

Grants Made 2023

Age Yrs	Grant £	Details
4	330.00	She exhibits with global development delay, sensory problems and challenging behaviour. With no sense of danger she puts herself at risk when using a cot, and a suitable attachment was proposed to improve her safety. With her mother acting as a full time carer the family needed help and we agreed to fully fund.
7	155.00	He has a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy, global development delay and epilepsy as well as other medical problems. He uses a special bed which is height adjustable, but some further modification work was required to enable him to be raised to a more suitable height as his mother (acting as a full time carer) suffers with back problems and was having difficulty in accessing his needs. We agreed to fully fund.
4.5	212.26	She has a diagnosis of low muscle tone, autism and is non verbal. A special exercise trike was approved in 2022 from Quest88, but the company ceased trading before the trike could be built. At that point £1,783.74 had been authorised and charged to the 2022 accounts so a re-assessed quote was required from another supplier. With the new quoted priced at £1,996.00 following the further assessment, an additional small authorisation was required and approved.
17	1335.00	He has a diagnosis of epilepsy, hypotonia and autism. His mobility was limited and he had been using a walker. After suffering severe hamstring contractures an operation was needed but after delays caused by the COVID disruption little improvement was possible and he could no longer stand or bear weight. A wheeled Bambach chair was proposed which will give him some indoor mobility, and he had been using one both at school and on loan during his summer holidays. We agreed to fund the proposed unit for home use.
17	1025.20	She has a misalignment of the left knee diagnosed as a Valgus alignment deformity, and is in the care of a consultant knee surgeon. She has used a special exercise trike for the last 3 to 4 years and her Physiotherapist reports a reduction in the frequent of dislocations. Having outgrown her existing trike she required a replacemnt. With the family unable to raise any funding other than a part exchange allowance for the old trike, we agreed to fully support the funding required.
10.5	3819.00	She has a diagnosis of 7p Chromosome deletion and global development delay. Having outgrown her existing stander she required a new unit. These are very important to retain leg muscle strength and they have other medical benefits. The unit proposed was suitable for 6 years to Adult, so would cope with future growth. With no funding available we were asked if we could help and agreed to fully fund.
3	337.50	No formal diagnosis of his condition as yet, but he exhibits with a range of problems including speech and language, sensory problems, challenging behaviour and no sense of danger. He urgently needed a secure car seat and harness system to hold him securely and safely when being transported. With another charity already part funding the cost, we agreed to provide the balance required for the purchase to proceed.
9.5	1738.00	She has a diagnosis of a genetic mutation recently named as Bryant-Li-Bhoj Syndrome which exhibits with significant physical disability, generalised low tone and reduced mobility. She has problems with hip dislocation and a hip reconstruction may be required in the future. Current exercise and physiotherapy are resulting in signs of improvement, and with the risks involved in a reconstruction the Consultant is proposing waiting at present and monitoring the position. A standing frame is used at school, but is too heavy to transport, so a frame was requested for home use, which we agreed to fully fund.
10	1404.10	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy hemiplegia, and a special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop her core strength, stretch and strengthen her leg muscles and help to develop her co-ordination. We agreed to fully fund.
10	1236.00	He has a diagnosis of Cerebral palsy affecting both lower limbs and his right arm. He uses a Kaye Walker at school but struggles in other environments. It is heavy, has small wheels which can easily become blocked when used outside and with his right arm problem, he has problems with grip. The proposal was for a Schuchmann Outdoor Walker which is designed with larger wheels, is a much lighter and has arm rests which help with his grip. We agreed to fully fund the cost to enable him to be as mobile as possible.
6	2881.50	He has a condition resulting in the deterioration of the brainstem and cerebellum (pontocerebellar hypoplasia) and we helped him a few years ago with a small car seat. He now requires a much more substantial seat for his size and weight as he is unable to walk, or to sit properly. His prognosis is poor as few children live into their teens and 20 years is usually the maximum life expectancy. This will be the last car seat purchase as the seat will take him up to 36 kg. After that he will be too heavy to lift and a decision on his condition and a wheelchair accessible mobility vehicle will need to be considered, depending on his situation at that point. With the family unable to raise any funding we agreed to cover the full discounted cost.
