

Grants Made 2020

Age Yrs	Grant £	Details
13.5	217.61	He has a diagnosis of Spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy and is non-verbal. He has been provided with communication software for an iPad by the ACT Centre in Birmingham, but he uses a wheelchair and needs a tray to support the equipment when in use. Wheelchair Services will not support the extra cost, so we agreed to fully fund.
8	1435.50	She has a diagnosis of Micro Syndrome, which presents with a range of problems including hip displacement and discrepancies in limb length. Having outgrown her existing car seat she required a new seat capable of providing the special support required, as she has poor head and trunk control in addition to her special seating needs. Following a detailed assessment, a suitable seat was specified by our regular supplier with whom we have a discount structure. With the family having already raised some funding, we agreed to grant the balance required for the purchase to proceed.
2	1322.27	Born prematurely, she has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy. This exhibits as movement difficulties and the need for daily exercises and stretches to avoid muscle tightening in her legs. Her Paediatric Physiotherapist proposed a special exercise trike to help to both stretch and develop her leg muscles, and improve her general coordination. We agreed to fully fund the purchase, the cost being reduced by our discount structure with the supplier.
13	2033.20	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy spastic quadriplegia, and uses a powered wheelchair. She has been provided with various items of equipment including a standing frame, but is unable to use a walking frame due to her condition. She receives regular physiotherapy on her legs, makes extensive use of her standing frame, and her Paediatric Physiotherapist has proposed a Cavalier Walker to try to further develop her leg muscles. During a full assessment, with suitable support she was able to walk short distances, further helping to develop her muscles, prevent deterioration, and improve her mobility away from her wheelchair. We were asked if we could help and fund the full purchase cost, to which we agreed.
11	5.99	He has been severely sight impaired since birth with a range of problems. He uses a Perkins Braille at school and his parents are keen for him to use a Braille at home. He had a lightweight unit which had become beyond repair, and we were asked if we could help with the purchase of a new unit, similar to the one he uses at school. This request arose late in 2019 and we agreed to fund the purchase at a cost of £620.00. With minor additional expenditure to cover the supply of suitable Braille paper, a small adjustment to the total cost was required when the final invoice was paid in the current financial year.
12	200.00	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, microcephaly and development delay. We have previously helped on several occasions including part funding an exercise machine to help her leg muscles. She has now outgrown this and needs a larger unit which will suit her into adulthood. We again agreed to part fund the request to assist the family with their applications to other charities for the balance of funding needed with the pledge of a grant of £900.00. The family raised further funding from another organisation, but still required £1,100.00 to complete the purchase rather than the £900.00 we had initially agreed, so we agreed to fund the extra £200.00 to ensure that she received the equipment.
10	780.00	He was born with Arthrogyrosis (<i>short limbs and with fixed contractures</i>), and is fully dependent on adult help for all of his care. He uses a powered wheelchair for all of his mobility requirements and he would benefit from a high/low facility for his chair. NHS are currently replacing the chair but do not fund this extra facility, so we agreed to cover the additional cost.
4	1400.00	Born with Spinabifida and exhibits with hydrocephalus and a neurogenic bladder. Despite initial prognosis that he would never even crawl, with intensive physiotherapy he can walk short distances but with little sensation below his knees, manoeuvring is difficult. Proposal was to fund a special exercise trike to improve his mobility, build leg strength, and improve his co-ordination, and we agreed to fully fund.
	3000.00	To provide funding towards a mobility project for a child with cerebral palsy. Pledge made on the basis of provision once all the required funding is in place.
6	618.00	He has a diagnosis of Autism, learning disability and has mobility problems. A special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop his legs and improve his mobility. Total cost was £1,318.00, and with funding of £700.00 already in place we were asked if we could help with the balance of £618.00, which we approved.
7	637.00	He has a diagnosis of Cerebral palsy, and also exhibits mobility problems. He required a fully supportive special car seat with a 5 point harness to hold him securely, and we agreed to fully fund.
