



Possible Funding Sources for Holidays for Adults with Disabilities

This fact sheet has been compiled as a result of many requests for funding information for fully accessible holidays for adults with disabilities.

General Tips

Anyone seeking funding should begin searching for a grant or fund well before booking a holiday. It maybe that you will be unable to obtain financial assistance or that the amount allocated is insufficient to cover the full cost of the holiday.

Contact your Local Authority Social Services to find out what funding is available and the criteria for applying. N.B. Some social workers are unaware that grants may exist and you may need to insist they investigate thoroughly. Funding grants available vary from council to council and is often only small amounts but they can make a worthwhile contribution if only to travelling costs. It is also worth checking with the Citizens Advice Bureau to find out what local sources may be available in your area, sometimes very localized charities can offer assistance.

Some industries and trades have benevolent funds that people who have been employed in them can apply to for holiday grants for themselves and their families.

Some trusts and societies have their own application forms. Others require a letter. Contact your Social worker, GP or Health Visitor and ask them if they will support your application or make an application on your behalf. This is an essential requirement for some applications.

Applying to several trusts/organisations is recommended, as often contributions are limited and sources may well be oversubscribed.

Industry / Trade Benevolent Funds

The Electrical and Electronics Industries Benevolent Association

8, Station Parade, Balham High Road, London, SW12 9BH

This association can help people such as managers, engineers, electricians, van drivers, store-people, retail shop assistants and their dependants who have been involved in the following industries: electrical contracting, electrical generation, networks and supply, electrical maintenance, electrical retailing, electrical wholesaling, lighting, electronics, mechanical engineering, trade unions, professional institutions and all allied industries.

Tel:- 020 8673 0131

E-mail:- welfare@eeiba.org

Website:- www.eeiba.org

The Furnishing Trades Benevolent Association

4th Floor, Furniture Maker's Hall, 12 Austin Friars, London EC2N 2HE

This association can provide holiday grants and respite breaks to those who have been/currently working/retired from the UK Furnishing Industry (minimum of two years employment service required) they also support their dependants.

Tel:- 0207 256 5954

E-mail:- welfare@ftba.co.uk

Website:- www.ftba.co.uk

SSAFA

Forces Help, 19 Queen Elizabeth Street, London, SE1 2LP

This organisation supports people who have served in the armed forces or their dependants.

Tel:- 0845 1300 975

E-mail:- info@ssafa.org.uk

Website:- www.ssafa.org.uk

General Sources

Handicapped Aid Trust

Northchapel House, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RD

The Handicapped Aid Trust (HAT) was set up to make holidays possible for disabled and handicapped people. They can give grants towards the cost of helpers to assist individuals on holiday, towards the cost of holidays and helpers to give carers a break and can give donations for assisted group holidays, in partnership with other organisations. They are happy to receive applications from individuals or groups of disabled people who would like to take a holiday but who cannot afford to pay the expenses of essential helpers. Applicants must be over 17 years old and applications must be supported by an organisation, health or social work professional.

Deadlines for applications are the 1st February for summer holidays and the 1st August for winter holidays. Applications are considered only once every two years.

Tel:- 01253 796441

E-mail:- secretary@handicappedaidtrust.org.uk

Website:- www.handicappedaidtrust.org.uk

Family Action

Grants Service, Family Action, 501-505 Kingsland Road, London, E8 4AU

This organisation may be able to assist an adult or child to have a holiday in the UK. It will accept referrals from a social worker or voluntary agency.

Tel:- 020 7241 7459

E-mail:- grants.enquiry@family-action.org.uk

Website:- <http://www.family-action.org.uk>

Rotary International Great Britain & Ireland

Kinwarton Road, Alcester, Warwickshire, B49 6PB

You may be referred back to your local club if it is felt appropriate.

Tel:- 01789 765411

E-mail:- secretary@ribi.org

Website:- www.ribi.org

Round Table

The Round Table Trust, Marchesi House, 4 Embassy Drive, Calthorpe Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 1TP

Again you may be referred back locally if it is felt appropriate.

