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Hello and 'welcome' to SCVO's fortnightly 'Funding Digest'. As ever, you will find a snapshot of funding opportunities, large and small, to complement the other support services we offer. For those who might be new to the Digest, it is compiled by researching a variety of sources; unfortunately there is not time to research each item thoroughly and, therefore, the accuracy of the information provided cannot always be guaranteed.
All users of the Digest are encouraged to contact the funder or source of the information directly, using the web links or contact details provided.
Please also have a look at the Information Appendix to this Digest – we have collated a number of very useful resources to help you with your funding application,

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In addition, users can contact the **Development Team at SCVO** (on **0121 525 1127** or by email at **support@scvo.info** to request assistance with identifying funders, making funding applications or planning your fundraising strategy. ***Indeed, you may like to consider our SCVO+ programme – where we provide consultancy support, on a chargeable basis, to help your organisation apply for funding.***

Finally, SCVO, like many organisations that receive this digest, is a voluntary sector and charitable organisation that must report on outcomes and achievements to its funders and supporters. SCVO welcomes your feedback on the content, layout, and value of the digest and, in particular, would like to know if, as a result of this or any previous Digest, **you have applied for funding OR you have been successful in raising funds or acquiring resources.**

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AB Charitable Trust (The) Funding for Projects that Defend Human Rights of Marginalised Groups (UK) - Opening: 23rd October 2026

The AB Charitable Trust (ABCT), a grant-making foundation focused on promoting and defending human rights in the UK and supporting marginalised and excluded groups whose rights are at risk or under threat, has announced that its Open Programme is currently accepting applications from UK registered charities that address the root causes of injustice and inequality in the UK.

Through its Open Programme, ABCT offers grants ranging from £10,000 to £30,000 per year, for up to three years. The programme provides both core funding (unrestricted grants) and project funding (restricted grants), enabling charities to deliver essential activities that protect and promote human rights.

The Trust prioritises support for charities operating in the following thematic areas:

1. **The Human Rights Framework**

Funding is available for organisations working to uphold, enhance, and implement the UK's human rights protection frameworks. This includes defending civic space, safeguarding the right to protest, and holding the government accountable for its human rights obligations.

2. **Access to Justice**

ABCT supports work that ensures fair access to legal advice and representation. Grants are available for organisations that promote the rule of law and seek to strengthen the justice system, especially for those facing discrimination or disadvantage.

3. **The Criminal Legal System and Penal Reform**

The Trust funds organisations aiming to create a more just and equitable criminal justice system. This includes advocacy for penal reform and efforts to reduce the harms caused by incarceration.

4. **Migrants and Refugees**

Organisations that support migrants, refugees, and people seeking asylum in the UK are eligible for funding. This includes service provision, policy and advocacy work, campaigning, narrative change, and community organising to promote a fair and humane immigration system.

Applicants must be UK-registered charities with annual incomes between £150,000 and £1.5 million. The next deadline for applications to the Open Programme is 23 October 2026.

More information at: https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/our-priorities

Genius Within CIC Grants to Support Neurodivergent Children and their Families (UK) – Deadline: 24th October 2026

Genius Within CIC has opened the latest application window for its Blooming Genius grants, supporting grassroots organisations working with neurodivergent children under 18 and their families across the UK. Genius Within is a social enterprise specialising in neurodiversity and supporting neurodivergent people in education, employment and wider society.

Blooming Genius provides small grants for grassroots initiatives that help neurodivergent children and families, particularly in communities where information and support around neurodiversity may be limited. Grants typically range from a few hundred pounds to around £2,000, although there is no fixed maximum award.

Key points:

- UK grassroots organisations can apply.
- Projects must support neurodivergent children under 18 and their families.
- Grants are typically worth up to around £2,000.
- The current application window runs from 1 September to 24 October.
- Applications are capped at 200 per funding window.

The closing date for applications is 24 October 2026. . Successful applicants in the current round are due to be notified on 5 December, with grants awarded during the week commencing 8 December 2026.
Genius Within cap applications at 200 per window. Once this limit is reached, they will not process additional applications.
More information at: https://geniuswithin.org/blooming-genius-1/

Linnean Society of London (The) Grants of up to £1,000 Available for Young People to Improve Local Green Spaces (UK) – Deadline: 25th October 2026

The Linnean Society of London has opened applications for its Our Local Nature Grant Scheme, offering young people across the UK the chance to lead projects that connect their communities with the natural world.
The scheme provides awards of up to £1,000 to individual young people and organisations linked to young people. Funding can support costs such as materials, room hire, publicity, guest speakers, training, transport and project-specific staff.
Applications must be made by individuals or organisations linked to groups of young people, usually aged 16 or under, with proposals expected to be shaped and led by the young people themselves. This includes, but is not limited to, school staff, student groups, home education groups, community groups and small charities.
Projects should promote biodiversity awareness or improve access to local green spaces, with past examples ranging from school festivals and biodiversity murals to community gardens and guided nature walks.
The closing date for applications is midnight 25th October 2026. Decisions will be announced in December. Successful projects will begin in January 2027 and conclude by July
In the last five years, the Linnean Society has provided £30,000 to 49 projects across the UK.
Previous projects supported include:

- The Mellish Sports Centre (Nottingham) received £1,000 to transform its outdoor space into a natural woodland garden. They installed bird, bat, and bee boxes, along with features like “crows’ nests,” foxes, hedgehogs, and visiting jays.
- The Rosliston Community Centre (Staffordshire), which was awarded £1,000, to train young people in dragonfly surveying. Participants learned to identify and protect native species and contributed case studies to the National Forest Company.
- The Upton Westlea Primary School, which received a grant of £1,000 to renovate a wildlife area, added bird feeders, bug hotels, and planted berries, vegetables, and wildflowers.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/y6p4ebdm

Visa and Nationwide Competition to Strengthen Local Economies and Communities (UK) - Deadline: 25th October 2026

Visa and Nationwide have announced that Let’s Celebrate Towns 2026 is open for entries, offering five grants of £20,000 to support community projects in towns across the UK. The joint initiative recognises towns that are responding to local challenges and building stronger, more resilient local economies.
Entries are invited from MPs and local leaders, local authorities and town councils, and community groups and organisations.
One winner will be selected in each of five categories:

- High Street Revival
- Backing Local Business
- Protecting Valued Places
- Connected Places
- Community Pride

To be eligible, towns must have populations between 5,000 and 225,000, and only one entry per town is allowed in each category.
Since its launch, the programme has supported 22 towns nationwide, funding community-driven projects that deliver lasting impact, from cultural festivals and high street revivals to heritage restoration.
Winners will attend a national awards ceremony at the Houses of Parliament.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/y283aztc

£60 Million Fund to Test New Ways to Support Disabled People into Work (UK) – Deadline: 26th October 2026

The Department for Work and Pensions has opened the first round of its £60 million Pathways to Work Innovation Fund.
Up to £10 million is available this year for UK-based organisations to test new approaches that help disabled people and people with long-term health conditions prepare for work, find a job, stay in work or progress in their careers.
Charities, voluntary organisations, social enterprises and community interest companies, businesses, universities and research organisations, and public bodies such as local authorities can apply to the Pathways to Work Innovation Fund. Organisations may apply alone or in partnership
There is no minimum or maximum grant request.
Charities, voluntary organisations, social enterprises, businesses, universities, research organisations, councils and other eligible public bodies can apply, either alone or in partnership.
Proposals could test a new service, use technology differently or develop a new way for employers and support organisations to work together. Projects must offer a significantly different approach and generate useful evidence about what works.
The second round is expected to open in early 2027.
Applications close at 11:59pm on 26 October 2026.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/bdd9hy8c

Strategic Legal Fund (The) Funding to Support Vulnerable Migrants (UK) – Deadline: 26th October 2026

Not for profit organisations and private law firms assisting young migrants can apply for grants from the Strategic Legal Fund (SLF) for Vulnerable Young Migrants.
These grants aim to support strategic legal work that benefits disadvantaged migrant children and young people (under 25 years old) who are living in poverty and facing significant disadvantage or discrimination due to their immigration status.
The SLF only supports strategic legal work carried out in the UK. This is defined as work where the impact is likely to go beyond an individual case, and to result in changes to law, policy and practice that will benefit a wider group of people. Applications must be to fund one of two kinds of strategic legal work:
The SLF funds two types of strategic legal actions:

- the research and development of cases pre-litigation, including gathering evidence to test a hypothesis or research to establish authorities' policy and practice, identifying potential plaintiffs/applicants/appellants, researching whether to proceed, translating relevant material, and evaluating a litigation strategy.
- third party "interventions" in existing cases, which allow a non-party intervener to assist the court in arriving in its decision in a case, acting as an amicus curiae, a friend of the court.

The maximum grant amount is £30,000, but applicants are encouraged to request lower amounts due to limited funding. The average grant size is approximately £12,000 - £15,000. The next application deadline for the next round of grants is 26 October 2026.
More information at: http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/about/

Armed Forces Covenant Fund (The) Grants Available to Improve Mental Health Support for Underrepresented Armed Forces Groups (UK) – Deadline: 28th October 2026

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has announced that the Reveal & Respond programme is open for applications. Through the programme, grants of £20,000 to £300,000 are available to improve access to mental health and wellbeing support for underrepresented groups within the armed forces community.
Underrepresented groups can include:

- Female personnel
- Neurodivergent personnel
- LGBTQ+ personnel
- Ethnic minority and non-UK personnel
- Service children with SEND and their parents
- Serving and ex-serving personnel, or their partners, with caring responsibilities
- Bereaved service families
- Early service leavers and people experiencing unexpected or abrupt transition

Applicants must be UK-based registered charities, CICs or local authorities. Partnerships are expected between armed forces organisations and specialist non-armed forces organisations.
Two strands are available. Strand 1 offers £20,000 to £40,000 for two-year discovery, pilot and learning projects, such as testing new interventions, understanding barriers, developing support pathways or adapting existing approaches for specific cohorts.
Strand 2 offers £150,000 to £300,000 for two- to three-year projects that build on existing evidence or practice. This could include expanding proven models, strengthening referral pathways, improving collaboration or sharing learning through toolkits, training, evaluation findings or partnership frameworks.
Applications must be submitted through the online portal by 12 noon on 28 October 2026. Decisions are expected before the end of February 2027.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/428wfe5c

Windrush Day Grant Scheme 2026 Opens for Community Applications (England) – Deadline: 29th October 2026

Community organisations across England can apply for funding through the Windrush Day Grant Scheme 2027, a national programme that supports projects commemorating, celebrating, and educating about the Windrush generation and their descendants.
The scheme is funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government and delivered by Near Neighbours, with up to £500,000 available for projects in 2027.
Individual grants of £5,000 to £25,000 are available to support community-led activities that raise awareness of the Windrush story, celebrate the contributions of the Windrush generation, and inspire younger generations. Funded projects may include public events, cultural celebrations, exhibitions, performances, workshops and educational activities.
Applications are open to a wide range of organisations based in England, including registered and exempt charities, community interest companies, social enterprises,

community benefit societies and local authorities. Unregistered community groups may also be eligible if they can demonstrate appropriate governance and financial arrangements. Projects must be delivered in England, and funding cannot be used for costs incurred before approval. Activities must be inclusive, non-political and focused on community engagement and cohesion.

Applications close: 23:59 29 October 2027.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/428wfe5c

eBay UK – Up to 20 Businesses to Receive £10,000 Through eBay Grants Programme (UK) – Deadline: 30th October 2026

eBay UK has opened its 2026 Up & Running Grants programme, offering up to 20 businesses grants of £10,000 to support growth or create opportunities for young people. eBay operates one of the UK's largest online marketplaces, connecting businesses and individuals with buyers.

Funding is available through two categories.

- Young eBay business sellers aged 18 to 30 can apply to develop their businesses
- UK-registered companies can apply to employ a young person aged 18 to 24 in a UK-based role

Applicants must show clear business objectives and explain how the funding will support growth over the following 12 months.

Key points / Highlights:

- Funding: £10,000 per winner
- Up to 20 awards are available
- Applicants must already be eBay business sellers
- Category A requires at least three months of active listings
- Category B requires at least six months of active listings
- Winners announced January 2027.

Successful applicants will also receive up to six months of account management and premium support, plus access to eBay's Young Entrepreneur community and selected events during 2027.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3nb9ywxb

National Garden Scheme (The) Funding for Community Gardens to Improve Green Spaces (England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands) – Deadline: 30th October 2026

The National Garden Scheme has opened applications for its 2027 Community Garden Grants, offering awards of £1,500 to £5,000 for community gardening projects. Supported by the Julia Rausing Trust, the programme aims to increase access to green spaces and the health and social benefits of gardening.

Funding is available to established community groups, registered charities and CICs in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands. Projects must involve an existing or proposed community garden, allotment or similar horticultural site with secure access. Local authorities are not eligible.