13	1942.69	He has a range of serious eye conditions, and needed a suitable computer, together with magnification software and a screen reader, to help him to be able to work at home. Having missed a significant period of education recently, the equipment was needed urgently, and we were asked by Dudley Vision Impairment Service if we could help. Having reviewed the circumstances, we agreed to fully fund.
9	1781.00	He has a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy with a range of additional medical conditions which include Epilepsy (<i>Lennox Gastaut</i>), development delay, hip dislocation and reconstruction, and difficulties in standing. Proposal to purchase a Baffin trio Stander which will fully support him, and can cope with his need to lean forwards, as he is unable to stand upright. His Health Authority will part fund, the family has raised some funding, but COVID-19 has caused the cancellation of other fundraising events, and help urgently needed to bridge the funding gap. We agreed to fund the balance required.
3.25	235.00	Born prematurely and spent time in hospital with extensive medical problems. Has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy spastic quadriplegia, short bowel syndrome and micropcephaly. The proposal was to fund a portable fully supportive chair to hold him securely as he struggles to sit independently, and we agreed to fully fund.

4	331.52	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and a trachea-oesophageal fistula. She requires help with everyday activities, uses a walker for short distances and a wheelchair for anything longer. She required a special car seat with a swivel base to assist in getting her in and out of the seat. We agreed to fully fund the cost.
5.7	3406.50	He has a diagnosis of symptomatic epilepsy with focal seizures as well as other medical problems. He required a new special car seat which could both hold him securely as well as providing the additional support that his condition required. After a full assessment, it was determined that he needs a range of additional accessories to ensure that he could be safely transported, which resulted in a substantial cost, even allowing for our discount structure with the supplier. With no other funding available, we agreed to cover the full purchase cost.
	1125.00	The grant funded the purchase of a sensory panel for use by Fort Royal Special School. Initially, this would be loaned to a 5 year old girl with extensive medical problems, who required to isolate due to her vulnerability. The school had loaned some sensory equipment and we were asked to help with funding this item. Later, this would be returned to the school for use by other children. We agreed to fully fund the purchase.
2	1283.00	She has a diagnosis of Spina Bifida with a Chiari 2 Malformation and Hydrocephalus. Unable to walk but has been able to develop some movement and control of her legs. Proposal was to fund a special exercise trike to help to develop her co-ordination and leg strength which we agreed to fully fund.
15	1750.00	He has a diagnosis of Global development delay, and a range of medical and speech and language problems. He has learned to walk short distances but otherwise uses a wheelchair which is heavy and hard to push now he is older. Proposal was to fund an all terrain buggy to enable him to be taken out and moved around more easily. The family managed to raise some funding online, and we agreed to provide the balance for the purchase to proceed.
3.75	647.18	She has a diagnosis of Smiths Magenis Syndrome, and presents with delayed speech and language, motor skills, challenging behaviour and a sleep disorder. She escapes from her car seat and presents a hazard when being transported. A new secure and comfortable car seat was required for her, which we agreed to fully fund.
12	3900.00	She was born with multiple congenital abnormalities including scoliosis of the spine (and for which she had a spinal fusion operation in 2019 with only partial success), hearing loss, global development delay, and she has not yet learned to walk requiring constant adult assistance. She required a wheelchair for mobility, but Wheelchair Services were unable to fund the specific requirements needed for her condition. As a result she has been granted the PWB (Personal Wheelchair Budget) to which she is entitled which totals £1,864.10, leaving additional funding required to acquire a chair suitable for her specific postural needs, and we were asked to help. We agreed to fully fund the balance for a wheelchair with the contoured seat required, along with additional supports.
9.75	1403.00	He has a diagnosis of Diplegic Cerebral Palsy, affecting the muscles in his legs. He can walk independently for short distances with the aid of sticks but uses a self propelled wheelchair for most of his mobility needs. He needs constant exercise stretching his leg muscles to maintain the mobility he has, and use of a special exercise trike was proposed. We agreed to fully fund.
12.5	792.75	He has a diagnosis of Kabuki Syndrome and a range of other medical problems. A set of parallel bars was proposed, to help to exercise his legs, as his family are keen to continue to work on trying to develop his limited mobility. We have helped the family previously and have followed his development, and agreed to fully fund this item of equipment.