Tel:- 0121 456 4402
E-mail:- hq@roundtable.org.uk
Website:- www.roundtable.co.uk

National Benevolent Fund for the Aged

32 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0RE

NBFA provides free holidays for older people who are living on a low income. Each holiday is to a UK seaside resort and includes coach travel, half board accommodation in a hotel, entertainment and some excursions. Holidays take place in the late autumn and the early spring. To qualify for a free break away with NBFA you need to be over 60 years old, Living on a low income, not have had a holiday for at least three years and able to get on and off a coach, manage steps and look after yourself. It is possible for wheelchair users to be accompanied by a designated able bodied companion/carer who can assist them on and off the coach (this can be their spouse) and all applications are looked at individually for ways to assist inclusion. Each year different areas of the UK are selected for eligibility for details of which areas are included check out their website.

Tel:- 020 7828 0200
Website:- www.nbfa.org.uk

The 3H Fund

147A Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2RA

The 3H Fund are specialists in providing subsidised group holidays for physically disabled people and respite for their carers. When funds are available, they provide grants to families on low income with a dependant who has physical or mental disabilities to have a modest holiday in the UK.

Tel:- 01892 547474
E-mail:- info@3hfund.org.uk
Website:- www.3hfund.org.uk

Holidays with Help

4, Pebblecombe, Adelaide Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 4LL

Holidays with Help provide subsidised holidays for individuals, couples and families with disabilities.

Tel:- 0208 390 9752 (Mrs Rosemary McIntyre, MBE)

E-mail:- holidays.with.help@lineone.net

Website:- www.holidayswithhelp.org.uk

Active Foundation

Unit G, 41 Warwick Road, Solihull B92 7HS

One-off grants and recurrent grants towards activity holidays for adolescents being treated for various chronic illnesses. Contact the secretary to apply.

Tel:- 0121 440 5855

Bruce Wake Charity

Ayston, Rutland LE15 9AE

One off grants of up to £2,000 towards short breaks and holidays. Applications will only be accepted through a charitable organisation or equivalent recognised body, and submitted together with appropriate financial information to Mrs Wake.

Tel:- 0116 247 1434

Website:- www.brucewaketrust.co.uk

The R L Glasspool Charity Trust

Second Floor, Saxon House, 182 Hope Street, Walthamstow EH17 4QH

One-off grants including holidays. Applications must be made through social services, or relevant welfare agency. Form available from the trust. Applications should include full names, ages, address of family, income and expenditure, family circumstances and need, what other charities have been approached and with what result. Payment is made to the referring agency so the name of the payee should be included. If applying for a holiday provide details of proposed holiday, other charities contacted, whether Social Fund/social services have been approached and result.

Tel:- 020 8520 4354

Many charities related to a specific disability or condition can assist with holidays so it is worth approaching those that might be appropriate to your own circumstances. For example:-

Shropshire Scope

22 Crowmere Road, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 5HX

Shropshire Scope is a local charity that would like to help anybody that has Cerebral Palsy (or a more specific diagnosis, but still a derivative of Cerebral Palsy) who lives in Shropshire by providing £250 towards the cost of a holiday, per person with Cerebral Palsy in a family. You can only apply once in a twelve month period and meetings are held monthly (with the exception of August and December) to discuss any grant applications. The charity aim to respond to applicants promptly. To apply for a grant and to find out what information you need to provide with your application, contact Shropshire Scope directly.

Tel:- 01743 368759 (Alan Townsend – Vice Chairman)

E-mail:- shropshire.scope@talktalk.net

Margaret Champney Rest & Holiday Fund

The Gate House, 9 Burkitt Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4JJ

Offers one-off grants up to £250 to carers caring for a severely disabled relative, in need of a break. Primarily intended to give a complete break to a carer whilst the 'cared for' is receiving short break care. Grants cannot be given towards family holidays. Apply in writing through a social worker, citizens advice bureau or other welfare agency. Include full details of weekly income and expenditure, other agencies being approached, and details of the break and who will care for the person while the break is taken.

Tel:- 01394 388746

E-mail:- info@ogilviecharities.org.uk

Website:- <http://theogilvietrust.org.uk>

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