Examples of projects and costs that can be supported include:

- creating or improving community gardens, allotments and growing spaces
- installing flower or vegetable beds
- purchasing plants and containers
- providing greenhouses, polytunnels and sheds
- carrying out hard landscaping
- installing seating and social areas

- purchasing hand tools and some garden power tools, such as strimmers
- creating projects that encourage community participation, social interaction and gardening
- developing spaces that improve biodiversity and wildlife habitats
- purchasing materials for providing refreshments, although food and drink themselves cannot be funded. National Garden Scheme

Previously funded examples include transforming neglected land into community allotments, creating therapeutic and wellbeing gardens, developing vegetable and wildflower areas, creating accessible community spaces, and establishing gardens where people can grow and cook food together.
The deadline for applications is 12 noon, 30 October 2026.
More information at: https://ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/community-garden-grants/

National Garden Scheme (The) Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Transform Outdoor Spaces (England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands) – Deadline: 30th October 2026

The National Garden Scheme (NGS) has announced the 2027 Community Garden Grants scheme, supported by a £1.5 million award from the Julia Rausing Trust. Launched in 2019, the scheme aims to strengthen local communities by funding projects that transform outdoor spaces into shared community resources.
Applications will d close on 30 October 2026, though only the first 300 applications will be accepted. Grants of between £1,500 and £5,000 will be available to community groups, charities and Community Interest Companies across England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands.
Projects might include developing communal gardens, creating safe spaces for children, establishing wildlife-friendly habitats, or enhancing biodiversity. Priority will be given to schemes that increase access to green spaces for disadvantaged groups and support physical and mental wellbeing through horticulture.
Earlier this year, the NGS awarded £288,876 to 115 projects during Community Gardens Week (7–14 April 2025).
With applications opening in the near future, groups interested in applying are urged to review eligibility guidance and prepare proposals in advance to secure a chance of success.
More information at: https://ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/community-garden-grants/

£2.5 Million Fund to Support Urban Tree Planting Projects (England) – Deadline: 31st October 2026

The Tree Council, in partnership with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, has reopened the Trees Outside Woodland Fund, with £2.5 million available for the 2026/27 planting season.
Local authorities and registered charities in England can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £40,000 to support the establishment of trees, hedgerows, and orchards in public spaces, helping to enhance local environments, increase biodiversity, reduce flood risk, and improve community wellbeing.
Projects could include urban tree planting to improve air quality, the creation of tree-lined avenues to enhance public spaces, and community orchards that encourage local food production and community engagement.
To be eligible, charities must have an annual income or turnover of more than £100,000.
In its first year, the scheme supported projects ranging from work to make Avebury Manor Garden in Wiltshire more climate-resilient following severe flooding, to programmes increasing canopy cover in tree-deficient areas of Lancashire and Doncaster and restoring traditional orchards in Worcestershire.

The fund forms part of the Government's Environmental Improvement Plan, which aims to increase England's overall tree canopy cover from 14.5% to 16.5% of total land area by 2050.
Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis until 31 October 2026, or until all funding has been allocated. Early applications are strongly encouraged.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/bddwhadb

Barchester's Charitable Foundation Grants Available to Combat Isolation and Loneliness Amongst Older People and Adults with Disabilities (England, Scotland, and Wales) – Deadline: 31st October 2026

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a grant-giving charity that helps older people and other adults with disability across England, Scotland & Wales lead more fulfilled lives and reach their full potential.
The Foundation focuses on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community, helping combat isolation and loneliness and enabling people to be active and engaged.
Funding between £100 and £2,500 (£1,500 for individuals) is available for individuals, charities and small community groups to help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life. Applications for individuals must be completed by a third-party sponsor such as a health care professional, social worker or charity/support group representative.
The Foundations helps individuals with:

- Manual and powered wheelchairs
- Mobility scooters
- Specialised trikes / bikes
- Car adaptations

Groups and organisations can apply for grants to help with:

- Activity projects
- Equipment and materials for use by members
- Member transport
- Day trips, outings and group holidays in the UK

Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, with funds allocated to those who demonstrate greatest need.
The Foundation is open for group applications in January, April, July and October, and will notify applicants of the outcome within two months. The current closing date for applications is 31 October 2026.
Applications on behalf of individuals can be submitted at any time.
More information at: https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/apply

Concertina Music Grants for Older People (UK) – Deadline: 31st October 2026

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants of up to £250 to charitable bodies that provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly.
The charity is particularly keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Concertina has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from Concertina include:

- Theatre Chipping Norton to help fund high calibre music recitals in six Care Homes in the area.
- Sue Ryder Care, Lancashire to fund access to music therapy workshops at Birchley Hall near Wigan and St Helen's.

More information at: http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/Grants.php

Ford Britain Trust (The) Grants of up to £3,000 Available for Community and Education Projects (UK) – Deadline: 31st October 2026

Registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, and schools/PTAs can apply for grants of up to £3,000 for projects that benefit their local community.
The funding is made available by the Ford Britain Trust to support a range of projects focusing:

- Education: Empowering learners of all ages.
- Environment: Protecting and enhancing our natural surroundings.
- Children & Youth Activities: Creating opportunities for young people.
- People with Disabilities: Promoting inclusion and support.
- Local Community Benefit: Initiatives that directly improve life in areas close to our UK locations.

Applications will be considered from all locations in the UK. However, organisations based in Essex (including East London), Bridgend (including South Wales), Southampton, Daventry, Manchester and Liverpool - areas close to Ford locations – will be given priority.
Funding will support capital projects, such as refurbishments, as well as expenditures on items like furniture, equipment, or computers.
There are two types of grants to apply for:

- Small grants of up to £250. The closing date for small grants is 31 October 2026.
- Large grants for amounts over £250 and up to a maximum of £3000. The closing date for applications for the large grants programme is 30 November 2026.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3wuxpyk9

David Riddell Memorial CIO (The) Grants for Suicide Awareness & Prevention Projects (UK) - Deadline: 31st October 2026

Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available to charitable organisations delivering suicide awareness and prevention programmes across the UK.
Funded by the David Riddell Memorial CIO, the grants support innovative projects that educate people about suicide ideation and inform them of ways to prevent suicide.
Eligible applicants include charities, charitable incorporated organisations, and community interest companies limited by guarantee. Preference is given to smaller organisations with an annual income of less than £1 million.
Funding can be used for both project delivery and core costs, including full cost recovery.
While the charity has a particular interest in supporting those working in the financial services sector and associated industries, applications are welcome from all sectors.
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and, if successful, are typically funded within three months.
More information at: https://www.davidriddell.org/grants

Tree Council (The) Funding Available to Plant Trees in Parks, Streets and Community Spaces (England) - Deadline: 31st October 2026

The Tree Council and Defra are accepting applications through the £2.5 million Trees Outside Woodland Fund for the 2026/27 planting season. The fund offers grants of £10,000 to £40,000 for projects establishing trees outside woodland in England.
Funding can support trees, establishment aids and other eligible capital costs. Projects should create or enhance green spaces, benefit communities and biodiversity, and may include planting in parks, playgrounds, streets, orchards and other community settings.
Key highlights:

- Open to English local authorities and registered charities delivering projects in England.
- Charities must have annual income/turnover above £100,000.
- Grants: £10,000–£40,000.

- Applications are assessed on a rolling, one-stage basis.

The fund aims to increase tree cover across everyday landscapes and green spaces, rather than fund large new forests or woodland schemes. Planting must demonstrate community and biodiversity benefits. Newly planted trees must meet specified bio secure procurement requirements. Early applications are encouraged.
The deadline is 31 October 2026, or earlier if funds are fully allocated.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/s8xvnury.

Twinkl Funding Available to Support Sensory and Inclusion Needs in Schools (UK) - Deadline: 31st October 2026

Twinkl has opened its October Community Collection giveaway, offering one UK school or educational setting £1,000 to improve inclusion and support pupils' sensory needs. Twinkl provides educational resources and services for teachers, schools and other learning settings.
Funding can be used for items such as sensory tools and fidgets, calming or quiet spaces, adaptive learning equipment, and inclusive books and reading materials.
Highlights:

- UK schools and educational settings can enter
    - Entries must be authorised by the Headteacher or Senior Leadership
    - One £1,000 award is available
    - Funding is intended to improve inclusion and support learners
    - Deadline: 31 October 2026

Applicants need to explain how £1,000 would support their setting's inclusion needs and the impact it would have on the school community. The winner will be selected at random within 30 days of the closing date.
More information at: https://www.twinkl.co.uk/giveaway/communitycollectionoct.

Worshipful Company of Weavers (The) Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People and Offenders (UK) – Deadline: 1st November 2026

The Worshipful Company of Weavers has launched a new funding round through its Benevolent Fund.
The fund mainly supports projects that help young offenders, ex-offenders and other disadvantaged young people move into employment and participate in their communities.
The fund also provides support to smaller charities working with underfunded groups within the criminal justice system.
Eligible organisations include registered UK charities and charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs). In some cases, community interest companies (CICs) may also be considered.
There are two levels of funding available:

- **Small grants** of up to £5,000.
- **Main grants** with no formal limit, although most awards are between £10,000 and £15,000.

The Charitable Grants Committee meets in February, June and October each year. The next application closing date is 1 November 2026.
Previously funded projects have included:

- Supporting disadvantaged young people (typically aged up to around 30) to develop life skills and access education, training or employment.
- Helping young offenders, ex-offenders and their families reintegrate into society, overcome social and economic barriers, and contribute positively to their communities.

- Funding direct work with women involved in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice system, such as mentoring, training or outreach for women experiencing abuse, exploitation or other vulnerabilities.
- Supporting smaller specialist organisations delivering tailored services, particularly local charities working at community level.
- Preventing young people at risk of offending from entering the criminal justice system through early-intervention programmes such as mentoring and training.

More information at: https://weavers.org.uk/charity/charitable-grants/

Health Data Research UK Funding to Help Communities Explore Health and Wellbeing Through Data (UK) – Deadline: 2nd November 2026

Health Data Research UK has announced that its Take the Lead: Data Champions Community Grants programme is open for applications.

Health Data Research UK (HDR UK) is the UK's national institute for health data science, bringing together researchers, healthcare organisations and communities to use health data to improve people's health and care.

The programme offers £3,000 grants to up to 20 community leaders across the UK.

The programme aims to help communities explore how data can support better health and wellbeing, while giving community leaders opportunities to build skills, confidence and links with data scientists.

Funding is available for activities exploring brain health, cancer, environment and health, heart health, sustainable and healthy diets, and young people's mental health. Projects should use creative, community-led approaches tailored to local interests and needs.

The types of data could include

- National statistics from organisations such as the ONS and NHS.
- Personal health journals, recording physical or mental wellbeing.
- GP and hospital information, such as blood tests, scans and consultations.
- Shopping data, such as supermarket purchasing patterns.
- Community surveys and conversations, including polls, social media feedback, art and other forms of community insight.
- Environmental and social data, such as air quality, water quality and access to green space.

Key highlights:

- Applicants must be based at an established UK community organisation with its own bank account
- Individuals cannot apply
- Priority audiences include people from low-income or minority ethnic backgrounds, young people aged 11–25, people over 65, rural communities and people experiencing digital exclusion
- Activities must run between 8 February and 20 June 2027
- Attendance at an in-person welcome event in Bristol on 23 February 2027 is compulsory.

Applications are made through an online form and close at 12 noon on 2 November 2026. Successful applicants will be notified in December 2026. Applicants must show that they can act as a data champion in their community and share learning with colleagues and local audiences.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/hsbx5tzh

National Churches Trust (The) Grants for Urgent Structural Repairs to Churches (UK) – Deadline: 3rd November 2026

Grants of up to £50,000 are available through the National Churches Trust Large Grants programme for churches, chapels, meeting houses and cathedrals. The National Churches Trust is a UK charity that supports church buildings and helps keep them open and in use. The programme supports major urgent structural repairs costing over £80,000, and projects to install or upgrade kitchens and/or accessible toilets costing over £30,000. The average grant is currently around £21,000.

Applicants must be Christian places of worship in the UK, Isle of Man or Channel Islands, originally built for worship more than 30 years ago. Buildings must hold at least six public services a year and be open to the public beyond worship for at least 100 days a year or commit to this after completion.

Key points include:

- applicants must have raised at least 50% of project costs;
- works must not have started;
- projects must be deliverable within two years;
- permissions and safeguarding policies must be in place.

Applications follow a two-stage process. The next stage one deadline is 3 November 2026. Applicants will be informed of the stage 2 deadline if they are successful at stage 1.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/5jdfzmk5

Worshipful Company of Information Technologists (The) Funding for Transformative IT Projects (UK) – Deadline: 3rd November 2026

Registered charities, community interest companies, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £15,000 for innovative IT projects that benefit communities and people across the UK.

