

Funding and Grant Opportunities for families with children with SEND

Funding for Leisure Activities for Children with Additional Needs (UK)

The Happy Days Children's Charity is inviting applications for funding towards trips, respite breaks and group activity holidays for disadvantaged children and young people with additional needs.

The charity awards funding for different types of activities to support families with children aged 3-17 who have a disability, a special need or have been abused.

Grants are available for the following activities:

- Family Day Trips - eligible trips include zoos, farm parks, theme parks, the seaside or the theatre
- Family Holiday Breaks - a short break family holiday by the seaside or in the countryside, usually in the United Kingdom. Other destinations will be considered according to cost.
- Group Day Trips and Visiting Theatre - a day trip to a wide variety of destinations, for example, the seaside, a theme park, the theatre, or for a theatre workshop to visit the applicants' premises. Items that can be funded are tickets/passes and transport costs
- Group Activity Holidays - a group activity holiday to a wide variety of destinations such as outdoor activity centres, holiday camps and sailing breaks

Applications for family activities are accepted from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers.

Applications for group activities are accepted from organisations such as SEN schools and groups, young carers and women's refuges.

Applications can be made at any time. <https://www.happydayscharity.org/applications>

Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children (UK)

Schools, youth groups, not-for-profit organisations, and charities can apply for grants of £500 to £2,750 to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of disabled or disadvantaged children (aged 13 or under).

Applications from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK will receive priority. Funded by the Henry Smith Charity, grants can cover up to two-thirds of the cost of a holiday or trip lasting one to seven days.

Previous visits supported include:

- All Saints Catholic Primary School received a grant of £1,500 towards a two-night trip to Wales for a group of disadvantaged children from Merseyside;
- Bridgewater School, which received a grant of £1,900 towards an overnight trip to London for a group of disadvantaged children from Newcastle; and

- 6th St Helens (Parr) Scout Group received a grant of £1,100 towards a two-night trip to an activity centre in Lancashire for a group of children from a disadvantaged area of Merseyside.

Applications for trips between the 13th January – 30th April 2025 can be made until the 19th of March 2025.

Useful Links:

Funding Guidelines

FAQs <https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/holiday-grants-for-children/holiday-grants-for-children-funding-guidelines/>

Funding to Support Disabled & Disadvantaged Children (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to small UK-registered children's charities to fund equipment and services to support disabled and disadvantaged children under the age of 13 across the UK.

The Toy Trust fund:

- helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering;
- supports children through awful experiences;
- encourages achievement through adversity;
- purchases vital equipment;
- provides care;
- bolsters existing initiatives;
- initiates brand new projects;
- and satisfies basic needs.

Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply.

The next deadline to apply is mid-February 2025 for the March meeting of Trustees.
<https://www.toytrust.co.uk/apply/>