8.5	328.00	He has a severe learning disability, ASD and severe challenging behaviour. He frequently damages items in the home, which is being modified for his condition. This proposal was for a reinforced TV cabinet to prevent breakage of the TV and potential electrical risks, as he has no awareness of danger.
8	517.00	Diagnosis of cerebral palsy and recently had Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy surgery to help her mobility. She has been working hard to improve her mobility and strengthen her leg muscles, and a special exercise trike was proposed. As another charity had already agreed to fund £800.00 towards the cost of £1,317.00, we were asked to fund the balance, which we approved.
0.75	355.00	She has movement difficulties following a severe hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy at birth and uses Oxygen at home. She is receiving physiotherapy and the family has funded a second hand activity centre. This has a few items missing which limits her ability to gain the full benefit from it. We were asked to fund the amount required to make the activity centre fully functional, and we approved the grant required.
2.5	368.41	She has an acquired brain injury and is currently in a Children's Hospice awaiting transfer to a new Housing Association property. We were asked if we could fund a special support system to help her when playing on the floor, for use at her new home, similar to the one she is using very successfully while in the Hospice. We agreed to fully fund.
7	637.00	Downs Syndrome and needed a fully supportive car seat with a magnetic restraint harness when being transported. His existing seat is unsuitable and he can present a danger when in the car. Single parent family with his mother acting as a full time carer and we were asked if we could help. We agreed to fully fund the purchase.
6	578.00	Cerebral palsy mainly affecting his legs. He can walk a few steps with a tripod stick but a special exercise trike was proposed to try to help to develop and stretch his leg muscles. With another charity already providing £800.00 towards the total cost of £1,378.00, we agreed to fund the balance required for the purchase to proceed.
11	1920.00	He has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, learning difficulties, sensory processing difficulties and chronic lung disease. He can walk very short distances and the request was for a special exercise dual trike to try to get him outside more, and improve

		his exercise and general condition. We agreed to fully fund.
8.5	950.00	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, asymmetric diplegia, hydrocephalus, and he suffers seizures and learning difficulties. Although he can now walk with the aid of tripod sticks, his balance is poor, and a special exercise trike was proposed to help to build his leg strength and improve his general condition. With the family able to contribute to the £1,423.00 purchase cost (after our discount structure with the supplier), we agreed to provide the balance required for the purchase to proceed.
1	1200.00	He has a diagnosis of nephrocalcinosis with a range of other medical problems and requires breathing assistance in the form of a ventilator, suction machine and Oxygen. He was due to return home and needed a twin buggy to carry both him and his twin sibling, along with all the equipment he may need. A suitable unit was specified, and we agreed to fully fund.
	3700.00	The Victoria School helps 240 disabled children (85% to 90% permanently wheelchair bound). They had a refurbishment project for their Art Room, and were fundraising for three main items of equipment. We were asked if we could help with funding the purchase of a rise/fall table which can accommodate up to 6 wheelchair users at a time and adjust for any age and size. We agreed to fully fund.
18	111.96	Diagnosis of Angelman Syndrome, severe development delay, speech and language delay, and challenging behaviour. Needed replacement parts for his exercise equipment which we agreed to fund.
	1321.58	Has a range of medical problems including global development delay, hearing and sight difficulties and epilepsy. Already provided with a number of items of equipment by the Community Equipment Service, but needs a comfortable seat where she can be held in the correct posture, for which further funding is not available. A Ppod Bean seat was proposed which we agreed to fully fund.
14.5	1258.00	Leber's Congenital Amaurosis, other sight problems, and registered blind. We have helped before, but she urgently required further computer equipment for her school work. Family prepared to contribute but supplier would only take payment from Charity if total amount paid. Family co-funded (£558.00) and the Charity then added the balance of £700.00 and paid the full purchase cost.
11	1396.00	He has severe ASD, learning and communication difficulties, and severe challenging behaviour. All electrical points in his bedroom removed for safety, but he has destroyed his bed and was smashing the plaster on the wall. Proposal to fit some soft padded wall cladding to protect him, and to provide a special strong bed. We agreed to fully fund.
