

## Children's Heart Federation Family Support Grant

### How it works

The Children's Heart Federation recognises that long application forms can put applicants off especially at a time when their child's health and financial worries are their main concerns. They often need immediate help, and with this in mind the following criteria has been kept as clear and short as possible.

### Criteria for applying for a family support grant

The Family Support grants are there to support families with children who have heart conditions. It is our aim to give financial assistance to help families cope with any financial difficulties they face when caring for a child with a heart condition. In order to qualify for the grant, families must be able to show a clear connection between the financial need and the child's heart condition. Grants will be accepted if they fall into one of the following criteria:

- Help with accommodation or travel costs while a child with a heart condition is in hospital.
- Help with meeting costs for specific items or appliances which will ease the difficulties of caring for a child with a heart condition at home
- Contribution/part-funding towards specific equipment or other costs on evidence that the remaining amount has been raised.

### What we do not fund:

- Large or national charities
- Groups whose income exceeds £400,000 per annum
- General appeals
- Household utility bills or debts
- Medical treatment for patients from other countries
- Holidays - CHF also arrange holidays for young people and family breaks so we would not normally fund family holidays unless exceptional circumstances exist.
- Travel if the family are eligible for the hospital travel cost scheme
- Families who have received a CHF grant within a year of this application

The Children's Heart Federation will consider any application as long as it meets the criteria.

### Grant panel meetings

The grant panel meet the last week of every month to review applications. You will be advised of the outcome of your application within 3 working days of this meeting.

If you feel your application requires more urgent attention please attach a letter of explanation.

In special circumstances we can arrange an earlier Panel meeting.

### HOW TO CLAIM

- 1) You can order the application form by calling the office on: 0207 422 0630 or download it here
- 2) Please read the criteria carefully and check you meet them
- 3) The form needs to be completed by a professional who knows your particular circumstances, such as a health care worker. They will also need to check their organisation can process the payment (as we do not pay directly to families)
- 4) Send the completed application form and any additional documents or letters to:

CHF Family Grant Administrator  
Children's Heart Federation  
2-4 Great Eastern Street  
London  
EC2A 3NW

Or e-mail: [samanthaj@chfed.org.uk](mailto:samanthaj@chfed.org.uk)

- 5) CHF will contact the professional within 3 working days of our panel meeting which is normally held in the last week of every month.

#### Note:

The CHF family grant programme is funded by voluntary donation so we can not guarantee that funding is available - nevertheless, we do try to help as many families as we can and therefore welcome your application.