

# Funding Advice Bureau

## SYFAB guide to...

# Grants for individuals

SYFAB doesn't keep a lot of information about grants for individuals. We're set up to work with voluntary and community groups and there are other more appropriate agencies and resources out there, depending on what you want a grant for. However, we do have knowledge of some organisations and resources to signpost individuals to and this resource summarises them.

The main types of enquiry we get at SYFAB around funding for individuals are:

Funding for some kind of **welfare support**, such as unemployment, health or disability related grants or benefits – in this case you should contact your local Citizens' Advice Bureau or advice centre.

Citizens' Advice Bureau

Website: [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

Your local authority or library will be able to tell you where to find your nearest advice centre.

Funding for **educational support**, such as grants for course fees or maintenance – in this case you should first contact the relevant school/college to find out if they have any financial support available. You could also get advice from the National Careers Service website or helpline.

National Careers Service

Telephone: 0800 100 900

Website: <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Funding for an **overseas trip, exchange or sponsored charity expedition** – these are not generally things that charitable funders will give grants towards; most funds for this type of activity are raised from

individuals (e.g. sponsorship), companies and fundraising events.

## Other sources of information

In addition to the above, you could also try some of the organisations and resources listed below to see if any are appropriate:

Funding to start a **small for-profit business** – you could look on the government services and information website [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) see below for the specific page.

Website: [www.gov.uk/browse/business](http://www.gov.uk/browse/business)

Funding for a **local community project** you want to work on as an individual or with an informal group – a good starting point is UnLtd, who provide small grants, advice and support for social entrepreneurs and individual community activists. You could also try The School for Social Entrepreneurs which supports individuals to start social enterprises and social businesses across the UK, Australia and Canada.

- UnLtd

Telephone: 0845 850 1122

Website: [www.unltd.org.uk](http://www.unltd.org.uk)

- The School for Social Entrepreneurs

Telephone: 020 7089 9120

Website: [www.the-sse.org](http://www.the-sse.org)

The following resources may be of use to individuals seeking **educational grants** or grants to support **individuals in need**:

The Directory of Social Change publishes information on grants for individuals. They produce two directories:

- A Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need
- The Educational Grants Directory.

You can buy these from the Directory of Social Change (DSC) and other booksellers. You may also be able to use them for free in the reference section of your local library. The books are available on a combined online database called 'Grants for Individuals'. There is an annual subscription charge, see website for further details.

Websites:

[www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk)

[www.grantsforindividuals.org.uk](http://www.grantsforindividuals.org.uk)

Family Action offers grants and a funding search service for welfare and educational purposes to individuals and families in need.

Telephone: 020 7254 6251 (2.00 – 4.00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only)

Website: [www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=77](http://www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=77)

Lions and Rotary Clubs and Round Tables sometimes make grants to individuals in need. Your local reference library may have a list of contacts or you can search with your postcode on the websites below for your local organisation.

Websites:

<https://directory.lionsclubs.org/?language=EN>

[www.ribi.org/club-search](http://www.ribi.org/club-search)

[www.roundtable.co.uk/locations](http://www.roundtable.co.uk/locations)

Charity Search offers a free confidential advice service to elderly people in need, linking them with charities that may be willing to help them.

Address: Charity Search, Freepost (BS 6610), Avonmouth, Bristol BS11 9TW

Telephone: 0117 982 4060

Email: [info@charitysearch.org.uk](mailto:info@charitysearch.org.uk)

Website: [www.charitysearch.org.uk](http://www.charitysearch.org.uk)

Turn2us helps individuals to find out about benefits and grants. Their website has a benefits checker that you can use to find out if you are getting all the welfare benefits you're entitled to. It also has a database you can use to search for welfare and educational grants and lots of information about money issues like money saving tips, borrowing money, getting divorced or separating and more.

Telephone: 0808 802 2000

Website: [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

Student Cashpoint has some information on the types of financial support available for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Website: [www.studentcashpoint.co.uk](http://www.studentcashpoint.co.uk)

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The Workstation  
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