8	1313.15	Significant learning difficulties, speech and language problems, challenging behaviour and exhibits hypermobility. Proposal was to provide a special exercise trike with the parental control option, to try to develop her core strength and co-ordination. With the family able to contribute £200.00 towards the discounted cost, we agreed to fund the balance.
14	716.50	Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, with severe learning disability and is doubly incontinent. He required a special strong bed with leakage tray and protection covers for electrical sockets to protect him, as he has no sense of danger. With the family unable to fund, we agreed to fully fund the equipment required.
3	1145.00	She has a diagnosis of quadriplegic cerebral palsy, and a range of other medical problems including seizures, following oxygen starvation at birth. She has problems with sitting and her mobility, and the proposal was for the purchase of a special exercise trike to help to develop her leg strength, balance and co-ordination. With the family having raised £400.00 via a donation website, we agreed to fund the balance required for the purchase.
1.8	251.45	He has a diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy type 1, and exhibits with very weak muscles. This severely limits his ability to sit up and move and we were requested to help with funding some special needs toys suitable for his condition. We agreed to fully fund.
7	2380.00	One of three siblings, all with medical problems, although he is the worst affected. He is incontinent, still in nappies and requires regular changing. His mother acts as a full time carer but also has severe medical problems and finds it very difficult to bend down to change him. A raise/lower bed was urgently required to help the family and we agreed to fund the full cost.
9	1311.45	Diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy with epilepsy. This affects his mobility as he has great difficulty in coordinating leg movements, he has weak muscles and his balance is affected. He receives regular physiotherapy and has been using a special exercise trike to try to develop both his leg muscles and coordination. Having now outgrown his trike we were asked if we could fund the balance required for the purchase to proceed, which we approved.
22	1143.37	Diagnosis of ASD, no sense of danger, learning difficulties, and arthritis in his hands. A recumbent trike was proposed to help him to exercise, and with the family having raised £2,750 from a range of activities, we were asked if we could help to both reduce the cost with our agreed discount structure, and to provide the final balance of funding required, so we agreed to fund the amount required.
5	1292.45	She has a diagnosis of a very rare genetic condition – Bosch Boonstra Schaaf Optic Atrophy Syndrome, which exhibits as a range of medical problems, vision impairment, and development delay. She has weak muscle tone and poor balance, and uses a wheelchair for any distance movement. The proposal was to fund a special exercise trike to help to develop her muscles and coordination, to improve her general mobility.
6	803.50	He has a diagnosis of global development delay and challenging behaviour. He needs a car seat fitted with a suitable restraint harness to hold him securely when being transported as he releases himself at present and becomes a serious risk due to him behavioural problems. As we have a discount agreement with the selected supplier, we were able to obtain a saving on the

		original quoted price.
9	928.00	Diagnosis of Cerebral palsy and autism, and uses a wheelchair when outside. Request was for funding for a special exercise trike to help with muscle development, coordination and general mobility. Some charitable funding already raised and we agreed to fund the balance required.
	650.60	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy spastic diplegia, and uses a wheelchair or a walker when one is available. NHS supplied unit is at school and difficult to transport due to its size, so proposal was to fund a second unit for home use to help her mobility, independence, and to improve her walking ability.
10	685.19	He has a diagnosis of Charcot – Marie Tooth Syndrome, resulting in weakness in his limbs, and also exhibits development delay and mobility problems. He has a wheelchair which he struggles to push, and uses a walker when possible. The request was for a second walker for home use to enable him to gain maximum exercise benefit as transport of his walker from school presents problems due to its size. We agreed to fully fund.
3	966.70	She has global development delay and a range of medical problems. She is non verbal, has both gross and fine motor skills problems, and struggles with her mobility. She can stand with the aid of splints, but has a dislocated hip which will require surgery. We were asked to help with funding a special exercise trike to help to develop her general health, leg muscle strength and coordination. With the family having raised some funding, and our supplier discount, we agreed to fund the balance.
