



# Inborn Condition? Special Child? Special Family?

- ... we all need a little extra special help sometimes
- ... special children and their families deserve speedy and practical support
- ... wherever possible, children's health and ability should be optimised not held back by lack of equipment or other help



**child and family grant**

# BDF Newlife child and family grants

## What are child and family grants and who can apply?

BDF Newlife Child and Family Grants exist to help children and families who are significantly affected by an inborn condition (birth defect/congenital abnormality). The child and family should be living permanently in the United Kingdom and the child

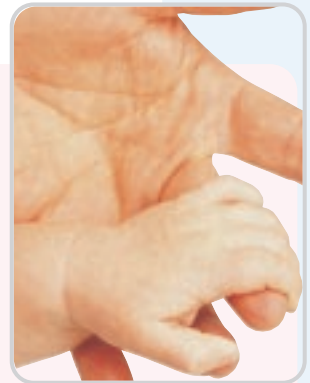
must be under 18 years old at the time of application.

Applications may be made by Parents or Primary Carers. Applications from Health or Social Welfare Professionals on behalf of a child/family are also welcome.

## How can the grants help?

We may be able to help by providing funds, in full or part, for the purchase of:

- Equipment which is specifically related to the care or needs of the child/family where other sources of funding are not available or significant delay will cause worsening or deterioration of a child's condition/welfare. Please see application guidance notes for information.
- Other support for the child or family which is exceptional in its nature and where other funding is not available, or a significant delay will cause worsening or deterioration of a child's condition/welfare. Please see application guidance notes for information.



BDF Newlife Child & Family Grants are not generally intended to replace statutory provision. However, the grants can provide a speedy or even emergency resolution/provision if this can be shown to be in the best interest of the child/family.

## Past grant examples

- **Standing frame for child with Cerebral Palsy** - normally provided by statutory provision. However, a 9 month wait meant the child's condition would worsen.
- **Support Chair** - a 6 month delay would have meant worsening the condition of a child who was unable to sit up.
- **Storage space for physio and other treatment equipment** - external storage space to accommodate equipment that helped caring/treatment at home.
- **Specialist flooring for a home bed/treatment room** - where significant treatment requires rigorous cleaning/bacteria control.
- **Additional beds/bedding** - in cases of medically increased wear and tear.

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We fund pioneering medical research grants/awards. One of our services is to focus on families in greatest need, so whilst our assistance is not means tested, we will expect applications primarily from those on restricted income, relative to their family size. If you think we can help you, please request and complete an application form. Your application will be followed by a telephone or personal interview to gather further information. In exceptional circumstances we will consider helping in other ways and we do welcome suggestions from families. Once an application form has been submitted to us, you must await written confirmation of our support. We normally order equipment directly with the

## why? how?

supplier and arrange delivery to you or a professional. We do not reimburse funds for items already purchased. Your application will need to be accompanied with a written letter from a closely associated Health or Social Welfare professional confirming:

- diagnosis of child
- that no other funds are available from other agencies
- full specification and details of equipment requested with cost + Vat and delivery costs.

## Checklist

- ✓ Is the condition inborn?
- ✓ Is the affected child under 18 years old?
- ✓ Are the effects on the child or carers/family significant?
- ✓ Will a closely associated professional support the application?
- ✓ Can you demonstrate that other funds are not available or there is significant time delay in supply with negative effects on health or ability?
- ✓ Are you the parent/main carer or a professional acting on behalf of a child or person who fulfils the points above?

**If you can answer yes to the questions above - you can make an application now. See overleaf...**

# Application guidance

The examples give some guidance, however, this is not an exhaustive list.

Therefore, we advise potential applicants to call our Nurse Helpline for advice.

The charity's Trustees vary the focus of policy for grants/awards on an annual basis. We regret that we cannot help all applicants but we are restricted by funds available at the time of application and other considerations. This is a condition upon which all applications are submitted and considered. The Trustees decision is final.

- We do not give cash/cheque grants to families/carers.
- We normally purchase equipment, etc., in full or in part ourselves and arrange delivery/installation.
- We do not fund computers.
- We do not fund holidays or outings, travel or leisure pursuits, etc.
- We do not fund ongoing activities or services, usually we give one off support.
- We will not fund treatment/therapy, which takes place outside the UK.
- If we cannot help we will try to suggest other organisations that may.

## Queries -

### before or after application?

Call our Nurses in complete confidence on **08700 70 70 20**

BDF Newlife Nurses can also give other information on inborn conditions and related issues.

## making an application

**Request and complete the official form or complete and submit this on-line at**



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

**or post your application to:**



**BDF Newlife  
Hemlock Way  
Cannock  
Staffordshire  
WS11 7GF**

If you wish to attach a letter with more information, please do so.

We will contact the professional or professionals involved to gain their opinion.



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