4.75	1054.00	He has a diagnosis of a neuronal migration disorder which affects his ability to sit, stand and walk, as well as delays in his development. A special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop his core strength and leg muscles and improve his coordination. With another charity contributing £500.00, we agreed to fund the balance required.

15	1874.73	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy affecting all four limbs and other problems. We have helped before but she is now a full time wheelchair user and a Ppod Bean Seat was proposed to provide a comfortable seat to relieve pressure points from sitting in the wheelchair. We agreed to fully fund.
7	1995.00	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus, profound development delay and other medical problems. He attends a special school which is part of the National Institute of Conductive Education for movement therapy which integrates his mobility therapy within the curriculum. Currently with limited mobility the focus is on building his core strength, and stretching leg muscles. An IKAN body brace was proposed to help to fully support him and enable him to learn to walk. We agreed to fully fund.
0.75	465.64	Diagnosis of Lissencephaly which is life limiting with generally a maximum age of 10 years being reached before premature death. He needed a secure car seat for safe transport to his many hospital appointments and we agreed to fully fund.
10.25	426.60	He has a diagnosis of Autism, ADHD, Severe learning disability, and presents with very challenging behaviour which is a serious concern for his single parent mother and her two other children. At his special school his condition is regulated by extensive use of external exercise equipment and a similar item was requested for home use to help the situation. We agreed to fully fund.
3.75	1376.20	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, epilepsy, AHD, CVI (vision impairment as a result of his cerebral palsy), other medical problems and is peg fed. A special exercise trike was proposed to help to build his core strength and to stretch and develop his leg muscles. We agreed to fully fund the cost, reduced by our supplier discount.
8.5	675.00	He has a diagnosis of autism, severe learning disability which affects his speech and challenging behaviour. Proposal was for a protective screen for his bedroom window as his behaviour at home was giving serious cause for concern. In view of the urgent safety need we agreed to fully fund.
13	578.00	He has a diagnosis of ASD, global development delay and is non verbal. With no sense of danger a magnetic harness was required to ensure that he remained safe and secure when being transported in the family Motability vehicle, otherwise he would release himself and present a hazard to the driver. We agreed to fully fund.
14	616.60	He has a diagnosis of ADHD, has no sense of danger and exhibits with autistic traits of no social interaction skills. Without high energy exercise he finds it difficult to self regulate and requires 1:1 adult support at his special school at all times, as well as segregation from other pupils. A special exercise trike was proposed to help him to exercise and improve his balance and co-ordination and we agreed to fully fund the balance required after a contribution of £800.00 from another charity.
4.75	944.00	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, registered blind and exhibits with learning difficulties. The family urgently needed an additional item of mobility equipment which we agreed to fully fund.
11.5	1492.94	She has a diagnosis of genetic epilepsy SCN1a, which can present from a mild form to very severe. She has a severe condition, is on extensive medication to control her seizures, and she exhibits with significant learning difficulties and other problems including a recent regression in her mobility and co-ordination. Her consultant was supportive of a special exercise trike to help to improve her general health and co-ordination, and with her special school having already raised £2,551.06 towards the cost we were asked if we could help with the balance. We agreed to fully fund the balance required for purchase.
6	200.00	She exhibits with hypermobility and extensive problems including ASD, Muenke Syndrome, development delay, epilepsy, sleep and communication problems. She is only able to mobilise when wearing special boots due to her hypermobility as these support her feet and ankles and so she has to wear them all the time. Her NHS Trust will only supply one pair and with the family not in a position to fund a second pair we agreed to help so that she can keep one pair for inside use only.
4	1210.00	She has a diagnosis of Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy, and a special exercise trike was proposed to help to strengthen her trunk and particularly her leg muscles. Due to her condition she required additional trunk and hip support as well as adaptation of the pedals and extra support on the handlebars. With the mother acting as a full time carer we were asked to help and agreed to fully fund the trike, the cost being reduced by VAT exemption and our discount with the supplier.