12.5	585.87	He has a diagnosis of Kabuki Syndrome with a range of medical problems, and we have helped with equipment on a number of occasions. He required a powerpack to attach to his wheelchair, which was being sourced by the Family Support Worker, and we agreed to fully fund.
3	1447.15	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, which particularly affects his right side. This exhibits as muscle weakness, problems with speech, motor skills, and mobility. A special exercise trike was proposed which we agreed to fully fund.
6	1548.70	She has a diagnosis of Cri Du Chat Syndrome, which exhibits with global development delay, mobility problems (she is not independently mobile), motor skills and feeding problems, and weak muscles. The proposal was to fund a special exercise trike to try to improve her general health, muscle strength, coordination and mobility, and we agreed to fund the full discounted cost.
7	1346.30	She has a diagnosis of microdeletion of the DMD gene. She exhibits with global development delay, gastrostomy fed, scoliosis, visual impairment and mobility problems. Proposal was for a special trike to try to develop her leg muscles and improve mobility, and we agreed to fully fund.
	449.00	She has regular epileptic seizures and is at risk from undetected seizures during sleep (SUDEP) which can cause severe neurological damage and possible death. The proposal was to fund a wrist band which would provide an alert in the event of a change in her condition during the night, and we agreed to fully fund.
13	260.00	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy quadriplegia together with other medical problems. She needs a portable hoist for general lifting requirements when she is away from a ceiling hoist already installed. The cost was £2,260.00 and with the family having raised £2,000 from another charity, we were asked to fund the balance, which we approved.
8 + 2	1,840.00	Both have a diagnosis of WOREE Syndrome which is a severe form of epilepsy characterized by absence of language development, lack of ability to walk, and early onset drug resistant seizures, sight problems and a prognosis of a high likelihood of premature death. They already have a lot of specialised equipment at home including a fixed ceiling track hoist in the bedroom. However, as they grow, there are increasing needs for hoist assistance all over the house, and funding for a foldable, easy to move, portable hoist was requested, which we agreed to fully fund.
15	905.00	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and underwent a Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy to improve his movement. During lockdown he had access to specialised exercise equipment which helped to improve his fitness and also improved his walking. On return to school, this facility was lost and we were asked to help with funding an item of exercise equipment to help to maintain the mobility that he has gained, which we agreed to fully fund.
10	1,442.60	She has a diagnosis of Angelman Syndrome, which presents as inability to verbally communicate, learning difficulties, some mobility limitations and epileptic seizures. Six years ago we funded a special exercise trike for her, which we are advised has been a great help with exercise and muscle development, but she has now outgrown it, and the trike has been donated by the family to another child with the same syndrome. We were asked to help with funding a new trike fitted with the additional equipment and support she will require, and we agreed to fully fund. The final price was reduced by our agreed discount with the supplier.
7	2,241.00	He has a diagnosis of Lissencephaly (<i>a life limiting brain condition</i>) and a range of other problems. He is unable to walk and requires a fully supportive and secure car seat for transport. After a full assessment, he was found to require a more expensive type of seat to the type normally funded, due to his condition, and we agreed to fully fund.
3	1,222.05	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and has been provided with an R82 Xpanda chair to hold him in the correct position when seated. However, he is unable to tolerate this for other than short periods, and needs another more comfortable secure seating system which will provide some support when not using the Xpanda chair. The request was for a Ppod bean seat and we agreed to fully fund.
1.25	462.64	He has a diagnosis of a degenerative genetic disorder which exhibits with uncontrollable seizures, global development delay, and

		serious hypotonia. He is unable to support his head or trunk and needed a suitable special car seat to hold him securely. He was assessed at the Regional Driving Assessment Centre (RDAC) and a suitable seat was selected, which we agreed to fully fund.
1.25	361.52	He has a diagnosis of spinal muscular atrophy type 1, and is unable to travel in a standard car seat due to significant breathing difficulties. He was assessed and a suitable seat to both hold him securely and allow him to recline was specified, which we agreed to fully fund.
