

## Grants Made 2025

Age Yrs	Grant £	Details
13	553.35	He has a diagnosis of complex disabilities including Autism, Learning Disability, and Challenging behaviour which has recently deteriorated. He now needs a more secure heavy duty bed having recently overturned his existing bed. With the family unable to help with funding due to poor health and the high level of care needs he requires, we agreed to fully fund the purchase.
4	1611.00	He has a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy quadriplegia and presents with Ataxia (limited control of muscle movement, balance and speech). He needed a suitable special support seat system for attendance at his nursery and we agreed to fund a suitable chair for him.
2.8	2013.40	She was born prematurely at 25 weeks and after a tracheostomy becoming blocked she suffered a catastrophic brain injury following cardiac arrest. We helped her a year ago with funding for a special very supportive car seat, and with the family now expanding with a new baby, a special fully supportive tandem buggy was required with additional space for the medical equipment that is needed to be carried at all times. Another charity agreed to fund £3,000.00 and we agreed to fund the balance required for the purchase to proceed.
14.25	332.50	He has a diagnosis of Nystagmus which can not be corrected with glasses. He needs a laptop with suitable magnifying software so that he can read and complete all his homework. Dudley VI Service have identified suitable equipment which we have pledged to fund so that they can purchase at the best price and then Dudley MBC will invoice the Charity net of VAT.
	1519.93	The family required three special buggies for their three children who have a range of medical problems. Wheelchair Services agreed to two vouchers (£2,830.38 each) to part cover the cost leaving a balance of £3,039.86. This was co-funded on a 50/50 basis with another local charity. Due to delays in finalising voucher amounts, finally agreed by Wheelchair Services in May 2025.
7	1482.00	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and exhibits with both mobility and dexterity problems. She is unable to feed herself and has to be spoon fed. The proposal was to fund a feeding system so that she could be helped to feed herself and gain some independence and control over how she eats. We helped the family before in mid 2023 with a special Hernik car seat, and they contributed towards the cost. They have again raised some funding and we agreed to fund the balance required, as we have funded these units before.
4	980.38	She has a diagnosis of speech and language problems and development delay. She is hyperactive and is awaiting an autism assessment. She has no sense of danger and releases herself from her car seat when travelling, presenting a hazard to the driver. A secure seating system with a 5 point harness was proposed and she was assessed by Windmill Special Needs at the RDAC. We agreed to fully fund the car seat system with the cost reduced by our agreed discount structure..
14	1749.80	He has a diagnosis of Downs Syndrome, learning disability, hyper mobility, low muscle tone and an eye condition which may relate to other medical problems. He can walk but tires easily and can only cover short distances. He has a wheelchair, but minimal use is made of it to try and improve his muscle strength, overall physical condition and general mobility. He was assessed for a Theraplay trike and a detailed quotation was prepared. With the family needing help, we agreed to cover the total cost, which was reduced by VAT exemption and our discount agreement with the supplier.
19	550.00	Leber's congenital amaurosis and other sight problems. She currently uses her college facilities to produce embossed braille documents but will lose that facility when she leaves shortly and moves on to University. The family already has an embosser but needs the special translation software to enable the documents she will need to be produced. We have helped previously with equipment and again agreed to help with the funding required.
4	2974.00	Funding was requested from a rural school for a young person, who had just started school, with a diagnosis of Developmental Language Disorder. He will have lifelong difficulties in understanding and using spoken language. To help to develop his communication his Speech and Language Therapist had recommended a Smartbox Talk pad system, but with budget constraints the school was struggling to fund the equipment. We agreed to fully fund and help him to develop and integrate with other young people.
7	1526.80	He has a diagnosis of a rare genetic condition LMNA Muscular Dystrophy, which is lifelong and degenerative. The proposal from his Physiotherapy team was to fund a special exercise trike to help to exercise his leg muscles and improve co-ordination. Degeneration and muscle wasting will occur but exercise will help him to retain some mobility for as long as possible.