8	1373.00	She has a diagnosis of Diplegic Cerebral Palsy, and eighteen months ago had a Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy operation to help her leg mobility. Following recovery and intensive physiotherapy she is now mobile indoors on sticks, rather than using a walker, and a special exercise trike was proposed to help to continue her leg strengthening work. With the family not in a position to fund the trike we agreed to fully fund the purchase cost.
5.5	785.09	He has a diagnosis of ADHD and hyperactivity and with no sense of danger, he releases himself from his car seat and tries to open doors/windows when being transported to his appointments. As a single parent family with his mother having to act as a full time carer, help was urgently needed. Following assessment by Windmill Special Needs we agreed to fund the required car seat and harness system to hold him securely.
8.75	1171.35	She has a diagnosis of Rett Syndrome and drug resistant epilepsy. We have helped previously but her condition is deteriorating and a Ppod Bean seat was required to hold her securely and with some comfort in the correct position. Knowing the case we agreed to fully fund.
5	242.93	He has a diagnosis of Autism, a range of sensory problems and severe speech difficulties. The family lives in rented accommodation but have managed to fund a small cabin in the garden to use as a sensory room for their three children, all

		of whom have the same disability. We know the case having helped this child with a special car seat two years ago and agreed to approve the funding required, as the family are unable to raise any further funding towards the purchase and need help.
4.5	2300.00	She has a diagnosis of Angelman Syndrome, and exhibits with severe development delay, severe sleep difficulties, seizures and lack of muscle control. She needed a secure bed system to hold her safely at night. With the family having raised some funding we agreed to co-fund the balance.
15.5	1000.00	She has a diagnosis of spinal muscular atrophy and now needs to use a wheelchair full time. She needs a wheelchair with a riser function which is not supplied by Wheelchair Services but they will provide the cost of funding a basic wheelchair at £4,317.00. We agreed to provide a further £1,000.00 while the family continues both fundraising and searching for alternative suppliers to provide the equipment she needs.
5.5	110.00	She has a diagnosis of DiGeorge Syndrome (Chromosome 22q11.2 deletion) which results in poor development of certain body systems. She exhibits with global development delay, generalised hypermobility and ASD. A secure harness system was required for her buggy to hold her securely and we agreed to fully fund.
4.25	1395.00	He is awaiting a full diagnosis but exhibits with development delay, severe visual impairment, and other medical and mobility problems. He struggles to walk any distance and is unable to cope with uneven surfaces or steps. He needed a suitable crash tested special needs pushchair for transport to and from his special school. With his NHS Trust unable to help and the family not in a position to fund, we agreed to cover the purchase cost.
5.75	1023.90	He has a diagnosis of ASD and ADHD and other problems. A car seat/harness system was urgently needed to hold him safely and securely when being transported. He was assessed at the RDAC by our usual supplier and we agreed to fully fund the cost, reduced by our discount agreement.
2	475.00	He has a diagnosis of epilepsy, and other complex medical problems including having a shunt on the left side of the brain and he is peg fed. He needs support to sit up so a Firefly seat was requested which we agreed to fully fund.
3.75	735.74	She has a complex diagnosis which includes uncontrolled diabetes mellitus and a range of problems with epileptic seizures. She uses a work chair, a wheelchair and a Ppod as a supportive seat to relax in. She has outgrown the Ppod main frame but it can be re-shelled to greatly extend its life as the rest of the equipment is in good condition. We again agreed to help and fully fund the work needed.
6	1016.20	He has a diagnosis of Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum, a brain disorder from birth and other medical problems including delayed development. He has weak muscles and can only walk with adult assistance. A special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop his core strength and improve his leg muscles, to help to improve his mobility and his co-ordination. With another charity funding £500.00 towards the cost, we agreed to co-fund the balance required after our discount from the supplier.
4.75	3167.00	He has a diagnosis of Say-Barber-Biesecker Syndrome which is extremely rare and has left him with learning difficulties and unable to walk unaided. He uses special support seating at home and at school and requires a special car seat to provide both the correct level of support and the necessary provision for easy access as he is unable to help himself into the seat. As a result of the need, we agreed to provide funding for the purchase of this seat.