The funding is made available through the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists Grants Programme, which aims to support innovative and scalable projects and activities that use information technology (IT) to create positive impact through:

- education
- inclusion
- IT for Charities
- public understanding of IT

This could include the development and delivery of innovative new:

- services
- solutions
- training
- apps
- analytics
- AI
- robotics
- accessibility features/hardware

Larger grants may be made in exceptional **circumstances.**

The next funding round will open on Monday, September 14 and close on November 3 (or sooner if the Company reach their cap of 50). It will reopen every three months again.

More information at: https://wcitcharity.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust (The) Funding to Support Families Caring for Wounded, Sick or Injured Serving Personnel & Veterans (UK) - Deadline: 4th November 2026

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has announced that its Family Focus programme is open for applications, offering grants of £100,000 to £200,000 for projects supporting Armed Forces families with care needs. The Trust funds projects that improve the lives of serving personnel, veterans and their families across the UK.

Funding is available for projects lasting two to three years that help families access support, improve wellbeing and resilience, and prepare for changes during service or the transition to civilian life. Projects must follow either an in-service support pathway or a moving-on-from-service pathway.

Key highlights:

- UK registered charities and CICs established for at least three years, local authorities and NHS organisations can apply.
- Beneficiaries must be Armed Forces families with care needs.
- Grants: £100,000–£200,000.
- Lived experience should help shape projects.
- Young carers are specifically encouraged.

Projects must deliver at least one outcome covering access to advice and services, reduced isolation and improved resilience, or improved skills and confidence among family carers.

Applications close at 12 noon on 4 November 2026, with decisions expected by the end of February 2027.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/43usr4et

Barclays Community Sport Fund (The) Female Coaches for Girls Grants – Deadline: 4th November 2026

The Barclays Community Sport Fund, in partnership with the Sported Foundation, is currently inviting applications for its Female Coaches for Girls Grants, aimed at increasing the number of qualified female coaches in grassroots football, tennis, and cricket.

Organisations can apply for two grants of £200 each to cover the cost of a Level 1 or equivalent coaching qualification and any additional safeguarding and first aid requirements for their chosen sport. Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations including sports clubs, youth groups, charities and community organisations on behalf of their nominated coaches.

Female coaches put forward by their clubs are eligible for funding if they are:

- aged 16+ (or 18+ depending on specific course eligibility)
- already coaching girls or would like to start
- part of a club or group with women and/or girls' provision where they would like to begin or continue coaching (e.g. current player, parent of a player, volunteer etc)
- can undertake their coaching qualification within 12 months

Applications are particularly encouraged from female coaches from diverse backgrounds and those with lived experience, helping to ensure the programme reflects the communities it serves.

Groups who have already received a grant from the Barclays Community Sport Fund can still apply.

Applications must be submitted by 4 November 2026, although the fund may close early if oversubscribed.

More information at: https://sported.org.uk/barclays-female-coaches-for-girls/

British Science Association (The) New Grants Available to Support Research Activities in Schools (UK) – Deadline: 4th November 2026

The British Science Association has announced new school funding for the 2026/27 academic year, including £600 Curiosity Grants and Explore Kit Boxes to help young people engage with research and innovation. The schemes are funded by UK Research and Innovation and replace the former Kick Start Grants.

The funding can support a wide range of activities that help pupils explore research, science and innovation in practical or creative ways.

Examples include:

- hands-on science investigations and experiments;
- pupil-led research projects;
- activities linked to engineering, technology, maths or other STEM subjects;
- projects exploring research and innovation in the arts, humanities or social sciences;
- visits from researchers, scientists or other specialists;
- trips or visits linked to research and discovery;
- buying equipment and materials needed to deliver activities;
- staff cover or CPD where this is needed to support the project.

The emphasis is on giving young people meaningful opportunities to engage with research and innovation, particularly those who are underrepresented in these areas. Activities do not have to be limited to British Science Week itself, but funded work must be completed by 31 July 2027.

Key highlights:

- Open to eligible state-funded schools, colleges and alternative provision across the UK.
- Schools must be non-selective and meet deprivation, ethnic minority or rural criteria.
- Curiosity Grant: £600.
- Explore Kit Boxes provide resources rather than cash.
- Applications open 21 September 2026.

Priority will be given to activities involving underrepresented young people, student-led working and schools that have not previously received funding.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2pxxpks3

LGBT+ Fund (The) Up to £5,000 Available to Support LGBT+ Sport and Physical Activity (UK) – Deadline: 4th November 2026

The LGBT+ Fund has announced that its Get Active Fund is open for applications, with £400,000 available to strengthen under resources LGBT+ sports and physical activity organisations across the UK. The fund is powered by Consortium and supported by the London Marathon Foundation.

Grants of £5,000 to £25,000 per year are available for projects lasting one or two years. Applicants can therefore request up to £25,000 for one year or up to £50,000 over two years. Funding will support community-based sports and physical activity, including activities such as football, hiking, dance, gardening, skateboarding and circus skills.

Key points:

- applicants must be UK-based, LGBT+ led non-profit groups or organisations.
- They must regularly deliver sport or physical activity and have been operating for at least six months.
- Priority will be given to grassroots organisations supporting LGBT+ communities facing additional barriers to participation.

Applications can be made in writing or by video. The deadline is **12 noon on 4 November 2026**. Decisions are expected by early February 2027.

More information at: https://lgbtfund.org.uk/live-funds/get-active-fund/#apply

Better Communities Business Network (The) Grants of up to £3,000 Available to Improve Local Communities (England, Scotland & Wales) - Deadline: 9th November 2026

Charities, community groups, and other not-for-profit organisations are invited to apply for grants of up to £3,000 for initiatives that have a positive impact on their local community.
The Better Community Business Network Grant Initiative aims to improve the quality of life and expectations of people and their communities, especially those who come from disadvantaged or socially deprived backgrounds.
The types of causes supported include:

- Arts and culture
- Children and education
- Disability
- Elderly
- Environment
- Health
- Homelessness / Poverty
- Prisoners / Ex-offenders
- Social cohesion / community
- Sport and recreation

A total of £36,000 in funding is awarded annually to grassroots charities and community initiatives across the UK (excluding Northern Ireland).
More information at: https://bcbn.org.uk/grant-initiative/

Screwfix Foundation (UK) - Deadline: 10th November 2026

The Screwfix Foundation is open for applications from charities and registered not-for-profit organisations (including specialist schools and Parent Teacher Associations / Friends of groups if they hold a registered charity number) for projects that will fix, repair, maintain, and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need due to financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress, or other disadvantage throughout the UK.
Grants in the region of £5,000 are available for a variety of projects, such as:

- Improved energy-efficient lighting & heating
- Installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc.
- Installation of a sensory room
- General painting & decorating
- Improving the safety and security of a building

Applications are reviewed every quarter, and the next deadline for applications is 10 November 2026.
More information at: https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/.

Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation (The) Funding to Help Vulnerable People with their Housing Needs (UK) – Deadline: 11th November 2026

Small and medium-sized charities across the UK can apply for funding from the Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation to support people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.
The Foundation offers Small Grants of up to £2,500 to UK-registered charities with an annual income under £500,000 for core, project or capital costs.
In addition, Large Grants of up to £75,000 are available to charities with an income of £1 million or less, based in Yorkshire or the North East, and are typically awarded over two to three years to support running costs, staffing, and service delivery.
Funding prioritises projects that help people access or sustain a safe and secure home, including support with financial hardship, housing access, tenancy sustainment, and health

and wellbeing linked to poor housing. Previously funded projects have included homelessness prevention services, supported accommodation schemes, and initiatives providing essential household items for vulnerable individuals.
Applications are considered across several funding rounds each year. The next closing date for applications for the small grants programme is 11 November 2026. Decisions are usually made within around eight weeks.
The large grant scheme is currently closed until later in 2026.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3nv3he4d

£20 Million Fund Opens for Community-Owned Clean Energy Projects (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) - Deadline: 12th November 2026

Great British Energy has opened its £20 million Community Fund to help community organisations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland develop and build community-owned clean energy projects.
Great British Energy is the UK's publicly owned energy company, established to accelerate clean energy development and ensure communities share in the benefits.
Funding is available in three stages:

- feasibility grants of up to £40,000;
- development grants of up to £100,000;
- and capital grants of up to £3 million, or 50% of total project value.

Projects may include solar, wind, energy storage and other eligible technologies.
Key highlights:

- Applicants must be incorporated community organisations in England, Wales or Northern Ireland.
- Projects must be at least 50% community-owned when operational.
- Local communities must retain a defined share of project benefits.
- Joint applications are permitted where all partners are eligible.

Applications are made directly to Great British Energy. Support is available through Local Net Zero Hubs, the Welsh Government Energy Service and Advice NI. The deadline is 11.55pm on 12 November 2026.
More information at: https://www.gbe.gov.uk/funding/gbe-community-fund

National Lottery Grants for Heritage – Grants of up to £10 Million (UK) – Deadline: 12th November 2026

Not-for-profit organisations across the UK can now apply for grants of between £250,000 and £10 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for projects connecting people and communities to UK heritage.
The funding can be used to support a broad range of activities and project costs, such as:

- volunteer expenses, new staff posts and training costs
- capital works, repair, maintenance and conservation
- professional fees, event costs and activities to strengthen organisations
- acquisition of heritage and costs associated with the purchase
- costs to join Fit for the Future, a UK-wide environmental sustainability network

Projects must take into account the National Lottery Heritage Fund's four investment principles:

- saving heritage
- protecting the environment
- inclusion, access and participation
- organisational sustainability

Partnerships are encouraged.
Up to 10% match funding is required.

The next application deadline is 12noon, 12 November 2026, to receive a decision by the end of December 2026
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/53f7pdtj

Simply Business £10,000 Grants Available for Entrepreneurs Aged 40 and Over (UK) – Deadline: 12th November 2026

Simply Business has launched the Second Act Entrepreneur Fund, offering five £10,000 grants to help people aged 40 and over start or grow a business.
Simply Business is a UK business insurance provider supporting small businesses and self-employed people.
The £50,000 fund is open to UK residents aged 40 or over with either an existing business or a viable business idea. Applicants must explain how they would use the funding and demonstrate demand, financial viability and clear ambitions for growth.
Key points:

- Five grants of £10,000 are available.
- Applicants must be UK residents aged 40+.
- Both start-ups and existing businesses can apply.
- Winners must complete business coaching with Hatch Enterprise.

Applications are made online. Winners will be selected by early December and will receive one-to-one coaching before the grant is paid.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/ju7rtyj7

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£18m Available for Research into Gambling Harms (UK) – Deadline: 8th December 2026

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) has announced a new £18 million funding call to support gambling harms research.
The Gambling Harms Research Grants programme will support research projects that improve understanding of gambling-related harms or develop ways to prevent and treat them.
Applications must be led by an eligible UK organisation, such as a university or research organisation, with charities, social enterprises, and third-sector groups eligible as partners or co-leads.
Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary proposals are encouraged, and applications must involve people with lived and learned experience.
Projects can last up to three years, with a full economic cost of up to £2 million. UKRI will fund 80% of the cost.
Supported costs include:

- salary contributions for project lead and co-leads
- staff costs
- equipment
- travel and subsistence
- other directly incurred costs
- estates and indirect costs

The opportunity is being delivered in partnership with the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the Economic and Social Research Council and the Medical Research Council as part of UKRI's wider Research Programme on Gambling.
Applications close at 4pm on 8 December 2026. Awards are expected to be offered in April 2027. Projects must start by 1 October 2027.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3745ut39**jelp**

£10m Programme Announced to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls (UK)

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) has announced plans for a new £10 million programme to support local projects that aim to prevent violence and abuse against women and girls across the UK.

The Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Prevention Accelerator will strengthen the UK's ability to prevent violence and abuse by funding and supporting promising grassroots and community-led initiatives. Projects will be tested and, where they are successful, could be expanded or adopted more widely.

The programme will bring together communities and organisations including government, charities, philanthropists and social impact investors. UKRI is the UK's principal public funder of research and innovation.

The accelerator will form part of UKRI's wider Safer Streets Mission. It will support the testing of new approaches to tackling violence against women and girls and help build a national evidence base on what works. This evidence will be made available to help successful approaches be used more widely.

Key highlights:

- A UK-wide programme.
- £10 million of UKRI investment.
- A focus on preventing violence and abuse against women and girls.
- Support for grassroots and community-led approaches.

Examples of the types of projects that could be supported include:

- work addressing misogyny and harmful attitudes among children and young people;
- education about harmful online content, algorithms and online abuse;
- initiatives to make streets, public transport and other public spaces safer for women and girls;
- community-designed projects responding to risks identified locally;
- new tools and approaches designed to prevent harmful behaviours from developing; and
- partnerships between communities, charities, local or national government and other funders to test and expand promising approaches.

The programme is expected to launch in 2027. Further information about eligibility and how to register interest will be published at a later date.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3w6fcexx

Anchor Foundation (The) Funding for Christian Charities Promoting Social Inclusion (UK) - Deadline: 31st January 2027

The Anchor Foundation grants up to £12,000 per year to Christian Charities in the UK or overseas that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts. Funding can be awarded for up to three years.

