



Grants for Wheelchairs

Securing funding for a wheelchair in the UK involves exploring various avenues, including government schemes and charitable organisations. When seeking funding, it's essential to assess your specific needs and explore multiple possibilities to secure the necessary support for acquiring a suitable wheelchair.

It can be a challenging task, so we have gathered together some information to assist our families to get started.

Before you start, some important considerations:

- Research thoroughly: Before applying for any program, verify if it aligns with your needs and eligibility criteria.
- Protect your privacy: Don't share personal details unless absolutely necessary and only with reputable organisations and charities.

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The information provided is intended to be helpful and accurate. However, FOP Friends cannot be held liable for any actions based on this information. We strongly advise you to do your own research.

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We are not a grant-making organisation. However, we have compiled a list of grant-making trusts and charities to assist you with finding additional funding. Please email: info@fopfriends.com for a copy.

Feedback Welcome:

If you find a broken link or know of additional funding sources, please let us know at info@fopfriends.com.

Make sure to check the eligibility criteria for each and reach out directly to discuss your specific situation.

Good luck!

• NHS Wheelchair Services

Your first point of contact should be your local NHS Wheelchair Service. Access typically requires a referral from a healthcare professional, such as a GP or occupational therapist. The NHS provides wheelchairs based on assessed needs, though availability and waiting times can vary by region.

• Personal Wheelchair Budgets

The NHS offers personal wheelchair budgets, allowing for greater choice in selecting a wheelchair that meets your specific needs. This option enables you to contribute personal or third-party funds to enhance the wheelchair provided.

For further information visit [Scope](https://www.scope.org.uk)

www.scope.org.uk/advice-and-support/wheelchairs

- **Local Authorities**

Some local councils offer grants or funding assistance for mobility equipment. Contact your local authority's social services department to inquire about available support. When seeking funding, it's essential to assess your specific needs and explore multiple avenues to secure the necessary support for acquiring a suitable wheelchair.

- **Access to Work Scheme**

For employed or self-employed individuals with disabilities or health conditions, Access to Work is an excellent funding option. This government program helps remove workplace barriers by providing financial support. Applying is simple, and funding can cover a variety of equipment, including lightweight wheelchairs and electric attachments.

www.scope.org.uk/advice-and-support/wheelchairs

www.gov.uk/access-to-work/apply

- **Motability Scheme**

If you receive certain disability benefits, the Motability Scheme allows you to lease an electric wheelchair or scooter using your mobility allowance. This option provides access to a range of powered mobility solutions.

www.motability.co.uk

- **Turn2us**

Turn2us is a national charity in the UK that helps people in financial hardship gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants, and support services. They provide a range of information and support and a helpful online tool to help you find charitable grants that you may be eligible for.

www.turn2us.org.uk

- **Sense**

Sense offers information about grants that you may be able to apply for to help with your costs of living if you're disabled, which can include assistance with purchasing mobility equipment.

www.sense.org.uk/information-and-advice/technology-mobility-aids-and-devices/wheelchairs

- **Crowdfunding**

Some individuals turn to crowdfunding platforms to raise funds for mobility equipment. This approach involves creating an online campaign to solicit donations from the public.

- **IFOPA L.I.F.E Award**

Everyone living with FOP is eligible to apply for a Harold and Elaine Kaplan L.I.F.E Award. The current amount is \$1,800, to improve the quality of life for someone living with FOP. Applications open in January and July.

www.ifopa.org/quality_of_life_award