10	219.99	She has a range of complex problems including a neuronal migration disorder, Lissencephaly, Microcephaly and exhibits with global development delay, severe learning difficulties and sleep problems. We were requested to fund some outside exercise equipment for home use, similar to the equipment she uses in her special school to try to help her development. With the family not in a position to raise any funding due to her care needs, we agreed to fully fund.
11	593.10	He was born with cerebral palsy, heart problems and various other medical complications. During one of his surgical procedures he suffered a stroke and now presents with mobility and learning disabilities. A special exercise trike was proposed to help with his exercise and to improve his co-ordination. With another charity funding £800.00 towards the cost, we agreed to fund the balance required after our discount from this supplier.
3.75	1030.81	He was born at 29 weeks and has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy affecting all four limbs. While having received support equipment for his needs his only postural support is a chair which is not comfortable for long periods of use. He had been assessed for a Ppod bean seat which would hold him securely, comfortably and in the correct postural position and we were asked to help. This is a typical request we receive for this condition and we agreed to fully fund.
3	1252.00	She had a brain bleed at birth and has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy. She is awaiting an NHS walker to help to get her mobile and the proposal was for funding for a special exercise trike to help to develop her trunk and leg strength, and improve her co-ordination. The intention being to improve her mobility significantly as she has already shown that she enjoys being in a standing position when supported by an adult. The use of a trike would provide an opportunity to improve her chances of at least being able to walk a few steps.
2.5	863.25	He has a possible diagnosis of Mosaic Down Syndrome, and is awaiting confirmation. He presents with seizures and can release himself from his car seat and present a danger when travelling. He needs a system to provide full support and to hold him safely and securely. A Voyager car seat and harness system were proposed and we agreed to fully fund the discounted price negotiated with a supplier who is regularly specified by the relevant healthcare professionals.

	1312.00	She has a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy affecting her right side which affects her mobility. She can walk short distances but has to be taken in a wheelchair to and from school, although the wheelchair is not needed during the day. A Special Exercise Trike was proposed to try to strengthen her leg muscles and core strength to improve her mobility and co-ordination. An ex demo model was available which was suitably adapted for her during her assessment and was offered at a significant discount, reducing the cost. We were then approached and we agreed to fully fund the trike.
12.75	272.95	He has a diagnosis of autism, speech and language and learning difficulties. He can present with challenging behaviour and sensory equipment was proposed to help to keep him calm. With his mother having to act as a full time carer we agreed to fully fund.
3.25	1180.79	She has a complex medical condition which also includes spinal muscular atrophy. She suffers with chest infections resulting in periods in hospital, so being held in the correct position to keep her airways fully open is very important. She had outgrown her Ppod Bean Seat which is used to hold her in the correct posture in comfort, and it required a new shell as the most economic way to upgrade it. With problems obtaining the funding from other sources, we agreed to fully fund.
5.25	3167.00	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, global development delay and other problems. She is non verbal and has mobility limitations. She had outgrown her car seat and needed a seat that could provide the correct postural support and security. Due to mobility limitations she also required a seat with easy access and a Stingray model had been selected as the best option. With the family able to raise a contribution to the cost, we agreed to fully fund the balance required.
11	529.97	He has a diagnosis of autism, development delay and mobility problems with pain in his legs. A portable wheelchair was proposed to help with his transport and we agreed to fully fund.
3.25	2355.00	She has a complex diagnosis including cerebral palsy, epilepsy, left hip problems and a range of other medical complications. Her mobility is limited and she needed a suitable car seat system to hold her safely and securely in the correct position. With her increasing weight and mobility limitations she also required a seat with easy access to enable her parents to place her in the seat. Her assessment showed that she required a special car seat with additional facilities, and we agreed to fully fund the purchase cost.
2.5	992.46	He has a diagnosis of bilateral cerebral palsy after suffering a neonatal hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy and exhibits with a range of medical problems resulting in the need to be tube fed. He requires a seating system to hold him in the correct posture, and although a seat was supplied by the NHS he is unable to tolerate it for long periods. A Ppod bean seat was proposed to hold him securely in the correct position in comfort, and with the family unable to fund we agreed to cover the purchase cost.