The Foundation will consider applications for either capital or revenue funding. Only in exceptional circumstances will grants be given for building work.

Previously funded projects include:

- The Karis Neighbour Scheme which received a grant of £700 for revenue costs at a drop-in centre for women refugees in Birmingham.
- Discovery Camps which received a grant of £1,500 to subsidise holidays for children arranged by churches in and around Dundee.
- Scargill House, which received a grant of £5,000 to facilitate cross cultural engagement and understanding amongst children using arts based residential courses in Yorkshire.

More information at: http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/

Arnold Clark Community Fund (The) Grants Available to Support Communities Through the Cost-of-Living Crisis (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Arnold Clark Community Fund has opened its Cost-of-Living Support programme to organisations helping people experiencing financial hardship. The fund supports projects such as food and hygiene banks, accommodation and homelessness services, poverty relief, and practical help with household and utility costs.

Arnold Clark is the UK's largest independently owned car retailer and operates the Community Fund to support charities and community organisations. Eligible applicants include UK charities, community groups, social enterprises, CICs and other voluntary-led organisations operating within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch.

Highlights:

- UK organisations supporting people affected by the cost-of-living crisis
- Applicants must operate within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch
- Grants are normally up to £2,500
- Funding can support food, utilities, homelessness, accommodation and poverty-relief activities
- Wages, debt repayments, political activity and private benefit are excluded

Applications are made online through Grants Connect and assessed on a rolling basis until available funding is allocated. Applicants are advised to apply early because funding windows may close due to demand. Successful applicants will normally receive a decision within four weeks.

More information at: https://www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund/cost-of-living

Do It Now Now Funding to Empower Black Researcher Communities (UK) - Deadline: 27th November 2026

Do it Now Now has launched Round 2 of Innovate Now with Wellcome, a £1 million grant and capacity-building programme supporting Black-led research community initiatives across the UK.

The programme aims to provide sustained and accessible support for Black and Mixed Black heritage researchers, as well as the organisations and initiatives that support their careers. Funding is intended to help initiatives build capacity, strengthen leadership and governance, and increase their ability to improve opportunities and research careers for Black and Mixed Black heritage people.

A total of 45 multi-year grants of between £13,000 and £48,000 will be awarded. Successful applicants will also receive practical support to help strengthen their organisations and improve their long-term sustainability.

Funding is available at three levels:

- Group 1: £13,000 over two years, for unincorporated or unregistered initiatives, sole traders, and registered initiatives with annual income below £10,000.
- Group 2: £21,000 over three years, for registered initiatives with annual income of between £10,000 and £30,000.
- Group 3: £48,000 over three years, for registered initiatives with annual income of between £30,000 and £150,000.

The programme is open to UK-based, Black-led initiatives with annual income of up to £150,000. Eligible applicants can include charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs), social enterprises, unregistered groups, sole traders, and university-affiliated or community-based initiatives.

Applicants should be majority Black-led and have demonstrable experience of supporting Black or Mixed Black heritage researchers or students.

At least one person involved in decision-making within the organisation or initiative must be a Do it Now Now (DiNN) member. Those who are not already members can join the Do it Now Now community by completing the membership form: bit.ly/dinncode.
Applications will follow a multi-stage process. Expressions of interest must be submitted by 27 November 2026.
More information at: https://www.doitnownow.com/innovate-now-with-wellcome

Forte Charitable Trust (The) Grants of up to £100,000 Available to Support Disadvantaged Families in Deprived Communities (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Forte Charitable Foundation is awarding grants of £10,000 to £50,000 for one year, or up to £100,000 over three years, to support family-focused work in deprived communities across the UK. The Foundation funds small and medium-sized local voluntary organisations tackling deprivation and disadvantage.
Funding is focused on Family Support, including early intervention, families affected by addiction and prisoners' families. Grants can cover core costs, salaries, running costs and project costs. Recent awards have supported therapeutic work with trauma-affected children and parents, domestic abuse support, family support workers and services for families experiencing mental ill health.
The applicant organisation's postcode, or the project area, must be ranked within the most deprived 15% of the Deprivation (IMD) for urban areas or within the most deprived 50% for rural areas.
Recent examples of projects funded include:

- Therapeutic support for children and parents affected by trauma, including adverse childhood experiences.
- Domestic abuse support includes trauma-informed services for mothers and children living in refuges.
- Family support workers providing practical, emotional and early-intervention support to vulnerable families.
- Mental health support for parents and families, including counselling and specialist family services.
- Support for refugee families, including help with anxiety, domestic abuse and mental health difficulties.
- Parenting and early-years support, including services for families with infants and young children.
- Community-based family hubs and centres, providing advice, counselling and other support in disadvantaged neighbourhoods

Highlights:

- UK-wide; applicants must have annual income below £500,000.
- Urban applicants must be in the most deprived 15% of areas; rural applicants in the most deprived 50%.
- Grants can cover no more than 50% of total costs.
- CICs, adventure playgrounds, baby banks and disability charities are excluded.

Applications are accepted year-round through a two-stage process. Major Grant decisions are made in January, April, July and October.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/y8bsd7wd

Government Announces Funding to Help Deprived Areas Save Community Assets (England)

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has announced a new £61 million Community Right to Buy Fund to help local people protect pubs, shops and other community assets at risk of closure. The department is responsible for housing, communities, local government and local growth policy in England.

The fund is part of a wider £301 million package to support high streets, community spaces and local control. It also sits within the government's wider Pride in Place programme, which is intended to give communities more power and funding to shape their local areas.
The Community Right to Buy Fund will support people in deprived areas to step in and take over valued local assets that may otherwise be lost. This could include assets such as pubs, shops and community centres that provide important social, economic or local services.
Further measures announced alongside the fund include:
• a £10 million Test, Learn and Grow Capability Fund to support up to 20 places;
• £15 million for Community Power Pilots in up to 25 areas;
• reforms to help social housing tenants take more control over homes and estates.
The announcement confirms the funding package but does not yet provide detailed application guidance, grant sizes, eligibility criteria or deadlines for the Community Right to Buy Fund. Further information is expected is due course to clarify how communities and local organisations can apply.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/n44cy8bs

Leathersellers' Foundation (The) Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Support Communities (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Leathersellers' Foundation has announced that the next round of its Small Grants Programme will open at 10am on Thursday 8 October 2026. The programme offers unrestricted grants of up to £5,000 to support registered charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) improving the lives of people and communities across the UK.
The Leathersellers' Foundation is a grant funder that supports individuals and communities through charities, education, and the leather industry.
Applications are open to registered charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations that have been active for at least one year. Applicants must have annual income and expenditure below £200,000, no more than six months' running costs in free reserves, published annual accounts, and a public website.
Key points include:

- funding is unrestricted and awarded for one year;
- applicants must show evidence of need and impact;
- capital projects, hospices, medical research, CICs, PTAs, scouting groups, and services charging participants for access are excluded;

Examples of projects supported by The Leathersellers' Foundation include:
The Mill, Walthamstow – a community centre helping to tackle isolation and loneliness, welcoming more than 1,000 people a month and supported by around 80 regular volunteers.

- **The Mazi Project, Bristol** – providing fresh food and cooking education for 16 to 25-year-olds, including care leavers, young people seeking asylum, young people with experience of homelessness, and survivors of domestic abuse.
- **Home-Start Southwark and Lewisham** – expanding family support services in Lewisham for families with babies and children under five.
- **MammaKind** – providing baby bank support and essentials such as prams, carriers, clothes, toys and books for families experiencing poverty.
- **Colchester Korban Project** – supporting work to break the cycle of homelessness for young people in Colchester.

Applications close when 40 submissions are received, or after two weeks.
More information at: https://leathersellers.org/grant/small-grants-programme/

Help the Homeless Grants of up to £5,000 Available for Projects that Help the Homeless (UK) – Deadline: 20th December 2026

Small homeless charities can apply for capital grants of up to £5,000 to help individuals rebuild their lives.

Eligible applicants must be registered charities with an annual turnover below £500,000 and less than six months of unrestricted reserves. Typically, funding is awarded to organisations running residential or training facilities designed to provide homeless people with direct support and pathways to independence.

This funding is made available by Help the Homeless, a grant-giving trust founded in 1975 to assist people off the streets and into healthier, more independent lives.

Projects previously supported include the Booth Centre in Manchester, which received £1,500 for centre improvements, and the Amber Foundation, which was awarded £3,000 to purchase new bedroom furniture for its residential centre in Devon.

More information at: https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding

Matthew Good Foundation (The) Funding for Projects that Have a Positive Impact on Communities, People or the Environment (UK) – Deadline: 15th December 2026

The Matthew Good Foundation has opened the next round of its Grants for Good Fund. The aim is to support small charities, not-for-profit groups, and social entrepreneurs passionate about making a difference to people, their community, or the environment.

The Fund will share £15,000 among five shortlisted projects every three months, to be voted on by John Good Group employees. The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £5,000; second place £3,500; third place £2,500; and fourth and fifth place both £2,000.

In addition to established projects and charities, the Foundation wants to hear from people with innovative ideas that need funding to get their projects up and running.

To be eligible, applicants must have earned less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.

Funding is awarded every three months and the next deadline for the next funding round is 15 December 2026.

More information at: https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/

National Lottery Community Fund (The) Up to £5 Million Available to Organisations Tackling Inequality (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Organisations in England that address the root causes of poverty, discrimination and disadvantage can apply for long-term funding from the National Lottery Community Fund's Solidarity Fund.

Grants range from £1 million to £5 million and can last five to ten years. Funding is flexible and can cover running costs and project activities.

The fund expects to award around £50 million each year until 2030.

It supports ambitious work that aims to change the policies, institutions and decision-making processes that contribute to inequality. Projects should be led by, and accountable to, people with direct experience of the issues.

Applications must show how the proposed work will:

- Help communities gain influence, develop leaders and take part in decisions.
- Change systems that contribute to poverty, disadvantage and discrimination.
- Bring communities together to act on shared concerns.
- Ensure people directly affected by the issues lead the work.
- Share learning to influence decisionmakers, improve policies and strengthen collective action.

Eligible applicants include:

- Voluntary and community organisations

- Registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations
- Not-for-profit companies limited by guarantee
- Community Interest Companies
- Community benefit societies
- Established partnerships

Priority will be given to projects that tackle the deeper causes of inequality rather than only providing short-term services. Projects should also strengthen communities and share learning that could improve wider policies and systems.
Applications will go through a detailed assessment process. Organisations should therefore have strong leadership, reliable financial management and realistic long-term plans.
There is no application deadline. Funding decisions are made every three months.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2s4n9vzs.

Ofcom Funding for Community Radio Stations (UK) – Deadline: 14th November 2026

Ofcom has opened the Community Radio Fund 2026-27, with £904,644 available to support eligible community radio stations. The Fund is allocated by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and managed by Ofcom, the UK communications regulator.
Funding is available through two streams.
The Equipment Stream offers grants of up to £2,000 for studio, transmission and accessibility equipment. This can include:

- Mixing desks
- Video/audio recording equipment
- Antenna equipment
- Feeder cables
- Playout software

The Sustainability Stream offers up to £100,000 for job roles or projects that improve a station's longterm sustainability, with a limited number of multi-year awards available. This can include:

- Management of station
- Fundraising to support the station (e.g. grants, commercial funding)
- Administration
- Financial management & reporting

Key points:

- Equipment grants are for analogue community radio services on air for at least 10 years.
- Sustainability funding is open to analogue community radio and C-DSP stations currently broadcasting.
- Only one funding round will operate in 2026-27.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2952camd

School for Social Entrepreneurs (The) Grants and Support for Organisations Tackling Homelessness and Housing Insecurity (England & Wales) - Deadline: 16th November 2026

The School for Social Entrepreneurs has opened applications for two DPS Social Commitment Programmes, offering grants and specialist support to charities and social enterprises tackling homelessness and housing insecurity in England and Wales. The programmes are funded by Computershare, which operates The Deposit Protection Service.
Activate targets earlier-stage organisations, generally with annual income below £100,000. It provides grants of up to £7,000 plus support to build sustainable business models, generate income, test ideas, strengthen leadership and financial resilience. Participants receive cohort

learning, peer and one-to-one business coaching, and access to SSE's learning community. Most sessions are online, with three regional learning days.
Scale supports established organisations with tested business models that are ready for significant growth. Applicants will typically have income above £100,000, although this is not a strict threshold. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to organisations seeking to expand geographically, replicate their model, grow substantially or explore approaches such as social franchising.
Key highlights:

- Applicants must be based in England or Wales.
- Work must address housing insecurity or homelessness.
- Both programmes run from April to December 2027.

For both programmes, applicants must be based in England or Wales and have a majority of beneficiaries there. Their work must help people access or sustain a home, with at least some connection to the private rented sector, or reduce homelessness and rough sleeping. Organisations do not have to work solely in housing: related services such as debt advice, mental health support, or support for refugees and people seeking asylum can qualify where there is a clear link to housing stability.
Grant funding can support salaries, project costs, equipment and improvements to organisational systems. The application deadline is 12 noon on 16 November 2026.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/5xvz4xyc.

