

Hylton House Fund
Charity number: 252762

Who can apply?

The Hylton House Fund provides financial assistance to individuals with cerebral palsy, their families and carers. You must live in one of the following areas:

County Durham, Darlington, Gateshead, South Shields, Sunderland or Cleveland.

Individuals can hold one grant each financial year starting in April.

You or the family, if you are under 18, must be on income support or a low income or have a degree of disability in the family, which creates a heavy financial demand.

You should have asked Social Services, the Department of Works and Pensions or your doctor for help before you apply to us.

What we will fund:

You can get an award of **up to £500.00** towards:

- Domestic equipment (eg washing machine or dryer) - maximum award £250
- Holidays or respite support for carers of up to two weeks in this country or abroad
- Education, training and therapy
- Training and support for carers and self-help groups (if no statutory support/provision is available)
- Provision of aids and equipment, particularly specialist clothing, communication and mobility aids
- Travel costs for you and your carer to attend a specific activity, specialist centre or hospital if no alternative transport is available
- Respite support to pay for an employed carer in the home or for visiting a specialist centre where care is provided.
- Costs of the disabled individual setting up home on their own, (unless this is a SCOPE or Local Authority led move)
- Debts, if you can prove that this was incurred by the disability.

You will need to provide a full breakdown of the costs. For specialist equipment and therapy, you must also provide confirmation from your occupational therapist/doctor/physiotherapist or other professional advisor that the equipment is suitable for your needs.

How to apply:

- Complete and return the attached application form.
- Include a reference from a social worker/doctor/physiotherapist/occupational therapist who knows you and can support your request.
- Include a telephone number for the referee and ask permission for us to contact them if necessary.

We encourage people to make their own applications and are happy to discuss specific application procedures for people with special needs. Please call Brenda on 0191 383 0055.

If you are applying as a member of a self-help group, you can only apply for your own training costs. If you wish to apply as a group, each applicant should complete their own form (please send the forms in together).

What we will not fund:

- legal costs
- ongoing education
- medical treatment
- decorating and/or refurbishment costs unless the work has occurred due to circumstances associated with the applicant's disability
- motor vehicle adaptations, motor insurance, deposits or running costs
- TVs, VCRs or DVD players
- We will not consider payment for assessments e.g. costs involved in the SCOPE Living Options Schemes.
- We will also not fund activities that are the responsibility of the Local Authority or Health Authority to provide.
- We will not make retrospective grants i.e. we will not fund anything that has already been paid for.

The Hylton House Fund (Charity No: 252762) is managed by County Durham Foundation

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For further information contact Brenda Dye, Grants Officer

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DO NOT START YOUR ACTIVITY, BOOK A HOLIDAY OR SPEND ANY MONEY UNTIL YOUR AWARD HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN WRITING.