

What Happens Now?

- Your application will be acknowledged by letter or email as soon as possible.
- Your application will be considered by the Access Fund Advisory Panel which will be meeting weekly until the end of March 2011. The Panel is made up of professionals working with Children and Young People 0 - 18 years.
- We will get in touch with all applicants to let them know the Panel's decision.

If this information is needed in another format or language, please phone: 0191 272 4244

The Access Fund

Supporting Activities
for Disabled Children
and Young People

For this fund

The term 'disability' means any child or young person with additional needs.

What is the Access Fund?

The Access Fund is a grant to help disabled children and young people to participate in activities in their local community. This can be any daytime, evening or weekend activity that the child or young person enjoys whilst their parent / carer has a short break from caring.

The Scheme runs until March 2011 and anyone with parental consent can apply on behalf of the disabled child or young person.

What can the Access Fund be used for?

The fund aims to benefit individuals or groups of disabled children and young people by providing short term support or specialist equipment to ensure children and young people can participate in local activities. This may include sporting, leisure or recreational and musical activities, participation in local groups or computer equipment.

Who can apply for an Access Fund Grant?

It's open to any disabled child or young person living in Newcastle aged 0 - 18 years (inclusive) who meets at least **one of the following** criteria:

- Child or young person in receipt of higher or middle rate Disability Living Allowance
- Child or young person subject to a Statement of Special Educational Need or School Action Plus
- Child or young person with a Common Assessment Framework (CAF)

How to apply and what to include

Complete an Access Fund application form in full. Your application must explain how you will use this grant to promote the inclusion of children and young people with disabilities in their communities.

Please also complete the monitoring form with your application.

All applications should be forwarded to:

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