	1000.00	The Elm Tree Primary Academy is a special school for young people with a diagnosis of autism with additional sensory problems and learning difficulties. They were seeking to fund a Minibus and had secured matched funding provided that they could raise £15,000.00 towards the purchase. We agreed to help but due to funding constraints and other applications pending, we limited the Charity offer to £1,000.00.
5	1693.00	He had a difficult birth resulting in an acquired brain injury. His problems include global development delay, has to be PEG fed, and requires regular suction and oxygen. He needed a secure postural support chair which we agreed to fully fund.
2	405.00	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy with stiffness in all four limbs and exhibits with development delay. She needed a secure and portable postural support seat which we agreed to fully fund.
8	2149.00	He has a diagnosis of Carnitine Transporter Deficiency (CTD) and exhibits with brain function problems, weak muscles, and is currently non mobile. When placed on a special exercise trike he will try to use the pedals, so a special trike has been proposed to try to help to develop his weak muscles and improve his leg co-ordination. He is currently unable to move his legs independently so is unable to use a walker. As the family also has another older child with disabilities, we agreed to fully fund to try and help him to gain some mobility.
2.5	1715.40	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, visual impairment and epilepsy. A special exercise trike was proposed to help him to develop his general strength, leg muscle strength and improve his co-ordination, with the aim of improving his mobility. We agreed to fully fund the purchase cost.
11	480.00	He has a diagnosis of autism, learning disability and presents with challenging behaviour. He regularly smears his UrZone bed which then requires frequent changing of sheets. Additional special sheets for the bed were requested as the family were struggling to fund an extension to their house to try and cope with the increasing needs of their son, and relieve pressure on their other two children who were having to isolate themselves when he was exhibiting challenging behaviour episodes.
4	3165.00	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, epileptic seizures, feeding problems and development delay. He is unable to bear weight and uses a special buggy for all his movements. With poor head control and sitting balance problems he needed a more expensive special car seat and after assessment at the RDAC (Regional Driving Assessment Centre) a suitable type was selected. We have a discount agreement with the company carrying out the assessment as they are used by a number of NHS Trusts Children with Special Needs Departments who then apply for a grant to the Charity, so the final VAT exempt cost was reduced from the initial quotation.

7	688.50	He has a diagnosis of ASD, and exhibits with significant speech, language and development delay. He has no sense of danger and is at risk from falling from his bedroom window. A suitable protective screen was proposed and with the family unable to fund the purchase cost, we agreed to fund.
7	1000.00	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, exhibiting with poor balance, reduced muscle tone and stamina. The proposal was for a special exercise trike to help to develop her leg muscles and walking action, and having helped this case previously, we agreed to co-fund with two other charitable organisations.
11.75	538.00	He has a diagnosis of autism, learning difficulties and exhibits challenging behaviour when being transported to his special school in his existing car seat/harness system. He was uncomfortable and became distressed and with no further adjustments available a Unisafety harness system was assessed and found to help significantly. With a single parent mother in poor health and having to act as a full time carer, we were asked if we could help and agreed to fully fund the discounted cost from a regular supplier of this equipment.
2.3	355.50	He has a diagnosis of Menkes Syndrome (Copper deficiency as body is unable to transport Copper correctly) and exhibits with low weight gain, low growth and hypotonia. A special car seat was required as he has poor head control and required to be held in his seat both safely and with the head support needed. We agreed to fully fund.
1.75	136.00	She has a diagnosis of Galloway Mowat Syndrome which is a rare life limiting condition (one of only seven diagnosed in the UK). This condition exhibits with neurological abnormalities and an activity frame was proposed which would attach to her special support seat, to help her development. We agreed to fully fund.
17.9	199.99	We helped some years ago with the purchase of a suction pump which he uses. He is about to transfer to Adult Services who will supply the nebuloser he needs but the family were told to fund their own Sats monitor. This can be bought online, so family arranged for his school to purchase and then invoice the Charity for a BACS payment to cover the cost.
2	271.00	She has a diagnosis of a congenital occipital encephalocele which was surgically corrected at birth. She exhibits with severe global development delay and Wheelchair Services have provided a special buggy, but as usual, without the essential rain cover/sun shield/basket which limited its use. We agreed to fund the necessary items.