Schools and Community Groups Invited to Apply for Music for All Awards (UK) – Deadline: 30th November 2026

Music for All has opened Round 4 of its Schools and Community Groups Awards, offering instruments, software and grants to support music-making in disadvantaged and marginalised communities across the UK. Applications close at 12 noon on 30 November 2026.
Music for All is a UK charity working to improve access to music making. Awards include up to 12 acoustic guitars, 30 ukuleles, 30 pBuzz instruments, five electro-acoustic or electro-classical guitars, and music software. Groups working with children aged 0–4 can apply for grants of up to £1,500.
Key highlights:

- UK not-for-profit schools, educational establishments and community groups can apply.
- Most categories target deprived or marginalised communities.
- Applicants must demonstrate barriers to music making.
- Retrospective costs are not supported.

Applications are made online. Decisions are expected around three months after the deadline.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/ym7jc2zm

Social Investment Business (The) Grants & Loans to Support Black & Racially Minoritised Organisations (England) - Deadline: Rolling

The Social Investment Business has announced that its Flexible Finance Fund is open for applications from Black and Racially Minoritised-led charities and social enterprises in England. The fund aims to help organisations grow, take on assets and become more resilient.
Applicants can access loans of £50,000 to £1.5 million alongside unrestricted grants of £50,000 to £200,000. Grants can equal 50% to 100% of the loan, capped at £200,000. Loans are repayable over one to six years at 7.9% fixed interest.
In addition, Flexible Finance support grants of up to £15,000 are available to help address/improve specific area of weakness/s identified during funding assessment e.g.

governance, financial management etc. This is only available for the blended loan and grant customers.

Key points:

- England-based charities and social enterprises.
- At least 51% of board and senior management must be Black or Racially Minoritised.
- Minimum £200,000 annual turnover and two years' operation.
- Applicants must not previously have received more than £25,000 in repayable finance, excluding Bounce Back Loans.
- State-funded primary and secondary schools are ineligible.
- Loans up to £250,000 are unsecured.

Applications are made online and considered by a funding committee. An additional support grant of up to £15,000 may be available to address areas such as governance or financial management. No closing date is currently stated.

More information at: https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/flexible-finance/

SUEZ Community Fund (The) Grants for Community & Environmental Projects (England) - Deadline: 18th November 2026

Not-for-profit organisations in England can apply for funding to deliver projects that improve communities and the environment.

The funding is made available through the SUEZ Communities Fund for projects that improve public amenities, repair religious or historic buildings, or support biodiversity in areas surrounding Suez landfill sites. The maximum grant amount that organisations can apply for is £50,000.

Funding typically covers:

- Materials
- Equipment
- contractors for improvement work

Projects must be located within a funding zone surrounding a qualifying site owned by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK. Please use the Post Code Checker to check eligibility.

More information at: https://grantscape.org.uk/fund/suez-communities-fund/.

Tree Council (The) Free Trees Available for Community Planting Projects (England) - Deadline: Rolling

The Tree Council has reopened the National Highways Community Trees Programme, offering free trees for planting projects across England. The programme aims to plant hundreds of thousands of trees by 2030, creating greener spaces, supporting nature recovery and delivering benefits for local communities. The Tree Council is a national charity that brings people together to care for trees and the environment.

Applicants can request between 500 and 50,000 tree whips. Eligible organisations include:

- charities and NGOs;
- community groups;
- local authorities;
- schools and other education institutions;
- farmers and landowners;
- private sector organisations, including care homes.

Projects should demonstrate clear community benefit and, where possible, encourage local participation. Planting should also improve biodiversity and contribute to climate resilience. Previous projects have created woodlands, hedgerows and shelterbelts.

Key highlights:

- England only;
- 500 to 50,000 trees per application;

- a wide range of organisations can apply;
- trees are supplied free rather than through a cash grant.

Applications are assessed on a rolling basis, and the programme will remain open until all available tree stock has been allocated. Early applications are encouraged.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/4t6uma83.

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation (The) Funding to Support Families in Need (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation provides grants for voluntary sector organisations delivering family support services across the United Kingdom. These grants range from £10,000 to £100,000, with an annual maximum of £50,000, and can be awarded for projects spanning one to three years.
Funding can be allocated towards core operational costs, including salaries, running costs, and project-specific activities, with project costs limited to £50% of the total project budget.
The Foundation specifically targets organisations with annual incomes up to £500,000, prioritising those working in the most economically disadvantaged areas – defined as the most deprived 15% of urban regions or 50% of rural areas, as measured by the Index of Multiple Deprivation.
The programme has a particular interest in supporting initiatives addressing complex family challenges, specifically:

- Early intervention programmes,
- Support for families struggling with addiction,
- Assistance for families of prisoners.

Applicants who can demonstrate a track record of successful family support work are especially encouraged to apply. The application process involves two stages: first, completing an online Expression of Interest form, with successful candidates then invited to submit a comprehensive application.
Interested organisations are advised to consult the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation's official website for detailed programme guidelines and full application instructions.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/5y2wdzxv

Turning Point Grants of up to £2,500 Available for Community Wellbeing Projects (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Charities, community groups and not-for-profit organisations in England can apply for grants of up to £2,500 to support projects that reduce social isolation, improve wellbeing and strengthen local communities.
The funding is provided by Turning Point, a health and social care organisation, through its Community Innovation Fund.
Projects should focus on one or more of the following themes:

- **Employment, Volunteering and Skills:** Helping people develop skills and access employment and volunteering opportunities.
- **Social Connections and Community Participation**: Helping people build relationships and become more involved in their communities.
- **Environment and Sustainability:** Improving local spaces and encouraging community pride.
- **Housing and Basic Living Standards:** Helping people access stable housing and essential living support.
- **Access to Health and Care Services:** Making it easier for people to access the care and support they need.
- **Healthy Lifestyles and Prevention:** Promoting healthier choices, wellbeing and early

support.

- **Tackling Racism, Inequality and Stigma:** Creating welcoming and inclusive communities where everyone feels valued.

Previously funded projects include a community crafting club, a sensory garden, a pottery course and a storytelling club for men recovering from addiction.
The fund is open to charities, community groups and not-for-profit organisations operating in areas where Turning Point provides services. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a connection to local Turning Point teams.
Applications can be submitted throughout the year using Turning Point's application form.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/57dme8k2

UnLtd Grants of up to £8,000 Available for Community Climate Action Projects (UK) – Deadline: July 2028

UnLtd has announced that awards of up to £8,000 are available to early-stage social entrepreneurs taking practical action on climate change in communities across the UK.
UnLtd supports social entrepreneurs to start and grow ventures that create positive social change.
The Community Climate Action programme supports projects helping people reduce carbon emissions while improving wellbeing. Projects must focus on transport, home energy, sustainable food, or reducing waste and consumption.
The type of projects that could be funded include:

- community schemes encouraging walking, cycling, shared transport or other lower-carbon travel;
- projects helping households reduce energy use, improve energy efficiency or address fuel-related inequality;
- community food initiatives that promote sustainable food choices, local production or lower-carbon diets;
- repair, reuse, recycling or sharing projects that reduce waste and unnecessary consumption;
- social enterprises combining climate action with benefits for low-income, disabled or racially minoritised communities.

Priority is given to founders with lived experience and strong community connections, including disabled and racially minoritised founders and those working in economically disadvantaged areas.
Key points / Highlights:

- Funding: up to £8,000
- Location: UK-wide
- Applicants: social entrepreneurs aged 16+
- Current round: ideas-stage ventures or those trading for less than one year
- Venture must be below £250,000
- Programme open until July 2028.

Applicants must complete UnLtd's eligibility checker before receiving access to the application portal. Successful applicants also receive coaching, business support, peer learning and networking opportunities.
More information at: https://unltd.org.uk/community-climate-action/

Vinehill Trust (The) Grants of up to £100,000 Available for Projects Improving Access to Essential Healthcare (UK) - Deadline: 30th June 2027

The Vinehill Trust has opened its 2027 Health funding cycle, offering grants typically ranging from £10,000 to £100,000 for UK projects delivering direct healthcare interventions. The Trust is a UK grant-making charity supporting projects in health, heritage and music.

For 2027, funding will focus on rehabilitation or aftercare following physical trauma or surgery, health-related green space projects, and oral and dental health outreach, particularly services for homeless and vulnerable people and rural communities.
UK-registered charities, non-profits and CICs can apply. Public sector organisations, including NHS bodies, must apply with a non-profit lead.
Projects must benefit UK residents with limited access to essential healthcare, with priority given to people affected by poverty, isolation, disability or serious health disadvantage.
Highlights:

- Typical grants: **£10,000 to £100,000.**
  - UK projects delivering direct healthcare interventions.
  - Frontline project staff costs can be funded, but general overheads cannot.
  - Projects must demonstrate measurable health outcomes.

The types of projects that could be funded include (this list is not exhaustive)

- A post-surgery rehabilitation programme providing physiotherapy or occupational therapy for older people or people with mobility difficulties after hospital discharge.
- A trauma recovery service offering frontline rehabilitation for people recovering from serious accidents or physical injury.
- An initiative to transform unused urban land into a health-focused community green space, including wildlife habitats and accessible outdoor areas.
- A mobile / rural dental clinic providing treatment to homeless people or others who struggle to access mainstream dental services.
- An in-person suicide prevention service providing direct intervention to people at immediate risk.

Applications for the 2027 cycle are open now and close on 30 June 2027.
More information at: https://vinehilltrust.uk/health/

Wise Music Foundation (The) Grants of up to £5,000 Available for Small Charities Supporting Vulnerable People (UK) – Deadline: 30th November 2026

Funding is available to small UK charities supporting vulnerable people facing hardship, distress, illness, or poverty.
The Wise Music Foundation offers grants of £500-£5,000, with an average award of £1,500.
Priority is given to projects that help:

- children
- the homeless
- the elderly
- people with disabilities

The Foundation also supports a wider range of causes, including education, cultural activities, arts and heritage, health and disability support, overseas famine relief, food banks, and other charitable initiatives.
Charities with an annual turnover of up to £500,000 are eligible to apply.
Trustees meet quarterly to consider applications, and the next closing date is 30 November 2026.
More information at: https://wisemusicfoundation.com/

Woodland Trust (The) Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups (UK) – Deadline: 3rd January 2027

Schools, clubs and community groups across the UK are being offered free tree packs through the Woodland Trust's "Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups" initiative - designed to boost both nature and wellbeing.

Any not-for-profit organisation — including schools, sports clubs, faith groups, Scouts and Guides, local councils and resident associations — is eligible to apply.
The packs are available in sizes of 15, 30, 105 or 420 saplings, sourced and grown in the UK and Ireland, and come in a variety of species mixes. The Trust currently accepts applications for delivery in March 2026, with an expected January 2026 deadline for submissions.
Applicants will receive guidance on site preparation, planting, and aftercare; however, the tree packs do not include protections for the young saplings. Permission from the landowner and a six-digit grid reference of the planting site are required.
The scheme, funded by partners including Sainsbury's, Lloyds Banking Group and Simplyhealth, aims to help green outdoor spaces, fight climate change, reduce flooding and enhance wildlife.
Applications are expected to close in January 2027.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/5fwenwhk

DISABILITY AND MENTAL HEALTH

Adamson Trust (The) Funding for Respite Breaks for Disabled Children and their Families (UK) – Deadline: 31st December 2026

Individual families, groups of children, schools, organisations, and other registered charities can apply to the Adamson Trust for financial assistance towards the cost of holidays or respite breaks for disabled children with physical, mental, or emotional impairments.
To be eligible, the child must be a UK resident and between the ages of 3 and 17. The Trust requires evidence of their disability or illness from a medical or social services professional.
Grants from the Trust usually only cover a portion of the holiday expenses.
More information at: https://www.theadamsontrust.co.uk/

Baily Thomas (The) Funding for Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities (UK) – Deadline: 31st December 2026

UK charities, voluntary organisations, and schools can apply for grants to support children and adults with severe learning difficulties, including autism.
The funding is made available through the Baily Thomas General grants programme and can be used to purchase equipment, support capital works, and cover project and core costs.
Previous grants have been used to support:

- capital building/renovation/refurbishment works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools
- employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture
- play schemes and play therapy schemes
- day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs
- support for families, including respite schemes
- independent living schemes
- support in the community schemes
- Snoezelen rooms

Parent Teacher Associations, Community Benefit Societies and other exempt charities can also apply. The Fund does not currently accept applications from Community Interest Companies.
There are two funding programmes. The main programme for grants of £5,000 or more, and a small grants programme for appeals below £5,000.
The next deadline for applications for the main programme is 31 December 2026.
Applications to the small grants programme can be made at any time.
More information at: https://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants/general-programme

National Deaf Children's Society (The) Grants of up to £10,000 Available to Support Deaf Children and their Families (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The National Deaf Children's Society has announced that its Community Grants programme is open for applications, offering grants of £1,000 to £10,000 for UK projects supporting deaf children and their families. The charity supports children with any level of deafness or hearing loss.

