the opportunity to take part in Sports Challenge in the first instance.

Clothing

Maximum of £100 voucher per child.

For individual grant items we may provide similar, alternative items or use different suppliers.

For part funded items we will offer the choice of a similar, alternative item or allow you to make up the shortfall from other sources.

What we do not fund

Please visit cashforkids.org.uk/grants for a full list of ineligible organisations, items and projects

These lists are not exhaustive and are for general guidance. In exceptional circumstances, we can take an out of policy application to the Cash for Kids Managing Director / Grants Director for review.

Application types and requirements

Individual children

Application may be made by a parent / guardian or professional supporting the application. All applications will require:

- **Two quotations or online links to the items requested.** If there is only one supplier (sometimes the case for specialist equipment), please include a note uploaded as the second quotation explaining the reasons why.
- **Supporting letter or email from the professional supporting the application.** The supporting letter must be specific to the application and detail the impact that the item requested will have on the child's health and wellbeing.
- **Proof of benefit entitlement.**

Organisations

Applications may be made by charities (with turnover **less than £1 million**), schools, community associations and grassroots organisations (with a constitution / formal governance documents and safeguarding policy). We do not accept applications from CICs for this grant type.

Charities (turnover less than £1 million)

- Governance document such as constitution.
- Safeguarding policy.
- Paying-in slip / statement for a bank account in the charity name.
- Most recent accounts.
- Breakdown of costs relating to the application.

Schools

- Safeguarding policy attached or on website.
- Paying-in slip / statement for a bank account in the schools name.
- Most recent accounts, income / expenditure documents or statement of school fund account.
- Letter from Head Teacher authorising application / Head is a point of contact.

Community associations / grassroots organisations

- Governance document such as a constitution, articles of association or club rules and regulations.
- Safeguarding policy.
- Paying-in slip / statement for a bank account in the organisation name.
- Recent accounts or income / expenditure documentation.
- Breakdown of costs relating to this application.

Supporting Information

Due to the volume of applications received applications without all supporting information, quotes or links to items requested and required financial information **will not be considered** and will be rejected at this stage.

If you wish to re-apply following rejection, you will be required to complete a new application. This will only be accepted if the application window is still open.



Decision making

General Grant applications will be reviewed and voted on by the Cash for Kids Local Executive Board.

Members are chosen carefully and are made up of individuals representing Cash for Kids, Bauer Audio, the wider business community, and external professionals who are active in the local community, hold influential positions and have in-depth knowledge of the area and a passion for helping us raise funds.

The Local Executive Board have sole responsibility for the distribution of General Grants. This is not a governing role as the charity has a Chair and a Trustee Board for each of the legal entities.

The Local Executive Board will consider all complete and eligible grant applications on their own merit with favourable consideration being given to projects which directly benefit many children and have a positive impact on the quality of children's lives. Successful schemes will be of good quality with careful consideration being given to the safety and well-being of children.

Applications that meet the criteria and have all supporting documents will be made accessible to the Local Executive Board in advance of each grant round meeting so they can be reviewed and voted on as approved, not approved or undecided. At this point all applications that are not approved by the majority are sent an email informing the applicant of the decision, and applications that have been approved by the majority are submitted for payment. Undecided applications will be discussed at the grant round meeting to reach a final decision.

The Local Executive Board will meet multiple times during the year following each grant window deadline to review applications, and Cash for Kids will reply to successful and unsuccessful applicants shortly thereafter.

If a grant is awarded by the Local Executive Board funds must be spent in accordance with the application made and completed within **six months**. Grants not fulfilled within six months will be redistributed to support other disadvantaged children and young people. If a grant is made and funds are paid but not used within six months, they must be returned to Cash for Kids.

Applications for change of use after a grant has been awarded will only be approved by the Local Executive Board if the change is not significantly different from the original application. Significant changes will result in the grant offer being rescinded and a new application will be required - the success of which will not be guaranteed.

Post-grant evidence and monitoring

All successful applications will be required to provide evidence relating to the grant in the form of a grant monitoring form. This will include financial evidence, case studies and photos / videos of the item or project funded, and must be completed within **six months** (or before a new application is made to Cash for Kids if that falls within the six month post-grant period).

Full details of the requirements will be on the grant awarded email.

Withdrawal of a grant

Please see cashforkids.org.uk/grants for details.

Extraordinary grants

Applications for support when our General Grants application window is closed will only be considered in exceptional, time-critical circumstances where funds allow.

Applications must meet our standard General Grants criteria to be considered.

Examples of previous Extraordinary Grants include a respite break for a child in palliative care to make final family memories, and beds for a family fleeing a domestic violence situation.

Applications relating to cost-of-living will not be considered.



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