6.5	514.88	He has a diagnosis of autism and partial foetal alcohol syndrome, as well as a range of other medical problems. He releases himself from his car seat when being transported and presents a significant danger to the driver, needing to be put back in his harness. With behavioural problems this can also be difficult. The proposal was to fund a special magnet safety harness to hold him securely and ensure the safety of vehicle occupants when being transported. We agreed to fully fund.
4	922.20	He has a diagnosis of diplegic cerebral palsy, and is currently wheelchair dependent, although he is learning to walk. He is currently under consideration for a selective dorsal rhizotomy to further help. Proposal was to fund a special exercise trike to help to develop his leg strength, and with the family having raised some funding, we agreed to fund the balance.
3	205.00	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, and Wheelchair Services recently provided a seating system for him but will only fund certain basic items. He also requires a tray unit for his specific needs and we agreed to fund the extra cost.
13	1102.40	She has a diagnosis of Downs Syndrome and has other medical problems. She struggles with her balance and a special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop her leg muscles, general fitness, and improve her general mobility.
15	900.00	He has a diagnosis of right hemiplegic cerebral palsy GMFCS level 2, which affects his balance and mobility. A special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop his leg muscles, improve his coordination, and help his mobility. With the family able to make a contribution to the cost we agreed to fund the balance.
0.7	507.03	He has an undiagnosed neurological condition, suffers severe seizures, and is classed as having a life limiting condition. A fully supportive car seat was urgently needed to be able to safely transport him, and we agreed to fully fund after an assessment by a supplier used regularly, and from whom we receive a discount.
12	1140.76	She has a wide range of medical problems and a recent diagnosis of possible Mitochondrial disease. She has significant scoliosis, but could not tolerate an operation due to her general health. She needed special postural support to try to prevent her scoliosis from deteriorating, and help her general comfort as she needs to use ceiling hoists to change her position. Her Paediatric Physiotherapist proposed a special support cushion system, and we agreed to fully fund.
1.5	1400.00	She has a diagnosis of a life limiting condition called NKH, and with severe development delay, low muscle tone and epilepsy, she needed a special buggy for transport. Wheelchair Services agreed a Personal Wheelchair Budget (PWB) of £1,733.29, and with the family having raised a small amount, we agreed to fund the outstanding balance of £1,400.00 to allow the purchase to proceed.
4.75	853.00	He has a diagnosis of global development delay and learning difficulties. He was unable to access his current seating system at home and needed a fully supportive system which would hold him securely in place and allow him to access the table top. After assessment, a suitable system was found and we agreed to fully fund.
11	2167.00	He has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, speech and cognitive limitations and severe sleep problems. His sleep was improved by use of a Urzone low sensory bed, but his repetitive behaviour causes damage and a modification was proposed to secure it to a low bed, which we agreed to fund.
3	181.10	He has a diagnosis of Down's Syndrome and development delay. He required a tray system to fit his special needs pushchair, and we agreed to fund the full cost.
1.5	247.49	She has a diagnosis of congenital microcephaly, cerebral atrophy, severe development delay, and a range of other problems. The request was for a canopy/rain hood for her special needs pushchair, and some sensory toys. Due to the family circumstances we agreed to fully fund.
15	199.99	She has a diagnosis of ASD, learning disability, sleep problems and a number of other medical problems. She is one of five children, all of whom have a range of problems. She regularly removes her incontinence pads and fouls her mattress, and we were asked if we could fund a waterproof unit which will resist the current problems of staining and cleanliness. We agreed to fully fund in view of the family circumstances.
12.5	200.00	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy spastic quadriplegia together with a range of other medical problems. She needed a new special needs pushchair to replace the broken unit she had been using for some years. We have helped her on a number of occasions, so knew the background to her problems, and with the family having raised some funding, we agreed to provide the balance required of £200.00 for the purchase to proceed.
13.8	199.99	He has severe behavioural problems and regularly fouls his bedding. A heavy duty incontinence mattress was required and we agreed to fully fund.
Total	£83,253.19	

76 new grants + 2 small additions to approvals made in late 2019 due to requirement changes.