



Give a Child a Chance Grant Scheme

What is the purpose of the 'Give a Child a Chance' Small Grants Scheme?

The purpose of this scheme is to provide a small grant of up to £100 for children with an acquired brain injury and their brothers and sisters, so that they can become more involved in social activities that they choose. Please see application form for examples.

Applications are only open to existing families receiving support or new families to the service.

WHAT IS AN ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY?

An acquired brain injury (ABI) is an injury to the brain that has happened after birth. It could be the result of an accident, illness such as an infection, stroke, tumour or poisoning, following a period of normal development. The injury can affect the way a person thinks, feels and behaves, and can, but not always affect them physically. Grants are not available for children and young people affected by genetic or degenerative disorders. If you are unsure, please contact the Child Brain Injury Trust for further information.

PERSON COMPLETING APPLICATION

If you are the person who will be benefiting from the application or the parent/carer of the person benefiting from the grant, then only complete the sections that apply to you.

If you are a professional, other than a Child Brain Injury Trust ABI Coordinator, and you are completing the form on behalf of a family, please complete the sections as though it were being completed by the family (as above).

ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION

Please include details of the person who will be benefiting from the grant. This should be the child with the ABI or the sibling of a child with an ABI.

Why are you applying for a grant from the Child Brain Injury Trust?

Grants are given in order to:



- Buy equipment or materials for fun activities at school or home (e.g. art, I.T., sport or games)
- Sensory activities
- Start a new hobby or learn a new skill
- Join a social club or a sports team
- Day trips – but only for the applicant and siblings
- Attend a training course
- Pay for taxis or buses for social activities (e.g. A trip out, the school disco or a social club)
- Organise an event that raises awareness of the needs of children who have an acquired brain injury and their brothers or sisters

Grants cannot be given for:

- Medical equipment (equipment recommended by an occupational therapist, physiotherapist, or medical professional, excluding sensory equipment)
- Parents' travel expenses
- Parents holiday/ day trip costs
- Transport costs to and from school
- School uniform
- Starting a business
- Buying equipment for business or employment purposes
- Household bills
- Household items such as white goods, kitchen equipment
- Any activity that may lead to or cause an acquired brain injury.

The more information that you can provide, the easier it will be for us to assess your application.

We want to ensure that you use the money as soon as it is available to you, so your family can be helped immediately. Please let us know when you plan on making your purchase or taking your day out.

The maximum that can be applied for is £100. If the item or activity costs more than £100 then we require assurances or proof that the remainder of the money has been obtained or will be.



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND THE MONEY?

We want to know that you have calculated roughly how much you will need. If you can provide any supporting paperwork with quotations, it would be very helpful. Please note that you need to spend the grant within 6 months of receiving it or it will need to be returned.

Guidance has been given for some activities that may be applied for. For any other item or activity, please use the 'other' section.

Please include as much information as possible. If we do not have all the information needed to make a decision it may lead to your application being rejected or delayed.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As the purpose of this grant is to enable children with an ABI and/or their brothers and sisters become more involved in social activities, please ensure that this grant application meets the criteria set out for making an application.

Please let us know if this grant will help the child or young person learn or develop new skills.

SUPPORTING YOUR APPLICATION

All grant applications will need to be supported by your regional ABI Coordinator.

The ABI Coordinator **MUST** fully complete this section of the form and confirm that the grant will be of use to the applicant.

This also applies to applications being completed by a professional on behalf of a family.

SIGNATURE

Application forms need to be signed by the applicant, or the parent/guardian of the applicant as well as your local ABI Coordinator.

By signing the application, you are committing to spend the money as detailed in the form.



EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT/ IDEA

It is important to us to have a record of how the grant has made a difference to recipients and being able to show how important this grant is, helps us to continue to secure funding for the grant scheme. If your application is successful, we would ask you to provide a written letter or email, including photos of the equipment or the social event/hobby the applicant attended. One of our representatives may be in contact with the applicant to ask them about what they did with the money and the difference it made.

We will also ask you if we can use this feedback, when appropriate, in our publicity and awareness raising work.

Assessment procedure

Once we have received your completed application it will be checked to make sure all questions have been answered. It will then be assessed by us against the eligibility criteria. Should we have any queries regarding your application, a member of staff may be in contact with you to discuss it.

Assessment sessions are held every 6 weeks to review completed application forms. Please check with your ABI Coordinator for the next meeting date.

Please note that the assessor's decision is final and that not all applications are suitable for support. In all cases we will write to you to tell you why.

Limited funding is available and so we do ask that applicants do not reapply within 2 years of successfully receiving a grant.

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