**Organisation for Anti convulsant syndromes**

**The following are grants that can be applied for and used by the individual fulfilling their criteria**

**Family Fund**
<http://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

The Family Fund is an established charity that offers help and support to children with disabilities and their families. You can apply for holidays, equipment such as fridges, freezers, cookers, etc, toys suitable for your child, laptops/computers, etc.
Criteria;
The grants/help is for people with disabilities under the age of 17.
You must be residential in England, Northern Ireland, Wales or Scotland and have permanent legal residency in the UK for at least 6 months.
You need to be in receipt of one of the following benefits to qualify;

Child Tax Credit

Working Tax Credit

Income Based Jobseekers Allowance

Income Support

Incapacity Benefit

Employment Support Allowance

Housing Benefit
Pension Credit

Normally the Family Fund can only accept one application per household per year unless there are exceptional circumstances. Further information can be found on this Q&A link;
<http://www.familyfund.org.uk/questions-and-answers>

**Elizabeth Finn Care**
<http://www.elizabethfinncare.org.uk/>

Elizabeth Finn Care can help people on low incomes, including people in receipt of benefits or on low incomes without affecting their existing income. They have a number of trained volunteers who can visit and offer advice on benefits that you may be entitled to. The charity can also offer financial help in the form of a small regular income that will not affect existing benefits and also a one off grant in the form of a monetary gift. The charity normally helps people from specific professional backgrounds such as nursing and health care, teaching and other professions. However if you do not fit one of their employments backgrounds they can help you through Turn 2 Us which accesses a number of other charities for you.

**Sky Badger**

http://www.skybadger.co.uk/about-sky-badger

Sky Badger is a charity that finds help and adventure for disabled children and their families in the UK. We do this by building bridges between disabled children and the charities and services available to help. We find everything from disabled sports clubs to sibling groups to ‘make a wish’ charities and tell families about them though our website, social media platforms, videos, information packs and e-helpdesk.

**Happy Days**

http://www.happydayscharity.org/about-us

Happy Days Children's Charity provides day trips and short breaks to some of the UK's most vulnerable children, bringing happiness and hope to them and their families. Since 1992 we have helped almost 170,000 children with mental and physical disabilities, life limiting conditions, children who have been abused and young carers between the ages of three and seventeen.
We fund and organise respite breaks, residential trips, days out, visiting theatre performances & theatre trips throughout the UK and are a vital support to many young people in special needs schools, hospitals and hospices.
There are over 500,000 young people with special needs in the UK, many of them with severe mental health problems, physical disabilities and life-limiting illnesses. The financial strain on their families can be enormous and for some a simple trip to the seaside or a week's holiday is beyond their means.

As well as funding for groups they also provide family respite breaks.

**Becoming a financial appointee for a vulnerable person**
<https://www.gov.uk/become-appointee-for-someone-claiming-benefits>

Many people with disabilities cannot manage their financial affairs. When they reach 16 the law sees all individuals as adult in terms of claiming benefits, etc. If your child would not be capable of filling in forms, managing their finances and handling money successfully then a parent, other relative or reliable friend can apply to become the person financial appointee. Sometimes an official appointee is necessary such as a solicitor or a council official. This means that they will be responsible for applying for all benefits and other financial affairs for the person in their care. The appointee is responsible for insuring that that the money is spent in the vulnerable person’s best interests. The appointee is also responsible for ensuring that any changes are reported such as if the person becomes able to manage their own affairs.

Useful links:
Benefits calculator
<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/benefits-check>

Free and impartial money advice set up by government

https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en