5.5	2989.70	He has a diagnosis of complex arthrogyrosis which affects the movement of his joints and he has hip dislocation problems. He is unable to stand or walk unaided so Wheelchair Services would supply a chair for him but it was found to be unsuitable (which we find happens) being heavy and difficult to handle. They agreed to provide a voucher for £1,830.00 (the cost of a manual chair) so the family required a balance of £3,241.50 to meet the cost of a powered chair – an Esprit Action Junior lightweight folding power chair (£5,071.50), and we agreed to fund the balance.

17.75	761.50	She has a right sided Choanal Atresia and other medical problems. We have helped her on a number of occasions and we funded a UrZone sleeper in 2017. This now needs an update and refurbishment of one part and we agreed to fund the cost to enable many more years of use.
18.0	285.00	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and severe learning difficulties. He requires adult assistance for all of his daily needs and we have helped before with a number of items. Five years ago we funded a contoured tray for his wheelchair and he is now being provided with a new chair, but again the tray he needs is not supplied. We agreed to fund the purchase cost of the tray he now needs.
6.0	2500.00	He has a diagnosis of a severe movement disorder requiring the use of a wheelchair with special support seating due to other problems. Wheelchair Services will only supply a standard wheelchair but they will provide an equivalent value voucher to put towards the final chair selected. With a voucher for £2,560.32, and the family having raised £375.68, a final balance of £2,500.00 was required, and we agreed to fund the cost.
5.0	1658.20	He has a diagnosis of Megdel Syndrome which is a rare inherited gene disorder, affecting the brain. His physiotherapist proposed a special exercise trike to improve his mobility and walking and with the Charity discount agreement with the supplier chosen by the Physiotherapist, the final cost was reduced in addition to VAT exemption. We agreed to fund the full cost.
4.25	759.12 + 299.12	He suffered neonatal hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy at birth (birth asphyxia) and has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and other medical problems. He needs careful management of his postural support and needs to use a Ppod seat which we funded some years ago, for long periods. He had outgrown this and urgently needed a larger replacement which we agreed to fund.
13	2883.00	He has a diagnosis of a mitochondrial disorder, global development delay, other medical problems, and needs oxygen support. He uses a standing frame but has limited mobility with tight leg muscles. His Paediatric Physiotherapist proposed a special trike to help to stretch his muscles, improve co-ordination and help with his mobility. We agreed to fully fund.
5.5	2097.50	She has a diagnosis of epileptic encephalopathy, and other medical problems and needed a new profile bed as she had outgrown her cot. She has limited mobility, is unable to walk and uses a wheelchair. We agreed to co-fund a special profile bed with the Friends of Alfie Johnson Charity as the price for the specification required was £4,195.00, which was to be split equally between the two charities.
3.0	2139.35	She has a diagnosis of Muscle eye brain disease, which is a rare form of congenital muscular dystrophy characterised by hypotonia, muscular dystrophy, central nervous system abnormalities and ocular abnormalities. She is unable to crawl, sit or stand unaided and has a range of special needs equipment available to help her. This includes a special postural support and control chair, but now she is growing she needs a rest from this in a more comfortable seat which is still supportive and a Ppod bean seat was proposed after a successful trial. We agreed to fund.
2.5	1638.30	She has a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy, reduced head and trunk control and was unable to sit unaided or bear weight through her arms and legs. She already had extensive equipment support from the NHS Trust, but a special exercise trike was proposed (which the NHS does not fund) to help to develop her leg muscles and co-ordination. This would then improve her mobility. We agreed to fully fund the discounted cost from a regular supplier selected by the Paediatric Physiotherapist.
15	843.80	Diagnosis of a hemiplegic gait due to problems with the function of both knees. His medical problems include microcephaly, speech delay, abnormal gait, and laxity in both knees with low muscle tone. The proposal was to fund a special exercise trike from Tomcat at a cost of £4,219.00. With the Caudwell Charity funding 80% (£3,375.20) we agreed to co-fund the balance required of £843.80.
