

Possible Funding Sources for 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 employec can apply to for holiday grants for themselves and their families, for example

The Electrical and Electronics Industries Benevolent Association

020 8673 9829 <http://www.eeiba.org/>

and

The Furnishing Trades Benevolent Association 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) we also support their dependants.

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

Tel: 0207 256 5954 website <http://www.ftba.co.uk/>

or **SSAFA**

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

SSAFA Forces Help
19 Queen Elizabeth Street
London
SE1 2LP

0845 1300 975 e-mail :- info@ssafa.org.uk website :- <http://www.ssafa.org.uk/>

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.

General sources include:-

Handicapped Aid Trust

Windmill House
Church Road
Lytham
Lancashire
FY8 5LH Tel: 01253 796441

The Handicapped Aid Trust (HAT) was set up to make holidays possible for disabled and handicapped people. It recognised that in order for many disabled people to take a holiday, they needed the assistance of a helper. HAT helps in the following ways.

- Gives grants towards the cost of helpers to assist individuals on holiday.
- Gives grants towards the cost of holidays and helpers to give carers a break.
- Gives donations for assisted group holidays, in partnership with other organisations.

HAT is 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. Application forms are available from the above address. The scheme's requirements are as follows.

- Applicants must be over 17 years old.
- Applications must be supported by an organisation, health or social work professional.
- Deadlines for applications are: 1st February for summer holidays and 1st August for winter holidays.
- Applications are considered only once every two years.

The Family Welfare Association,
The Grants Administrator
501-505 Kingsland Road
Dalston
London
E8 4AU

Tel: 0207 254 6251

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

Rotary International Great Britain & Ireland

Kinwarton Road,
Alcester,
Warwickshire,
B49 6PB.

Telephone :- 01789 765411 Website: www.rotary-ribi.org

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

Round Table

The National Association of Round Tables of Great Britain and Ireland
Marchesi House
4 Embassy Drive
Calthorpe Road
Edgbaston
Birmingham
B15 1TP

Telephone :- 0121 456 4402 Website: www.roundtable.co.uk

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

National Benevolent Fund for the Aged

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

- 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 or contact 020 7828 0200

Website: www.nbfa.org.uk

The 3H Fund

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 physically or mentally disabled dependant to have a modest holiday in the UK.

3H Fund (Help the Handicapped Holiday Fund)
147A Camden Road,
Tunbridge Wells,
Kent
TN1 2RA

Tel: 01892 547474
email: info@3hfund.org.uk
website : www.3hfund.org.uk/

Holidays with Help

Provide subsidised holidays for individuals, couples and families with disabilities

Mrs Rosemary McIntyre, MBE
4, Pebblecombe,
Adelaide Road,
Surbiton
Surrey. KT6 4LL
Phone :- 0208 390 9752

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

website :- www.holidayswithhelp.org.uk/index.htm

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