Funding is focused on projects benefiting deaf children aged 0 to 5, either directly or indirectly. Projects can also involve older deaf children, young people, families and professionals. Eligible costs include venue hire, transport, promotion, sessional workers, interpreters, language tutors and essential equipment.

Key points include:

- applicants must be UK-based groups or organisations with a UK bank account;
- grants range from £1,000 to £10,000 for 12-month projects;
- projects must involve community engagement and demonstrate benefits for deaf children aged 0 to 5;
- core costs, existing activity and statutory health or education provision are excluded.

Examples of projects funded in the past include:

- parent-and-toddler stay and play sessions that support early communication through play, songs, and stories with qualified staff or interpreters present;
- early language and communication workshops that help parents of newly diagnosed deaf babies develop confidence using spoken language, BSL, or visual communication;
- sensory play groups designed for deaf children with additional needs;
- family sign language taster courses that support communication at home;
- outreach projects that help low-income and ethnic minority families access early years support through community-based activities and translated materials;
- and projects that involve older deaf children or young adults as role models in activities that benefit younger children's early development.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with set assessment dates. Applicants complete an eligibility check before accessing the application form. Processing can take two to three months.

More information at: https://www.ndcs.org.uk/community-grants

Speech Language and Hearing Foundation (The) Funding for Charities Supporting Children with Language and Hearing Difficulties (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Speech Language and Hearing Foundation has announced funding to support education, therapy and research aimed at improving the lives of children facing communication challenges and complex developmental needs across the United Kingdom. The Foundation provides grants to small UK-based charities working with children who have hearing impairments, speech delays, language and communication difficulties, or broader complex needs. In addition to direct educational and therapeutic support, funding is also available for medical innovation and research initiatives that advance understanding and treatment in these areas.

The Foundation prioritises projects that:

- Support children with hearing impairment, speech and language delay, or complex development needs,
- Advance medical innovation and new developments relevant to these children,
- Promote research across topics related to childhood deafness, communication disorders, and associated conditions.

Recent awards have ranged between £500 and £15,000, although no fixed grant ceiling has been formally specified.
Past grants have supported a wide range of educational, clinical and research projects, including:

- The provision of part-time speech and language therapists in schools serving high levels of deprivation, particularly for children who do not meet the criteria for and Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP),
- Postgraduate training in Educational Audiology at Mary Hare School,
- Acoustic treatment of classrooms delivered by The Jewish Deaf Association,
- Research into childhood deafness undertaken by RNID,
- A pilot project for ICAN's award-winning "Tots Talking" programme,
- The provision of laptops to enhance speech and language therapy delivery.

By targeting small charities and focused initiatives, the Foundation aims to deliver practical, measurable improvements to access to specialist support and inclusive education for vulnerable children.
Applications for funding may be submitted at any time throughout the year. As a first step, applicants should email a brief outline of your application to: administrator@slhf.org.uk
More information at: https://www.slhf.org.uk/.

Will Charitable Trust (The) Funding Available for Charities Supporting Blind People, People with Learning Disabilities and Cancer Patients (UK) – Deadline: 20th November 2026

The Will Charitable Trust has announced that it is now accepting applications through its grants programme. Grants, normally worth £20,000 or more, are available to support charities providing services for blind people, people with learning disabilities, and people affected by cancer.
Established in 1990, the Trust funds charitable activities that reduce isolation and help people develop meaningful connections and a sense of belonging.
Following a strategic review, the Trust is prioritising projects based primarily in England. Funding is available for services supporting blind people, long-term residential care, supported living and day activities for people with learning disabilities, and care and support for cancer patients and their families. Both project funding and, in certain circumstances, unrestricted funding for core costs are available.
Key points include:

- Applicants must be UK registered or exempt charities.
- Projects must be based primarily in England.
- Grants are normally £20,000 or more; applications below £10,000 are excluded.
- Charities must have annual turnover of at least £50,000.
- Organisations with substantial free reserves or without a service delivery track record are unlikely to succeed.

There is no application form. Applications must follow the Trust's guidance and be submitted by email or post by 20 November 2026. Decisions are expected in February 2027.
More information at: https://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND SCHOOLS

£300,000 Fund Launched to Improve Wellbeing and Belonging for LGBT+ Young People (England)) – Deadline: 18th November 2026

The LGBT+ Fund, powered by Consortium, has announced that its Youth Joy Fund is open for applications, with grants of £5,000 to £25,000 available to organisations supporting

LGBT+ young people across England. The £300,000 programme is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund.
The fund aims to increase joy, belonging, self-acceptance and wellbeing among LGBT+ young people aged 11 to 25. Funding can support youth work, community engagement, trips, local events and other enriching experiences. Priority will be given to historically underfunded areas and work supporting intersectional LGBT+ communities.
The type of activities that could be funded include:

- youth work and regular LGBT+ youth activities;
- trips, outings and residential-style experiences;
- community engagement activities;
- local events and celebrations;
- projects that create opportunities for LGBT+ young people to connect with others;

Highlights:

- England-based non-profit organisations and youth groups can apply.
- Applicants must have existing LGBT+ youth provision and established youth-work experience.
- Grants: £5,000–£25,000.
- Beneficiaries: LGBT+ young people aged 11–25.

Applications can be submitted online, by video, or with support from the Giving Team. The deadline is 12 noon on 18 November 2026. Decisions are expected by 31 March 2027.
More information at: https://lgbtfund.org.uk/live-funds/youth-joy-fund/

Frederick Soddy Schools Award Funding for School Geography Fieldwork (UK & Ireland) – Deadline: 30th November 2026

Schools in the UK and Ireland planning geography fieldwork and expeditions are eligible to apply for grants of up to £600.
The Frederick Soddy Schools Awards programme, delivered in association with the Royal Geographical Society, welcomes applications from schools undertaking fieldwork that includes an element of human geography.
The grants aim to enable students aged 5 to 18 years to gain the valuable experience provided by fieldwork, regardless of background or circumstances. Previous awards have supported field trips to destinations such as the Eden Project and Snowdonia.
Grants are awarded on the merits of each project, with priority given to schools not funded the previous year.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/mrw9fpc7

Henry Smith Charity (The) Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children (UK) – Deadline: 19th November 2026

Schools, youth groups, not-for-profit organisations, and charities can apply for grants of £500 to £3,000 to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of disabled or disadvantaged children (aged 13 or under).
Applications from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK will receive priority. Funded by the Henry Smith Charity, grants can cover up to two-thirds of the cost of a holiday or trip lasting one to seven days.
Previous visits supported include:

- All Saints Catholic Primary School received a grant of £1,500 towards a two-night trip to Wales for a group of disadvantaged children from Merseyside;
- Bridgewater School, which received a grant of £1,900 towards an overnight trip to London for a group of disadvantaged children from Newcastle; and
- 6th St Helens (Parr) Scout Group received a grant of £1,100 towards a two-night trip to an activity centre in Lancashire for a group of children from a disadvantaged area of Merseyside.

Applications for trips between 1 October and 31 December 2026 can be made until 19 November 2026. Applications must be made at least 6 weeks before the trip.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/37ywm5dc

Kelly Family Charitable Trust (The) Funding up to £5,000 Available to Tackle Problems within Families (UK) – Deadline: 1st March 2027

Schools, youth groups, not-for-profit organisations, and charities can apply for grants of £500
Registered charities whose activities support and encourage families to work as a cohesive unit to tackle problems faced by one or more members can apply for grants of up to £5,000 through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust.
Trustees may award higher grant amounts at their discretion.
Both capital and revenue grants are available, and the Trust welcomes requests for core operating costs in addition to project-based funding. Newly established organisations are encouraged to apply, as the Trust seeks to help charities grow and establish their services.
Initiatives supported by the Trust focus on preventing the fracture of the family unit through interventions such as practical support, relationship counselling, or mediation. Proposals addressing sexual abuse, domestic or physical violence, alcohol or drug misuse, and support for prisoners and their families are also supported
Although the Trust prefers to fund charities with annual incomes below £500,000, it may consider applications from larger organisations presenting pioneering pilot projects.
The Trust has supported charities like Mosac, which assists non-abusing parents and carers of sexually abused children, and Westminster Befriend a Family, a group that trains volunteers to befriend and regularly visit families under stress in their homes.
Grants are awarded twice a year, and the next application closing date is 1 March 2027. Interested charities are advised to consult the Trust's application criteria document for details on how to apply.
More information at: https://kfct.org.uk/

Nuffield Foundation (The) Funding Available to Evaluate Employment Skills Programmes for Young People (UK) – Deadline: 10th December 2026

The Nuffield Foundation has opened its new Essential Employment Skills Fund, offering grants of up to £500,000 to build evidence on how best to help young people facing significant barriers to work develop employment skills and access good jobs.
The Foundation funds research and innovation to support a fairer and more inclusive society.
The Essential Employment Skills Fund will support UK programmes for 16 to 24-year-olds, combining frontline delivery with robust independent impact and process evaluation.
Delivery organisations could include third-sector organisations, education or training providers, employers, and organisations working with young people, while evaluation partners need the expertise to conduct robust, impartial impact and process evaluations.
The Fund generally does not fund brand-new programmes, but tests and evaluates existing programmes to determine whether they improve young people's essential employment skills and employment outcomes.
Applicants are expected to form partnerships between delivery organisations and independent evaluators before applying. Most evaluation grants are expected to be between £200,000 and £400,000, with up to £500,000 available. Additional programme delivery funding may also be considered.
Key points:

- UK-wide; beneficiaries aged 16–24 facing significant barriers to employment.
- Outline deadline: 10 December 2026.
- Shortlisted applicants submit full proposals in spring 2027.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/4pewsrk3a

Royal Society (The) Funding for School Climate & Biodiversity Projects (UK) – Deadline: 30th December 2026

UK primary and secondary schools can apply for grants of up to £3,000 for projects tackling climate change and biodiversity. This funding is provided by the Royal Society's Tomorrow's Climate Scientists Programme, an extension of their Partnership Grants Programme, which aims to engage students in environmental challenges while promoting STEM education.
To qualify for the funding, schools must partner with a STEM professional from academia or industry. The grants are primarily intended to cover the cost of necessary equipment for these projects.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/5h3r59yb

Royal Society (The) Grants of up to £3,000 for School Science Projects (UK) – Deadline: 30th November 2026

The Royal Society, the world's oldest scientific institution promoting scientific research and knowledge, has announced that its Partnership grants programme has reopened for applications. The programme awards grants of up to £3,000 to primary and secondary schools to support the teaching of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).
These projects must be run at a primary or secondary school or college, collaborating with a professional scientist or engineer. Eligible applicants include any UK primary or secondary school teacher or practicing scientist/engineer, provided that the students participating in the project are aged between 5 and 18.
Applicants are required to establish a partnership before initiating the application. The application should be started by the school partner, serving as the primary applicant, while the secondary partner should be a STEM professional currently working in a related field, such as a researched or analyst.
The scheme also runs a sub-programme "Tomorrow's Climate Scientists" which specifically funds schools to research climate change and biodiversity issues. The application process for this extension mirrors that of the main stream. For additional details regarding this extension, please email the Schools Engagement team at education@royalsociety.org.
Projects previously funded:

- What's the Weather Like? – a Partnership Grants project between Mead Community Primary School and Black and Veatch that has enabled pupils to begin predicting their local weather,
- Shooting Stars on Camera: Colour Composition and Contrasts – a project between William Perkin C of E High School and the Open University. Students have been determining the origin and elemental structure of meteors under the guidance of academic professional, Professor Monica Grady.

More information at: https://royalsociety.org/grants/partnership-grants/

Royal Society's Partnership Grants Scheme (The) Grants Available to Support Science Projects for Students with Special Educational Needs (UK) – Deadline: 30th November 2026

UK primary and secondary school teachers can apply for grants of up to £3,000 to support investigative STEM research projects that are designed for students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).
The funding, made available through the Royal Society's Partnership Grants Scheme, can be used to purchase equipment for projects in science, mathematics, engineering, or computing (STEM).

