



Welcome to the February 2019 edition of Disability Grants News - a monthly round up of highlights on the [Disability Grants](#) website and resources for anyone with a disability, caring for or working with disabled adults or children.

Grant News

Here are some of this months updates and additions....

General

- [The BBC Emergency Essentials Fund](#) is now organised through the Family Fund. It supports families who are struggling with basic needs.
- [Crackerjacks](#) provides grants for disabled children towards specialist equipment and respite breaks in a holiday home.
- [Family Action](#) makes small grants to those on low income or benefits for essential personal and household needs. It also offers small grants through its Educational Grants Programme.
- The YHA offers free family breaks through their [Family Support Programme](#). It helps families experiencing difficulties, bereavement, disability, life threatening illness and other opportunity-limiting factors. The child or young person must be between the ages of 2 and 18 (up to 19th birthday).
- Families who haven't received tickets in the past might be eligible for [free Merlin passes](#) to their attractions. This includes Alton Towers and Chessington World of Adventures.

- [The MS Society](#) offers grants to ease the pressure on individuals with MS and their carers.
- Help towards funding to your home more efficient and cheaper to keep warm can be obtained from [Energy Saving Trust](#) for the whole of the UK.
- Specific advice for Scotland can be obtained from [Home Energy Scotland](#)
- [The Canoe Foundation](#) provides grants to clubs and community groups to promote canoe participation for young people and the disabled. The next closing date for applications: 30 April 2019.
- Support disabled veterans and current members of the Armed Forces by hosting your own [Armed Forces Day Event](#) on Saturday 29th June 2019. Funding of up to £10,000 is available to support your event from the Ministry of Defence to assist with the festivities.
- Swimming grants are available to organisations that promote swimming through the [Swimathon Foundation's Community Grants Scheme](#). Deadline for applications: 3rd April 2019.

Regional

- [Equipment for Disabled Children](#) provides funding for specialist equipment for disabled children living in the Guildford area of Surrey.
- [The Yorkshire Children's Trust](#) supports children with life-changing illnesses and disabilities living in Yorkshire with financial assistance and respite breaks.
- [The Kensington Foundation](#) offers crisis grants to residents living in the Blackpool/Fylde area

Resources

- [Cerebra](#) have produced a factsheet: What to do if your child's care package is reduced.
- [Euan's Guide](#) is great source of information of accessible places to go with reviews and listing for the UK and beyond.

Snippets

- The Government has made an announcement on the [expansion of budgets for health and care support](#). This will include a commitment to introduce Personal Wheelchair Budgets (PWB).
- [The Woodland Trust](#) is currently taking applications for free trees for schools and community groups – to be delivered in November 2019. Useful for Sensory/wildlife gardens????
- A reminder about the [CEA Card](#) a national scheme for disabled cinema users that allows one free ticket for someone to accompany you to the cinema.
- [Kids Pass](#) are offering a 30 day trial for £1 of their Kids Pass membership. This gives discounts on family days out, cinemas and restaurants. If you purchase a Kids Pass Disability Grants receives a small remuneration from the sale.

Please don't forget that Disability Grants is a shared resource where everyone helps each other..... So, do participate and share your knowledge and experiences.

Help and Be Helped

All the best

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