



Major Grants Funding Guidelines – Nov 2020

Major Grants Programme

Open to any eligible organisation with annual income under £1million

Single year grants between:

£10,000 and £100,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs.

The amount requested must not be for more than 50% of the total cost.

No further applications can be made for two years after the completion of the grant.

OR

Multi-year grants for a maximum of 3 years, not to exceed £100,000 over this period, for core costs, salaries, running or project costs.

The amount requested must not be for more than 50% of the total cost.

No further applications can be made for two years after the completion of the grant.

A Focus on Family Support including:

- Early intervention
- Families coping with addiction
- Prisoners' families

What We Fund

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organisations with a demonstrable track record of success working to provide Family Support in communities of urban and rural deprivation. ▪ Charitable organisations (including CICs, social enterprises, not-for-profit registered companies and voluntary organisations) in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revenue costs including core costs, salaries, running and project costs ▪ Organisations with turnover up to £1 million ▪ Your organisation's postcode, or the project area, must be ranked within the most deprived 15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) for urban areas or within the most deprived 50% for rural areas. |
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What We Do Not Fund

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals, whether direct or through a third party ▪ Organisations with an annual income over £1m ▪ Newly established organisations with no previous annual accounts ▪ International organisations outside the UK ▪ Statutory services including state schools, local or national authorities, prisons, NHS hospitals or services ▪ Universities, further education colleges and independent schools ▪ Hospices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant-making or umbrella organisations ▪ Organisations that have applied to us unsuccessfully within the previous 12 months ▪ Organisations which have made their annual returns to the Charity Commission or Companies House late within the past three years ▪ Organisations which have not reviewed their safeguarding policy and/or held formal safeguarding training/refresher sessions within the past 12 months ▪ Organisations outside the specific IMD levels set out. ▪ Organisations holding more than 12 months operating costs in reserves. |
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Funding Focus: Family Support

In many disadvantaged UK communities, vulnerable families have complex and long-term needs which create multiple risk factors for children's development.

- Around one in four children live with at least one parent reporting symptoms of anxiety and depression.
- Around 200,000 children live with parents with alcohol dependency. 63% of alcohol dependent parents and 80% of opiate dependent parents were workless in the 28 days before treatment.
- Around 1.25 million children are negatively affected by parental conflict.
- Around 660,000 children in the UK (6%) were living in households in persistent problem debt.
- Around 41,000 households with dependent children were recorded as statutorily homeless and 60,000 households with dependent children live in temporary accommodation in England. (DWP, 2017)

All of these inter-related issues – problem debt, poor mental health, addiction, family stress and relationship breakdown – have a direct impact on children.

The experience of family breakdown more than doubles the chances of being homeless (2.3x), doubles the likelihood (2.0x) of spending time in prison and makes it almost twice as likely (1.9x) a child will underachieve in education. (CSJ, 2019)

Family support charities play a vital role to address the complex challenges that can lead to family breakdown.

Supporting families through early intervention can have positive impact.

Within Family Support, we have three priorities that exemplify the types of charitable activities we will fund:

- Early Intervention
- Families Coping with Addiction
- Prisoners' Families

Early Intervention

30% of children in the UK live in poverty. 44% of children living in lone parent families are in poverty. (CPAG, 2020) Disadvantaged children are on average 18 months behind their peers in educational attainment. 40% of this gap is already evident by age 5. (EPI, 2020)

Early intervention can improve the quality of a child's home and family life, enable children to perform better at school, improve mental health and allow children to reach their full potential.

Early intervention means identifying and providing effective early support to children and families at risk of experiencing poor life outcomes.

We are interested to support charities that provide:

- Family Support Services / Family Hubs
- Visiting support and/or respite for families in crisis or coping with SEND
- Parenting workshops and training, reducing parental conflict
- Early years nutrition and cognitive development
- Engaging parents in their child's early education
- Supporting mothers' peri and postnatal mental health
- Supporting attachment between child and caregiver
- Supporting family relationships and lone parents

Families Coping with Addiction

In 2019, 4,393 deaths related to drug poisoning were registered in England and Wales, the highest number since the data began in 1993. (ONS, 2020) Almost 33% of the population have been negatively affected by someone else's substance use. (CSJ, 2019)

Reduction in public funding has closed recovery centres and dismantled public mistreatment services. Addiction is particularly difficult to escape for disadvantaged individuals, who cannot afford private treatment.

We are interested to support charities that provide:

- Information and advice services for families where addiction is evident
- Counselling and support groups for families where addiction is evident
- Resources on addiction for families, helplines, online forums
- Befriending and listening services for families where addiction is evident.

