



Financial Support for Families of Children with Additional Needs in the UK

If you have a child with additional needs, there are several forms of financial assistance available to help cover the costs of care, equipment, or everyday living. Below is an overview of two key sources of support: Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and the Family Fund.

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is a benefit for children under 16 who have a disability or health condition. It helps with the extra costs of looking after a child who needs more care or supervision than a child of the same age without a disability.

Eligibility Criteria -

To qualify for DLA, your child must:

- Be under 16 years of age.
- Have had their condition for at least 3 months and expect it to last for at least another 6 months.
- Need more help or supervision than other children their age.

How to Apply -

You can apply for DLA for your child through:

Online Application: You can start the claim online at the UK Government website.

Paper Form: Download and complete the DLA claim form from the UK Government website.

DLA Helpline: 0800 121 4600

Family Fund

The Family Fund is a UK-wide charity providing financial grants to families raising a disabled or seriously ill child under 18. The grants help with a variety of items, services, or activities that can improve the quality of life for your child and family, such as equipment, clothing, travel costs, or sensory toys.

Eligibility Criteria -

To be eligible for a Family Fund grant, your child must:

- Be under 18 years old.
- Have a disability, additional needs, or a serious illness.
- Receive a high level of DLA (Care or Mobility) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP), or have a complex medical or learning condition.



- The family must meet certain financial conditions (i.e., low income or receiving benefits).

How to Apply

Online Application: Apply through the Family Fund's official website.

Phone Application: Call the Family Fund helpline if you need assistance with the application.

Family Fund: 01904 550 055