

## Individual Funding

**You will be aware Kent Community Foundation has a number of funds that offer support to charitable organisations in Kent and Medway, but did you know that we also award grants to individuals and families?**

Kent Community Foundation has four distinct funding streams that offer direct support to individuals and families in need. Whilst each stream has its own specific criteria, to apply to any of them the following four conditions must be met:

1. The individual or family being nominated must be a resident of Kent or Medway.
2. There must be a demonstrable financial disadvantage underlying the request (e.g. the family are reliant on benefits or out of work for whatever reason).
3. All nominations must be submitted by a professional third party.
4. The request is not for something that local/national authorities have a statutory duty to provide.

We cannot accept any nominations directly from the beneficiary or their family and friends. Examples of people that could nominate on another's behalf include (but are not limited to): charity employees, social workers, GPs and specialist doctors, occupational therapists or teachers.

**If you are unsure if you are able to make a nomination, please get in contact with Joanne Brown via [joanne@kentcf.org.uk](mailto:joanne@kentcf.org.uk) or call 01303 815 152 for further guidance.**



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I meet your criteria, can I nominate myself?**

No. We require that all nominations be made via a third party that has a professional connection only. If you are looking for funding and are unsure who to ask to nominate you, please get in touch on 01303 815 152 to discuss who would be best placed to nominate you.

### **I work with disadvantaged families, can I apply for a holiday for a family?**

We cannot accept nominations requesting funds for a family holiday. Nominations for respite breaks for carers may include the cared for individual where there is no viable option for another to take on the caring role in their absence or where worry for their loved one whilst away will negate the benefit of the break.

In both instances, we will need the nomination to clearly state who the application will include, why the family member(s) will also be taking part and how the break will still be able to provide the required respite.

### **The nature of my job means that I will not meet the nominated individual face-to-face to physically sign the declaration on the form. Can I still apply?**

Yes, however we will need the nominee to contact KCF in writing to state that they consent to the information supplied being held by Kent Community Foundation and provided to relevant fund holders/ panel members for grant-making purposes.

### **When will I expect to receive a decision?**

Kent Community Foundation work on a ten week turnaround rate from date of submission to date of decision, however this can be delayed if the nomination form does not include all of the required information at submission.

### **If the nomination is successful, how will the grant be paid?**

In the first instance we will request nominating organisations to accept payments on behalf of the family and arrange payment for items/booking of respite etc. by liaising directly with the family. Where this is not possible, the nominator will need to advise KCF why this is and provide confirmation of the payment details for us to make the payment on the nominee's behalf. Only in exceptional circumstances or as part payment of a grant for petrol costs/ spending money will a payment ever be made directly to the nominee.

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## Funding for Individuals





## About Kent Community Foundation

**Kent Community Foundation is part of a national network of 46 Community Foundations committed to improving the lives of local people and communities, particularly the most vulnerable, isolated and disadvantaged. We connect generous people, families, and businesses with local causes that make a genuine difference in the community.**

Kent Community Foundation awards grants and loans to groups and individuals in Kent and Medway, with the aim of building strong and vibrant communities throughout the county. Our role as a Community Foundation is to match applications from the community to our donors' interests.

Find out more about Kent Community Foundation on our website: [www.kentcf.org.uk](http://www.kentcf.org.uk)



## Funding Available

### Ivy and Jane Charitable Fund

**Who is the funding for?** Young Carers up to the age of 18 who look after someone who has a disability, illness, mental health condition, or a drug or alcohol problem. Most young carers look after one of their parents or siblings.

**What can be funded?** The fund supports requests for activities that the young carer might otherwise miss out on, thereby helping them to have enjoyable childhood experiences. They may also, on an ad hoc basis, consider requests for capital items (for example a school uniform).

**Maximum request:** None | **Average grant:** £100 - £1,000

### Wards Charitable Fund

**Who is the funding for?** Children with physical disabilities, long term illnesses and/or life limiting conditions. Priority given to equipment that benefits their mental and physical health.

**What can be funded?** Equipment required due to the nature of their condition. If the nomination is not submitted by a medical professional we may need to request a letter of recommendation e.g. a letter from an Occupational Therapist.

**Maximum request:** None | **Average grant:** £500 - £2,000

### Rooney Foundation Fund

**Who is the funding for?** Children with physical disabilities, long term illnesses and/or life limiting conditions. Priority will be given to equipment that directly benefits the mental and physical health of the children. This fund will also accept requests outside of its remit for adults in exceptional circumstances - decisions to be made on a case-by-case basis.

**What can be funded?** Requests for respite, equipment, short breaks and 'make a wish' holidays for terminally ill children.

**Maximum request:** None | **Average grant:** £500 - £3,000

### Grassroots Carers Holiday Fund

**Who is the funding for?** Adults caring for one or more individuals over the age of 18, who are seeking a break from their long term caring responsibilities.

**What can be funded?** Holidays (up to one week), weekend breaks, pamper days and day trips. The fund will also consider contributions towards travel costs to and from the break as well as a modest contribution towards spending money if the request includes an overnight stay.

**Maximum request:** None | **Average grant:** £300 - £600

## How to Apply

If the individual being nominated fits within the criteria, the nominator should email an initial request to

**joanne@kentcf.org.uk** with a brief summary of the situation. If the request is eligible, an individual nomination form will be emailed back to you. Once the form has been completed, send it back to us at the same address, alongside a quote in support of the amount requested. This can be an email from the supplier, a proforma invoice or letter (on headed paper) or a screenshot from a website that clearly shows the name of the supplier and the cost of the item(s).



All nominations must be submitted by email though in exceptional circumstances, we may be able to accept postal nomination forms. If you are unable to send the form electronically, please do get in touch to discuss next steps.

### Top Tips:

When filling out the form, there are a couple of things to keep in mind:

- What is the individual / family's financial circumstances? You will need to be able to clearly state that the individual is financially disadvantaged and why.
- How will the item/activity/respite benefit the individual? If you are applying for equipment for a disabled child, how will that benefit their mental or physical health? If you are applying for respite for a carer, how will the request provide the required respite?
- Nominated individual/family declaration. This is the very last section of the form and states that the nominee gives Kent Community Foundation permission to hold and store the information provided on their behalf and to share said information with fund holders, as appropriate in order to facilitate decision-making. Please make sure that this is signed and dated by the nominee before submission.

If the key areas above are not completed to a satisfactory standard the nomination will be placed on hold and further information requested. If all of the required information is not received by KCF within the requested time frame we will assume that the funding is no longer required and the application will be closed.