

Funding Information Pack

For Individuals



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Introduction

Congratulations! You've made the decision to create an inclusive sensory environment where you, your friends and your family can **learn, grow** and **relax**.

The next step is to secure the **funds** for your sensory resources.

We're aware that most people don't have an endless pot of money to support their sensory needs. Because of this, we've created this pack to give you an insight into the **different funding options available to you and how you can apply for them**. Hopefully, it'll make your sensory dreams feel more realistic.

As always, if you need any extra help or guidance surrounding Sensory Room or resource funding, don't hesitate to **get in touch** with a member of our sensory team - they'll be more than happy to help.

At Rhino we're proud to make sense of senses!



Benefits of Sensory for Individuals:

Supports Mental Wellbeing

A healthy mind is as important as a healthy body. Sensory Rooms are therapeutic spaces designed to expel anxiety, relax minds and balance emotions.

Encourages Creativity

Exploring senses helps to inspire imaginations and encourages creative skills.

Developmental Learning

Sensory spaces help people discover their senses and learn how their bodies move and work, developing key skills like;

- Hand-eye Coordination
- Fine and Gross Motor skills
- Communication skills

A Safe Space

Sensory Rooms act as safe, controlled environments where people with special educational needs & disabilities can feel supported.

Increases Concentration

Whether over or under-stimulated, sensory areas help to rebalance senses, supporting your ability to focus.

The Five Senses

Learning, discovering and exploring your senses (smell, touch, taste, sight and hearing) is a great way to feel more connected to yourself, nature and the wider world.

Please Note:

All the information in this document was collected in September 2022. It's likely that the information will become outdated. Therefore it's up to you to make sure the leases and grants included in this document are still available before applying for them. If you'd like help, get in touch with a member of our Sensory Team.



Individuals Funding Pack Grants

Whether you're starting from scratch or looking for a boost to reach your fundraising target - Grants are a fantastic resource to help you make your sensory project a reality.

Government Grants

Disabled Facilities Grant

The grant is designed to help you adapt your home to make it suitable for a disabled person. The scheme is only available for people living in England or Wales. Find more information at: [gov.uk/apply-disabled-facilities-grant](https://www.gov.uk/apply-disabled-facilities-grant)

Charity Grants

Family Fund

Grants to support the needs and wellbeing of low-income families with children that have disabilities or serious illnesses. Find more information at: [familyfund.org.uk](https://www.familyfund.org.uk)

Tree of Hope

Crowdfunding support for children and young people with a disability or illness, raising money to pay for specialist resources and care. Find more information at: [treeofhope.org.uk](https://www.treeofhope.org.uk)

The Boparan Charitable Trust

Provide funding to children with disabilities, life-limiting illnesses and those who are in extreme poverty, with funding for specialist equipment and sensory toys. Find more information at: [theboparancharitabletrust.com](https://www.theboparancharitabletrust.com)

Starlight

Offer events, experiences, wishes and hospital services for children with serious illnesses. Find more information at: [starlight.org.uk](https://www.starlight.org.uk)

Make a Wish

Wish granting for children aged between 3-17 who have been diagnosed with a critical illness. Find more information at: [make-a-wish.org.uk](https://www.make-a-wish.org.uk)

Dreams Come True

Provide dreams for children who live in deprived areas and are living with a disability, serious illness, or life-limiting condition. Find more information at: [dreamscometrue.uk.com](https://www.dreamscometrue.uk.com)

Variety Charity

Grants from £100 to £5000 for children with a recognised disability or long-term health condition. Find more information at: [variety.org.uk](https://www.variety.org.uk)

Cash for Kids

Support children who are vulnerable, come from disadvantaged backgrounds or are living with an illness or disability. Typical grants range from £1000 to £3000. Find more information at: [cashforkids.org.uk](https://www.cashforkids.org.uk)

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Fundraising

If you're close to completing your sensory funding goal, reaching out to your local community can be a great way to top up your total. Create a **Just Giving** or **GoFundMe** page and let people know what you're fundraising for & how they can help.

Fundraising Ideas

Bake Sale

Are you crafty in the kitchen? Why don't you consider holding a bake sale to raise some money.

Fundraising Target: £80

Fun Fact: Bake sales are a great way to bring friends, family, and local communities together.

Book Sale

Help the environment, expand your mind, and host a mini book sale. We've all got that shelf of will-I-really-ever-read-this-again books.

Fundraising Target: £50

Charity Car Wash

Whether it's colleagues' cars on a lunch break, neighbours' cars on your street, or something linked to your child's school - Grab a bucket, a sponge and some soapy water and host a charity car wash!

Fundraising Target: £10 per Car

Creative Crafter

Are you a crafty person? Why don't you consider setting up an Etsy store to sell your crafts? You can donate your profits to your charity fund.

Fundraising Target: Constant stream of sustainable donations

Litter Pick

Help your local community and environment by organising a sponsored litter pick.

Fundraising Target: £25

Sponsored Run

Whether it's a 5k or a marathon - challenge yourself and raise money for a good cause.

Fundraising Target: £150 for 5k, £1000 for a Marathon.

Fun Fact: Running releases serotonin, which is great for mindfulness and positive mental health.

Sponsored Silence

The perfect charity challenge for chatty people. How long can you go without talking?

Fundraising Target: £50 for an hour, £100 for a whole day

Fun Fact: Whilst you're being quiet listen to the sounds around you and focus on your sense of hearing.

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Fundraising Checklist:



- Set a fundraising goal**
- Create a fundraising page**
- Let people know you're fundraising**
Social media, friends, family, community.
- Get involved**
Donate, take on a challenge, support others.

More Inspiration

If you'd like to discover more fundraising ideas, we'd recommend checking out these imaginative websites:

- [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
- [thegivingmachine.co.uk](https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)