5	1995.00	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and is a wheelchair user as she is unable to weight bear on her left leg. An IKAN brace was proposed which would allow her to stand and gain some mobility. Her assessment went well and use of the brace will help her posture and leg strength. We agreed to fully fund.
10.5	391.99	He has a range of problems including sensory and communication difficulties. He required a replacement iPad to help with his communication problems and having helped previously with some sensory equipment we were aware of the case and agreed to fully fund. His special school kindly arranged the purchase of the item and protective case which we then funded.
2	1395.20	He was born prematurely, survived sepsis and meningitis and has a number of problems including global development delay and low muscle tone. He is currently unable to weight bear on his legs, stand or step due to his weak muscles and a special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop both his muscle strength and his balance. In view of the needs in this case, we agreed to fully fund.
4.25	648.00	He has a diagnosis of development delay, microcephaly and low muscle tone. He has difficulty in both movement and supporting himself and a special chair was proposed to provide the support needed which we agreed to fully fund.
7	933.00	She has a diagnosis of Sturge Weber Syndrome and exhibits with hydrocephalus and epileptic seizures. She has no sense of danger and bangs her head against the car window when being transported – on the side she has had a shunt fitted. The proposal was to provide a secure and fully supportive special car seat to ensure that she could be transported safely, and we agreed to fully fund.
10.75	1905.00	He has a visual impairment, diagnosed as Bilateral Optic Atrophy, which can not be corrected by his glasses. While he had access to a suitable computer at School, with the essential magnifying software, he had no facilities at home and urgently needed suitable computer equipment with the magnifying software to help him to progress as he moves on from Primary School. He is registered as sight impaired and the Dudley Vision Impairment Service proposed suitable equipment for him which we agreed to fully fund.
3.75	343.33	He has a range of complex medical problems including Bilateral Generalised Polymicrogyria, and exhibits with hypotonia, severe development delay, and needs oxygen and a SATS monitor. Having outgrown his cot, he needs a secure bed system as he moves around during his sleep, and needs to be held to avoid falling out of bed. We agreed to fund the bed system proposed.
4	852.23	She is still awaiting a diagnosis and has a number of problems including development delay with her gross motor skills. She has problems with her body position and can only walk with additional support. A lycra support suit was proposed to provide the posture correction and support needed to enable her to develop her walking and we agreed to fully fund.
18	866.19	She has a diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 2 and uses a wheelchair. Due to her mobility problems she requires full time care, particularly at night. She had outgrown her special bed supplied by Children's Services and now having moved to Adult Services it was found that a bed could no longer be supplied for home use, only for hospital stays, and was not suitable in any case. Due to the cost of a suitable model (approx £4,300), the family had contacted several charities for help. We

		were asked separately if we could fund an airflow mattress to help with comfort and relieve pressure points, and we agreed to fully fund that item, to suit the new bed.
1.8	574.00	He exhibits with global development delay, hearing impairment and hypermobility, and is fully reliant on adult help. He already has been provided with several items of special needs equipment and Wheelchair Services are now supplying an Ormesa Buggy. As usual no accessories will be supplied limiting it's use, so funding was requested for a canopy, raincover, thermal blaket and a tray which we agreed to fund.
2	390.22	He has a diagnosis of Downs Syndrome, with global development delay and other medical problems. He needed to be held and supported securely when being transported in a car, and a suitable car seat for him was proposed. He was assessed by Windmill Special Needs and we agreed to fully fund the purchase and installation cost.
1.7	440.18	He has a diagnosis of West Syndrome, microcephaly, hypotonia, global development delay and other medical problems. He had outgrown his baby car seat and needed a special seat which would fully support him, which we agreed to fund.
6.25	933.00	Diagnosis of Autism, Global development Delay, non-verbal and no sense of danger. He needed a special car seat for safe transport, and with a single parent acting as a fulltime carer, funding help was required. We agreed to fully fund the purchase which was from a supplier with whom the Charity has a discount structure, helping to reduce the cost.
Total	£81,337.24	