10	990.40	She has a diagnosis of quadriplegic cerebral palsy and is non mobile, meaning she is a full time wheelchair user. She attends both a mainstream school (with 1:1 support), and Red Boots Special school to help her mobility. A special trike was proposed to help to develop her leg muscles and to improve her co-ordination and control. With another charity having granted £800.00, we agreed to fund the balance after our discount had been calculated.
1	239.09	He has a diagnosis of an abnormal microarray 16p13-microduplication and Pachygyria, is tube fed and requires a high level of care. He has been provided with a special buggy by Wheelchair Services, but no Sun or Rain covers are provided. Low income family needed help as they were unable to fund, so we agreed to cover the full VAT exempt cost.
8	2252.20	She has a diagnosis of Aicardi Syndrome, a rare genetic condition which generally affects females. She exhibits with global delay, periodic seizures, is non mobile, peg fed, and is fully dependent on her adult carers. A Ppod bean seat was requested to help to hold her securely and in more comfort and we agreed to fully fund.
11	2036.00	She was born prematurely and suffered cerebral damage. As a result she exhibits with quadriplegic cerebral palsy, seizures and severe sight impairment. She has a range of mobility equipment, some provided and some funded both by charities and the family, including a wheelchair, hoists, slings and a standing frame. She has great difficulty sleeping unless she feels secure and a safety sleeper portable bed was proposed for use at home, in hospital and when away. We agreed to fully fund.
7	354.22	He has a diagnosis of ADNP Syndrome and is non verbal. He exhibits with development delay, seizures and autism. Having grown, he was able to escape from his seat belt system, and with no sense of danger due to his condition, he presented a danger to the driver. After assessment at the RDAC (Regional Driving Assessment Centre) a 7 point Dutch harness was proposed, which would ensure that he could be safely and comfortably transported in his special car seat.
6	1526.80	He has a range of complex orthopaedic conditions including short stature, scoliosis, leg problems, talipes (club feet), hip dysplasia and has a gastrectomy. He can only walk short distances and a special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop his strength, leg muscles and mobility. With the family needing help, we agreed to fully fund.
5.5	565.00	He has a diagnosis of severe ADHD, challenging behaviour, is non-verbal and has communication difficulties. An ipad system was proposed to help him which the School will purchase and then invoice the Charity net of VAT. We have helped him before, so knew the case and decided to fund the purchase.
11.5	1925.00	She has a diagnosis of congenital myopathy, scoliosis, a range of other medical problems and exhibits with global development delay. She can stand unaided and walk short distances but uses a wheelchair for other movement. A special

		car seat was requested to fully support her and hold her securely and we agreed to fully fund it.
7.5	2850.00	He has a complex diagnosis including quadriplegic cerebral palsy, he sustained a severe hypoxic brain injury, exhibits with a profound learning disability, epilepsy and visual impairment, and needs a hoist for all transfers. He has a ceiling hoist but his NHS Trust only allows one hoist per household, and a portable hoist is needed. We agreed to fund a Molift 150 portable hoist.
5.25	3411.00	Premature birth and after 3 days suffered a major problem requiring resuscitation. She exhibits with cerebral palsy and other medical problems. The family lives in a specially adapted Council property and has been provided with a wide range of special needs equipment. However, the Trust does not fund special car seats and she has now outgrown her standard seat and requires a special fully supportive seat, which we agreed to fully fund.
4.5	325.00	He suffered neonatal hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy at birth (birth asphyxia) and has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and other medical problems. We helped a few months ago with a new Ppod bean seat, and the family are funding part of the cost of a mobility vehicle but need a small amount of help with an additional car seat. Knowing the case, we agreed to fund the balance required.
14	430.41	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, significant learning disability, sight problems, skeletal deformity and epilepsy. We originally funded a Ppod seat for him in 2016, and he now has a wheelchair with a specially moulded seat which provides his seating needs as he has grown. He needs a tray for the wheelchair so that he can make full use of it, and a suitable system is supplied again by Specialised Orthotic Services. We agreed to fully fund.