To qualify for funding, projects need to partner with a practicing scientist or engineer currently working in a STEM-related profession, such as a researcher or analyst. The STEM partner should give students with SEND an experience of the world of work and help develop key skills.
There are three possible application deadlines throughout the year. The next application deadline is 30 November 2026.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/5h3r59yb

Youth Hostel Association (The) Offers Bursary Scheme for Residential Stays (England & Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

The Youth Hostel Association (England & Wales) is offering support through its YHA Breaks Programme, which provides subsidised or fully funded residential stays at YHA hostels for young people and families who might otherwise be unable to afford a trip away.
Applications are invited from schools, home schooling networks, registered charities, community groups and voluntary organisations that work with young people or families experiencing disadvantage. Eligible beneficiaries typically include young people aged 8-18, as well as families facing challenges such as financial hardship, disability, bereavement, caring responsibilities or homelessness.
Funding is provided mainly as subsidised residential breaks at YHA hostels across England and Wales. Support may cover accommodation and, in some cases, meals and activity costs. Grants commonly cover up to around 50% of the cost of a residential stay, although some groups may receive higher levels of support depending on need.
The programme supports educational and outdoor residential experiences, including school trips, youth group activity breaks, and respite stays for families in difficult circumstances. Previously supported projects have included school residentials focused on outdoor learning, trips designed to improve young people's confidence and wellbeing, and short breaks for families experiencing crisis or hardship.
There is no fixed application deadline, and organisations can apply throughout the year via the YHA website. Funding decisions are made on a rolling basis.
More information at: https://www.yha.org.uk/support-programmes

EXERCISE AND SPORT

Cash4Clubs Grants Available to Help Community Sports Clubs Grow and Stary Sustainable (UK & Ireland) – Deadline: 1st January 2027

Cash4Clubs will reopen for application, offering £2,000 (€2,000 in Ireland) grants to grassroots sports and community organisations across the UK and Ireland. Funded by Flutter UK & Ireland and delivered with Sported, the programme has £500,000 available to support 250 clubs.
The aim is to support grassroots sports and community clubs across the UK and Ireland, helping them remain sustainable and increase adult participation in sport.
The programme particularly aims to reach clubs in disadvantaged areas and organisations engaging adults who are under-represented in sport, including women, racially diverse communities, disabled people and LGBTQ+ people. It also supports projects that use sport to improve physical and mental wellbeing, reduce loneliness and isolation, strengthen communities, and address issues such
The unrestricted funding can support venue hire, utilities, equipment, coaching, volunteer expenses, kit, marketing, training, insurance and other costs that help organisations continue or expand adult sporting activities.
Key points / Highlights:

- Not-for-profit sports organisations, charities, community groups and constituted clubs can apply.
- Activities must be for adults aged 18+; organisations with junior members or activities are ineligible.
- Priority is given to disadvantaged areas and under-represented groups, including women, racially diverse communities, disabled people and LGBT+ people.

More information at: https://cash4clubs.org/about

England and Wales Cricket Board (The) Fund for Grassroots Pitch Improvements (England & Wales) – Deadline: March 2027

In partnership with Sport England, the England and Wales Cricket Board has launched a new fund to help cricket tackle inequalities in access to safe, good quality grass pitches across England and Wales.

The Grass Pitch Improvement Fund will invest £5 million of National Lottery funding in grassroots facilities over three years. The first £1 million will be available in 2024 to support clubs and cricket organisations in upgrading their facilities and encouraging more people to take up the sport.

Priority will be given to applications which support cricket for the following groups:

- Women's and girl's cricket,
- Cricket in diverse communities,
- Disability cricket,
- Low socio-economic groups.

Grant amounts will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Investment will be targeted in three main areas:

- Improving the quality of squares and outfields (for grass pitches rated 'unsuitable' or 'basic' to improve to at least 'good').
- Creating sustainable management of sites (through irrigation and machinery improvements),
- Installing hybrid pitches to increase playing capacity.

The fund will run until March 2207, or whenever funding is fully allocated, whichever is sooner.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/4yamkapc

Sport England New £5 Million Scheme to Diversify Sports Leadership and Tackle Inequalities in Sport (England) – Deadline: March 2029

Sport England has launched the Leading the Movement programme to support and develop a more diverse network of leaders working to tackle inequalities in sport and physical activity.

The £5 million National Lottery-funded programme aims to address the need for better representation and support among leaders from under-represented backgrounds.

The programme aims to:

- Understand the challenges faced by sector leaders working to tackle inequalities, and explore solutions through engagement, training, coaching and mentoring,
- Better connect leaders and encourage the exchange of information, ideas, and learning,
- Provide targeted support to under-represented leaders, and leaders working with under-served communities.

It offers a range of development opportunities, including coaching, mentoring, peer learning, and place-based leadership courses, to help participants better understand and overcome the challenges they face. Participants will also have access to practical resources such as webinars, case studies, and newsletters.

The programme is aimed at individuals of all levels, whether paid or volunteer, in formal or informal roles, who are helping people to be active in places with limited opportunities. Those interested are encouraged to register for updates.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/38sey45n

OTHER FUNDING

£92 Million Fund to Support Repairs to Listed Places of Worship (England) - Opening: September 2026

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has announced a new £92 million four-year capital fund to support the repair and maintenance of listed places of worship in England.
The Places of Worship Renewal Fund will help churches, chapels, mosques, temples and other faith buildings carry out essential works such as structural repairs and restoration. Grants ranging from £10,000 to £1 million will be awarded for capital works that keep buildings safe, open and in public use, including:

- urgent fabric repairs (roofs, masonry, timber, drainage)
- essential improvements (electrical upgrades, heating, toilets, step-free access)
- professional fees and surveys related to eligible capital works
- limited additional works that support future long-term sustainability (such as loft hatches, improved rainwater goods)
- proportionate interventions that support sustainable community use

Any listed place of worship can apply, of any faith or denomination, provided it is an active place of worship.
Priority will be given to projects in areas with the greatest need for investment, and those that bring the most community benefit.
£23 million will be available each year for the next four years. Three funding streams are available:

- £10,000 to £50,000 (small grants)
- £50,001 to £350,000 (medium grants)
- £350,001 to £1,000,000 (large grants)

Administered by Historic England, the fund replaces the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.
Expressions of interest open in September 2026
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2sx98tzw.

Alice McCosh Trust (The) Grants of up to £1,000 Available for Environmental Education and Natural History Projects (England & Scotland) - Deadline: 30th November 2026

The Alice McCosh Trust is accepting applications for grants of around £600 to £1,000 to support educational projects involving natural history and the environment. The Scottish charitable trust aims to advance education by helping individuals undertake research, study and activities that improve understanding of the natural world.
Funding can support school field trips, environmental research, fieldwork, educational expeditions and the development of teaching materials for schools and higher education institutions.
Key points include:

- Applications are open to individuals of any age, including independent researchers and students.
- Preference is given to applicants from, or projects relating to, Scotland, England, Turkey and Uganda.
- Projects must relate to natural history or the environment.

- Funded work must begin within 12 months of receiving an award.
- Taught degrees, including master's degrees, and participation in pre-paid organised tours or expeditions are excluded.

Applications are invited from individuals, including those attached to educational institutions, rather than explicitly from schools or organisations. For example, a teacher or other individual associated with a school may therefore be eligible to apply.
Applications must be submitted using the Trust's application form and emailed to the Trust Secretary. The current application window runs from 1 October to 30 November 2026.
More information at: http://www.thealicemccoshtrust.org.uk/grants.htm

Animal Defence Trust (The) Funding to Support Animal Welfare Charities (UK) - Deadline: 31st March 2027

The Animal Defence Trust, a UK-based charity dedicated to animal welfare, provides funding to support approved animal welfare charities working to rescue and care for animals that have suffered cruelty. Eligible organisations must be registered charities with a proven track record in animal welfare work.
The Trust's main objectives are protecting animals from suffering and mistreatment, promoting research to reduce animal use in scientific experiments, and ensuring proper accommodation for animals during transportation. It provides grant funding to registered charities in the United Kingdom and internationally that are actively involved in animal rescue and rehabilitation efforts.
The grants, which are for capital projects and running costs, aim to support a wide range of activities, including providing shelter, medical treatment, and care for abused or neglected animals.
The Animal Defence Trust website provides no information on the minimum or maximum grants available.
More information at: https://www.animaldefencetrust.org/index.html

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Architectural Heritage Fund (The) £5 Million Fund to Revitalise Historic Buildings (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Charities, not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises in England can apply for grants of up to £500,000 through the Architectural Heritage Fund's Heritage Revival Fund.

The funding aims to bring neglected historic buildings, such as theatres, department stores and former banks, back into use for the benefit of local communities.
The programme supports organisations looking to take ownership of historic buildings, restore them and develop new community uses.
Three levels of funding are available:

- Project Viability Grants: Up to £20,000.
- Project Development Grants: Up to £100,000 (applicants must secure at least 10% match funding).
- Capital Works Grants: Up to £500,000 (applicants must secure at least 20% match funding).

Funding is available for projects at different stages, from initial planning and feasibility studies through to building repairs and renovation. Eligible activities include developing business plans, architectural design, surveys, purchasing buildings and carrying out restoration work.
The programme is delivered by the Architectural Heritage Fund in partnership with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and Historic England.
Applicants should first submit an expression of interest.
The closing date for Project Development Grants and Capital Works Grants is 18 January 2027.
Applications for Project Viability Grants can be submitted at any time.
For further information, eligibility criteria and application guidance, visit the Funding Finder using the link below and select England.
More information at: https://ahfund.org.uk/what-we-do/fund/

Daiwa Foundation (The) Funding for Links with Japan (UK) - Deadline: 31st March 2027

The Daiwa Foundation Small Grants programme offers grants of £2,000 to £9,000 for projects that promote interaction between the UK and Japan. The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation is a UK charity that strengthens links between the two countries.
Individuals, societies, associations and other bodies in the UK or Japan can apply. Funding can support projects across all fields, including educational and grassroots exchanges, research travel, conferences, exhibitions and other collaborative activities. New initiatives are particularly encouraged.
Key points:

- Grants: £2,000–£9,000, although awards typically average £3,000–£4,000.
- Applicants: individuals and organisations in the UK or Japan.
- Priority: projects strengthening UK-Japan links.
- Funding mainly supports travel, accommodation and subsistence.
- Capital costs, salaries, professional fees and commercial activities are not eligible.

Applications are made online. The next deadline is 31 March 2027, with decisions expected by 31 May. A further annual deadline falls on 30 September.
Projects that have received funding in the past include:
Beckfoot School (Bingley) received a grant of £3,000 to support a two-week curriculum-based school exchange visit by ten students and two teachers to Hiroshima Kokusai High School.
Dene Magna School which received a grant of £4,000 to support a school exchange visit by three teachers and nine pupils to enhance links established in 2002 with two partner schools in Okinawa and to consolidate Japanese as part of its curriculum.
83rd Fife Scout Group – Japan cultural exchange: a Small Grant supported 11 Explorer Scouts and two leaders travelling to the Nippon Jamboree in Hiroshima Prefecture, followed by visits to Tokyo and Iwate and a reunion with their Japanese Scout partner group.
More information at: https://dajf.org.uk/

Fidelio Trust (The) Funding to Support Arts and Music Projects (UK) - Deadline: 1st February 2027

The Animal Defence Trust, a UK-based charity dedicated to animal welfare, provides funding to support approved animal welfare charities working to rescue and care for animals that have suffered cruelty. Eligible organisations must be registered charities with a proven track record in animal welfare work.

The Trust's main objectives are protecting animals from suffering and mistreatment, promoting research to reduce animal use in scientific experiments, and ensuring proper accommodation for animals during transportation. It provides grant funding to registered charities in the United Kingdom and internationally that are actively involved in animal rescue and rehabilitation efforts.

The grants, which are for capital projects and running costs, aim to support a wide range of activities, including providing shelter, medical treatment, and care for abused or neglected animals.

The Animal Defence Trust website provides no information on the minimum or maximum grants available.

More information at: http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php

Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation (The) Funding for Cultural and Educational Links with Japan (UK) - Deadline: 15th December 2026

The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation has announced the next application deadline for its grant-making programme: 15 December 2026.

The Foundation seeks to promote mutual understanding and cooperation through financial support for activities in the following fields:

- Arts and Culture
- Humanities and Social Issues
- Japanese Language
- Medicine and Health
- Science, Technology and Environment
- Sport
- Youth and Education

Standard travel grants between the UK and Japan are £2,000, and up to £2,500 for visits of two weeks or more. This also includes travel for PhD students from UK universities wishing to visit Japan for dissertation research or to complete fieldwork. Applications for longer-term fieldwork of six months or more in Japan can be considered, with grants of up to £5,000.

The Foundation’s awards are intended to provide “pump-priming” and not core funding of projects, but even small grants have enabled a wide range of projects to reach fruition, such as:

- Visits between the UK and Japan by academics, professionals, creative artists, teachers, young people, journalists and representatives of civic and non-governmental organisations.
- Research and collaborative studies, seminars, workshops, lectures and publications in academic and specialist fields
- Teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools, Further Education colleges and universities
- Exhibitions, performances and creative productions by artists, musicians, film makers, writers and theatre groups

Organisations that have successfully applied to the Foundation include:

- Hessle High School and Sixth Form College which received a grant of £3,000 to visit to Japan to create curriculum on Japan in Key Stage 3 Geography lessons.
- Truro College which received a grant of £2,000 for a football exchange programme with Tokai Daigo High School in Japan.