1.1	577.65	He is awaiting a full diagnosis but exhibits with global development delay, is unable to sit independently and has inadequate head control, needing a fully supportive car seat system. He has a hip displacement problem requiring surgery and is currently non mobile. He was assessed at the RDAC and a Be Safe Stretch Car Seat system was selected as the best option for him, which we agreed to fully fund.
6.75	1517.80	He has a diagnosis of Silver Russell Syndrome, which exhibits with very short stature, growth problems and difficulties with feeding. He can only walk very short distances and uses a wheelchair, as he has weak leg muscles. There are other associated medical problems and a trike was proposed to help to stretch and develop his leg muscles and mobility. We agreed to fully fund.
11.75	2300.00	She has a diagnosis of eyesight problems which can not be corrected by glasses and is registered as severely sight impaired. While she uses a computer at school with magnification software, she needs a new computer for both school and home use when she moves into secondary education in September. The application was through the Dudley Vision Impairment Service and we agreed to fully fund.
8.75	743.80	One of twins with a diagnosis of autism. He has problems affecting his behaviour and some equipment was proposed for a small sensory room to help him.
4	1568.20	He had a brain bleed shortly after birth and has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy affecting his left side and severe epilepsy, but his cognitive ability has been assessed as normal for his age. He recently had an operation (a hemispherectomy) to help with his seizures and has recovered well. He exhibits with weak left5 leg muscles and has problems with his left grip. A special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop his mobility, co-ordination and general strength which we agreed to fully fund.
3.5	1767.10	She has a diagnosis of Muscle Eye Brain Disease which is a form of muscular dystrophy and which will result in a prognosis of 10 to 30 years maximum life expectancy. She exhibits with a number of problems including the need for postural support and very limited mobility. She was assessed for a special exercise trike and with additional supports she was able to use it. The objective is to hold her correctly to improve posture and provide some leg muscle exercise to try and improve her mobility. We agreed to fully fund the purchase.
3.5	189.65	She has a diagnosis of arthrogyrosis (joint contractions) and has responded well to therapy exercises. The ;proposal was to fund similar equipment for home use to help with further therapy, which we approved.
9.0	1370.30	He has a diagnosis of Charcot Marie Tooth Disease, which is an inherited genetic degenerative condition. It affects the nerves in the hands and feet, causing muscle weakness, severe pain and mobility problems. He has been using a manual wheelchair which needed to be pushed by his mother as the chairs supplied by Wheelchair Services were too heavy for him to propel. However, his mother has the same condition which has deteriorated, and she is now having to use a lightweight wheelchair, so is unable to push him. He was assessed for a lightweight wheelchair which he could manage, which cost £5,370.40, and with funding from another charity and from the family, we agreed to fund the balance required for the purchase.
2.0	453.07	She has a diagnosis of Chronic Lung Disease and global development delay. She has a nasogastric feeding tube and suffers badly with reflux. Having outgrown her existing car seat, she needed a replacement which would provide suitable support for her. She was assessed at the local RDAC and a Britax Dualfix Plus car seat and harness system was proposed, which we agreed to fund.
12.75	299.99	He has a diagnosis of autism, exhibits with speech and language problems and communication difficulties, and learning problems. He needs exercise to help to keep him calm and as one of three children in a family with a single parent mother, we agreed to fund the proposed exercise equipment.
4.75	728.00	He has a diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy tope 1 (Werdnig-Hoffmann Disease), and has been provided with a special support seat by Worcestershire Community Equipment. He also requires an additional seat to still hold him in the correct position when relaxing, and allow him to practice sit/stand/transfer activities more easily. With no other funding available, we agreed to cover the cost of purchase.
13	531.25	Severe learning disability, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD and frequent PICA (eating material which is not a foodstuff). He needs a reinforced bed as he has broken previous beds, with raised height to help with changing his pads. Quotation received from Tough Furniture, and as part of a single parent family, where his mother also has other caring duties, we

		agreed to fully fund.
6	550.80 + 658.00	Dandy Walker syndrome and other medical problems. He needed a suitable buggy and while the NHS would help, various items were not funded (eg rain cover, sun canopy and other fittings) which the family were unable to fund. We agreed to fund the balance required to maximise the potential use of the buggy.
6	1728.40	She has a diagnosis of MELAS syndrome and exhibits with muscle weakness and frequent strokes. A special exercise trike was proposed and trialed, to help to develop her leg muscle strength and general mobility, and we agreed to fully fund
6	3462.00	Hernik IPA Special car seat for a young man with a range of medical problems including cerebral palsy. His mobility is badly affected by walking on his toes and he is currently having to wear casts on his legs. He also needs extra support for his body which was the reason for selecting a seat which would give the assistance required. We agreed to fully fund.
6	2923.15	Born with a very rare brain condition (hemimegalencephaly), which results in severe epileptic seizures which can not be drug controlled. A medical procedure disconnected the malformed half of the brain, and she has exhibited with the typical weakness on her opposite side (the right in this case). She has some mobility with assistance but needed a special buggy for general use. Wheelchair Services have provided a basic wheelchair for use on smooth pavement areas but do not supply as buggy as well. With the family needing to fund other equipment and one parent acting as a carer, limiting employment opportunities, we agreed to fully fund.
	2507.14	Request from the Lady Katherine Leveson Primary School (roll of 155 pupils with 30% special needs) for funding for equipment for a sensory room they are building. We last helped the School in early 2025, and we agreed to fund the VAT exempt cost of the equipment proposed, as this will help approx. 50 children attending the Primary School.
3	195.00	He has a diagnosis of SOTOS Syndrome, and exhibits with development delay, is unable as yet to walk and has scoliosis. A new special buggy has been supplied by Wheelchair Services, but, as usual, no hood or rain cover is supplied limiting its use. We agreed to fund the additional equipment.
9	961.00	He has a diagnosis of Joubert Syndrome, and associated Epilepsy together with other medical problems including the need for some Oxygen support. He had a requirement for a special car seat with additional postural support and was assessed at the local RDAC. The total cost was initially quoted as £3,108.00, and with another charity providing a grant of £2,108.00, we agreed to co-fund with the balance of £1,000.00 needed to complete the purchase. With a minor reduction in cost on the final invoice, the Charity contribution reduced to £961.00.
6	1589.80	Downs Syndrome born with other medical problems and suffered a stroke in January 2025. This left him with a weak right side, and a Theraplay special trike was proposed to help to develop his muscles, co-ordination, and would enable him to exercise more to help his overall mobility. We agreed to fully fund.
14	259.00	She has a diagnosis of CHARGE Syndrome with a rare variant of an Ebstein anomaly (affecting her heart) and a range of other medical problems. She exhibits with the typical difficulties of development and learning delay, is tube fed, has sight and hearing problems, poor mobility and is heavily dependent on adult care. A new buggy and rain cover were required which we agreed to fund.
5	928.00	He has a diagnosis of Down's Syndrome, and his EHCP requires that he be provided with a low level postural chair when at school. He was assessed by a range of relevant Professionals including his OT and a representative from the proposed supplier and a Heathfield Chair was specified. This was found to provide the correct level of support, and with no funding available from the NHS, we agreed to fund the purchase cost.
	195.95	A small Primary School has five special needs children in the nursery section and requested help with three items of sensory equipment to help them to settle and engage with other children at the school. With budget constraints, help was needed and we agreed to fully fund.
10	664.74	Cerebral Palsy and other medical problems. He is awaiting an operation on his knees and a special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop his leg muscles. With our discount from Theraplay the cost reduces to £1,464.70. The family has applied to another charity and a grant of £800.00 is expected. We agreed to co-fund the balance.
8	1675.30	He has a diagnosis of Di George Syndrome and other medical problems. A special exercise trike has been proposed to help to develop his leg muscles, core strength and co-ordination. With our discount the cost reduces to £1,675.30, and we agreed to fully fund.
4	891.22	He has a complex diagnosis of Autism, ADHD, sensory and behavioural problems and a suitable special car seat was required to hold him safely and securely as he has no sense of danger. He was assessed at the RDAC, and a seat/harness system from Windmill Special Needs was selected. With our discount the cost reduces to £891.22
2.5	222.34	She has a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy, and exhibits with global delay, hypotonia and a lack of body control. She has now been provided with a wheelchair, but no sun shield or rain cover have been provided. This omission occurs regularly with the Wheelchair Services in the various NHS Trusts we deal with, and we again agreed to fund the balance required for their purchase.
6.5	912.20	Cerebral palsy, global delay, visual impairment and scoliosis, Assessed for a Theraplay trike. Family also applied to another charity. Total discount cost £1,713.20 so if the other charity grants £800.00, balance of £913.20 reqd. Waiting to hear what balance will be required.
13.5	1760.80	Cerebral palsy, balance problems and was experiencing frequent epileptic seizures before a recent medication change. A special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop his leg muscle strength and mobility, which we approved.
6.75	1543.00	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and has already had two hip dislocation operations. His leg muscles are very weak and he struggles with balance and his mobility. A special trike was proposed to help to develop his leg muscles, co-ordination and balance, which we approved.
	640.80	He has a diagnosis of Autism with a learning disability and exhibits with challenging behaviour. He recently destroyed a new mattress bought for his bed and tried to eat the internal foam. A specially made durable mattress to resist such environments was required and we agreed to fully fund.

5.5	728.78	He has a diagnosis of Autism, learning disability and is being assessed for ADHD. He has no sense of danger, and when travelling in a car he will release himself from his car seat and endanger the driver. A suitable magnetic restraint harness was needed to hold him safely and securely when in the car, which we agreed to fund.
3	970.37	She has a diagnosis of FOX G1 Syndrome, which is a severe genetic neurological condition affecting intellectual ability, mobility, speech and she exhibits with epileptic seizures. With neither parent able to drive, a suitable car seat and harness system was required which could easily be installed in a taxi, to hold her safely and securely. Following a full assessment by Windmill Special Needs, we agreed to fund the purchase cost (reduced by our discount agreement with the supplier).
3	1094.45	He has a number of medical problems involving his lungs, swallowing and exhibits with very limited speech, and challenging behaviour. He releases himself from his car seat and has endangered himself and the driver and passengers. A special car seat was required to hold him safely and securely and he was assessed at the RDAC by Windmill Special Needs. We agreed to fully fund a suitable secure seating system so that he can be transported safely.
13	865.40	He has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and other medical problems. He has limited mobility, and needs to wear leg splints. He already uses a number of items of special needs equipment to help him, but a special exercise trike was proposed to help to develop his weak leg muscles and improve his co-ordination. With £800.00 already granted from another charity, we agreed to fund the balance required.
6	2120.00	He has a diagnosis of development delay, ASD, sensory problems, and very disturbed sleep. He has recently outgrown his existing bed and a new special bed was required. With his single parent mother only able to work part time as she has to act as his carer, and look after his three siblings, urgent help was needed. We agreed to fund the bed required. The cost included delivery, installation and training in the use of the bed facilities.
5	970.37	He has a diagnosis of development delay, autism, possible ADHD, and is awaiting tests for absence seizures. He had outgrown his special car seat and needed a new seat complete with a 5 pt. harness to hold him securely, as he was releasing himself from his old seat when travelling, and presenting a danger to the driver. He was assessed by Windmill Special Needs and we agreed to fund the discounted cost of the purchase.
3.5	333.20	Significant medical problems. PEG fed, suffers seizures, and requires a fully supportive seating system at all times. She is outgrowing her Ppod seat and needs a new larger size liner. She has a single parent mother who has to act as a full time carer, so funding help required.
7.75	941.00	He has a diagnosis of global development delay and autism. He has communication problems and exhibits with no sense of danger. He needed a special buggy with a suitable harness system in order to take him out, as occasionally he will suddenly get out of his buggy and try to run before falling over. He has run out as far as a busy road before falling, with resultant fears for his safety. After assessment, we agreed to fund the equipment proposed to hold him securely.
<b>Total</b>	<b>£95,391.71</b>	

**73 Grants Approved**  
**0 Waiting List**