- The Boston & Hakusan City Exchange Programme received a grant of £3,500 for an exchange programme between schoolchildren from Boston and Hakusan City.
- Campion School received a grant of £2,000 to support a school trip to Tokyo for students of Japanese.
- Escomb Primary School received a grant of £3,000 for an exchange visit with Ogawara Minami Elementary School.

More information at: http://www.gbsf.org.uk/

Historic England – Up to £15,000 Available to Support Heritage Projects in Disadvantaged Communities (England) - Deadline: 27th November 2026

Historic England has launched Neighbourhood Heritage: Grants for Communities, offering around 21 grants of up to £15,000 for community-led projects in England. The programme will use heritage to help communities influence and shape the future of their local places. Historic England is the public body responsible for championing and protecting England's historic environment.

Projects can include community mapping, local research, oral histories, creative activities, workshops and heritage audits. Heritage can include locally significant buildings, places, sites and stories and does not need to be nationally listed. Projects must be co-created with underrepresented communities.

The type of activities that could be funded include:

- Community mapping to identify buildings, places, landmarks and stories that local people value.
- Oral history and local research exploring residents' memories and experiences of their neighbourhood.
- Heritage audits or surveys that gather evidence about locally important places.
- Workshops and creative activities that help residents explore local identity and heritage.
- Projects enabling underrepresented communities to have a stronger voice in planning, regeneration or local decision-making.
- Activities that use heritage to build confidence, strengthen community identity and create new relationships.
- Community-led research that helps influence how a neighbourhood is developed or improved.

Highlights:

- Constituted community groups, charities, CICs and local authorities can apply.
- Projects must take place in an IMD 1–3 area, within England's 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.
- Priority communities include disabled, neurodivergent, LGBTQ+ and minority ethnic communities, and people facing socio-economic disadvantage.

Projects must run between March 2027 and August 2028. Applications must be submitted by email by 11.59pm on 27 November 2026. Eligible organisations with a strong community-led heritage idea are encouraged to check the full guidance and prepare their application well before the deadline, particularly where partnership working or community co-design will be needed.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/y65kj2wv

Hospital Saturday Fund (The) Funding for Medical Health Charities (UK, Isle of Man & Republic of Ireland) - Deadline: 2nd December 2026

Registered charities, hospices, and medical organisations in the UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, and Republic of Ireland can apply for grants to support medical projects, care, research, or medical training.

The funding is provided by the Hospital Saturday Fund (HSF), a long-established UK grant-making charity that distributes charitable grants from the surplus generated by its trading arm, HSF Health Plan. The fund's aim is to strengthen healthcare provision and improve outcomes for people with medical needs.
HSF offers two main levels of organisational funding.

- Standard grants are typically awarded at up to £2,000,
- Larger grants of up to £10,000 are available for more substantial or clearly defined projects, such as specialist equipment purchases, service development or research initiatives.

In addition to organisational grants, the Hospital Saturday Fund also supports individuals living with medical conditions or disabilities. Individual applications must generally be made by a supporting professional or organisation on the applicant's behalf. Funding can support the purchase of specialised equipment or forms of treatment. Awards for individuals are usually capped at lower amounts, and payments are made directly to suppliers.
Organisations can apply for a standard grant by 5 January 2027, or a large grant by 2 December 2026.
More information at: https://hospitalsaturdayfund.org/

International Tree Foundation (The) Funding for Community-Led Tree Planting Projects (UK) - Deadline: 11th December 2026

Community-based organisations can apply for funding through the International Tree Foundation's 2026 UK Community Tree Planting Programme.
The programme supports projects that create and conserve indigenous trees, woodlands and habitats, increase biodiversity and involve communities in tree planting. It also aims to raise awareness of the environmental and human benefits of trees while promoting social cohesion and inclusion.
Eligible applicants include schools, community groups, social enterprises, non-governmental organisations and parish councils. Applicants must have a bank account in the organisation's name and signed permission from the relevant landowner or manager.
Projects must be based in the UK and plant between 100 and 10,000 trees annually in publicly accessible locations, including parks, school grounds, rights of way and community-managed spaces.
Funding is available at a maximum rate of £2.15 per tree, including protection and mulch. Projects will also receive two maintenance payments of £0.10 per tree during the first and second summers after planting.
Projects must plant indigenous species, although traditional fruit trees and appropriate "honorary native" species may also be considered. Applicants must involve local people in planting and demonstrate clear plans for maintenance and long-term sustainability.
Priority may be given to projects involving children, young adults, or vulnerable groups; creating biodiversity habitats; conserving soil and water; supporting rewilding, natural regeneration, or agroforestry; addressing tree pests, diseases, or climate adaptation; or increasing urban tree cover.
The first assessment round will take place on 1 October 2026, with the main grants awarded shortly afterwards. Subsequent awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to available funding.
The final application deadline is 11 December 2026.
More information at: https://www.internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-grants

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust (The) Grants to Support Animal Welfare Charities (UK) - Deadline: 1st December 2026

Charities registered in the UK that work to provide sanctuary, rehoming, and rehabilitation for animals both domestically and/or internationally are invited to apply for grants of between £1,000 and £10,000.

Organisations involved with wildlife conservation, the rescue, rehabilitation and (where possible) release of animals are also eligible to apply.

The funding can be used for general running costs or capital purchases.

This funding opportunity is provided by the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust, which welcomes repeat applications from charities, subject to funding availability.

Preference is given to smaller animal welfare charities.

The next deadline to apply is 1st December 2026. Awards are usually made within 4 months of the application deadline.

Examples of projects funded by the Trust include:

- **Wild Hogs Hedgehog Rescue, Gloucestershire** – a £25,000 grant to replace old rehabilitation hutches with veterinary-standard accommodation. The funding also supported specialist hoglet-care training for volunteers and other rescue centres.
- **Saving Strays Animal Rescue** – a £5,000 grant supporting emergency veterinary treatment, vaccinations, neutering, microchipping, animal transport, food, bedding, behavioural rehabilitation, fostering and rehoming.
- **Hill Pony Resources, Cornwall** – a £3,000 grant towards hay, feed, bedding and field rental for rescued Dartmoor ponies awaiting permanent or foster homes.
- **Doris Banham Dog Rescue, Nottinghamshire** – a £15,000 grant towards the construction of emergency boarding kennels for rescued dogs.
- **Helping Rhinos** – a £17,500 grant to expand the Zululand Rhino Orphanage. The funding supported secure rehabilitation enclosures and improvements to its intensive care unit for injured and orphaned rhino calves.

More information at: https://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/

Museums Association (The) £100,000 Grants Open for Museums & Community Partnerships (UK) - Deadline: 20th January 2027

The Museums Association has reopened the Esmée Fairbairn Communities and Collections Fund, which supports museums and community organisations using museum collections to strengthen communities.

The fund focuses on inclusion; equitable partnerships and the role museums can play in advancing social and climate justice.

Funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and administered by the Museums Association, the programme supports inclusive, community-led work with museum collections. Funding is available through two streams:

Partnership project grants support museums and community organisations working together on inclusive collections projects. Projects should respond to local needs and contribute to shared goals around diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI).

Core grants support museums using their collections to create longer-term change within their organisations or the wider sector. The grants focus on DEI, social justice and climate justice, with an emphasis on lasting impact and stronger relationships with communities.

Projects can address issues such as wellbeing, decolonisation, anti-racism and the climate crisis. Previous grants have supported community-led exhibitions, oral history projects, more inclusive interpretation, work with under-represented communities and initiatives that give communities greater influence over museum collections.

Key points:

- Open to museums and community organisations across the UK.
- Funded activity must involve museum collections.

- Both partnership project grants and core grants are available.
- There is a strong emphasis on diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Projects should involve communities meaningfully and as equal partners.
- Two funding rounds will be offered each year in 2027, 2028 and 2029.

The next deadline for expressions of interest is 20 January 2027.
More information at: https://www.museumsassociation.org/funding/efccf/

National Churches Trust (The) Medium Grants Programme (UK) – Deadline: 15th December 2026

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to listed and unlisted Christian places of worship of any denomination across the UK for project development and investigative work up to RIBA Stage 1. This support is for churches preparing for a major project and developing it to the point where they can approach a major grant funder. Grants will never exceed 50% of the net project costs for this phase.
The National Churches Trust's Medium Grants Programme can now offer grants of up to £10,000 for urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects costing between £20,000 and £80,000. Grants cannot exceed 50% of the net project costs.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/37x5xapv

Pink Ribbon Foundation (The) Grants Available for Charities Supporting Breast Cancer Recovery and Well-being (UK) – Deadline: 28th May 2027

The Pink Ribbon Foundation has announced that its 2027 grant programme is open for applications from UK charities working in the field of breast cancer. The Foundation is a grant-making trust supporting charities that help people affected by breast cancer and improve understanding, recovery and treatment.
Grants are normally available for up to £6,000, although the Foundation may consider larger awards at its discretion. Funding supports practical projects improving the physical and mental health of people with or recovering from breast cancer. Projects are generally expected to be completed within 12–18 months.
Key highlights

- UK registered charities can apply
- At least 60% of beneficiaries should be breast cancer patients
- Up to 15% of an award can contribute towards core costs
- Partnership applications are accepted with a nominated lead organisation.

Examples of projects previously funded by the Pink Ribbon Foundation include:

- Support for underserved communities: Future Dreams received funding to expand activities for people from BAME communities affected by breast cancer, addressing gaps in support and cultural or social barriers
- Cookery and wellbeing sessions: Life's Kitchen was funded to run cookery classes for the breast cancer community, including the cost of demonstrators and ingredients.
- Online wellbeing programmes: Victoria's Promise has used grant funding for webinars on mindfulness, nutrition and sleep, alongside weekly yoga classes.
- Counselling: Positive Action on Cancer received support towards the direct costs of counselling sessions for people affected by breast cancer.
- Practical chemotherapy support: littlelifts received funding to provide Comfort Boxes containing useful items and wellbeing products for women undergoing chemotherapy for primary breast cancer.
- Complementary therapies and wellbeing: The South East Cancer Help Centre was supported providing services including massage, yoga, reiki, counselling, Tai Chi and mindfulness sessions.

Applications must be submitted in hard copy with current accounts and detailed project costings.

Only one application per organisation is permitted each year.
The deadline is 28 May 2027, with grants awarded in late July.
More information at: https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/getsupport-apply

Rosa Funding to Support the Campaigning Work of Women's & Girl's Organisations (UK) – Deadline: 16th November 2026

Rosa has announced that its Voices from the Frontline Fund is open for applications, offering grants of £500 to £10,000 over 18 months for campaigning and influencing work led by women and girls. Rosa is the UK's only nationwide funder dedicated to investing in women-led organisations supporting women and girls.
Funding can support:

- campaigning for policy or legal change,
- influencing decision-makers,
- evidence gathering,
- media campaigns,
- and training in advocacy, lobbying and public speaking.

Projects should help women and girls challenge inequality and influence issues affecting their lives.
Key highlights:

- UK not-for-profit women's and girls' organisations can apply
- organisations must be governed and led by women
- most beneficiaries must be women or girls
- applicants must have operated for at least one year
- grants range from £500 to £10,000.

Applicants must first complete an online eligibility registration form, followed by an application form and a three-minute video.
Some examples of Voices from the Frontline grants supported in the past include:

- A campaign targeted at national policy makers, commissioners, service providers and funders about the barriers faced by women with complex needs when accessing public services.
- A video to raise awareness of honour-based violence to improve the understanding of the issue and influence professionals to encourage reporting and appropriate responses in public services.
- Influencing decision makers in government about migrant and refugee girls' access to schools.
- A campaign for period dignity in UK schools.

The deadline is 4pm on 16 November 2026.
Organisations must submit an application form and a three-minute video outlining how they plan to utilise the funding.
Rosa will be hosting two 'How to Apply' webinars to help applicants develop their applications. Please register for one below:
Tuesday 20th October,10-11 am. Register here.
Thursday 5th November 2-3pm. Register here. This webinar will have BSL interpretation provided.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/53f7pdtj

Theatres Trust (The) Grants Available to Not-for-Profit Theatres to Carry Out Essential Works (UK) – Deadline: 15th January 2027

Grants of up to £7,500 are available to help not-for-profit theatres across the UK carry out small capital projects that improve their resilience, sustainability and accessibility.
The Theatres Trust's Small Grants Programme, supported by The Linbury Trust, funds improvements to theatre buildings, essential plant and machinery, and digital infrastructure.

Previous awards have supported venues to:

- Improve level access to support increased attendance from audiences with limited mobility
- Replace or install a building management system to improve building management efficiency, reduce energy usage and maximise staff capacity
- Supply new heating or cooling systems to improve audience and artist experience in the auditorium
- Improve draught-proofing of windows or doors to retain heat and save costs.
- Purchase a new hearing loop or stage text systems for audiences with visual and hearing impairments
- Replace Tungsten with LED lighting and support the purchase of digital lighting operating systems

Priority is given to projects costing under £250,000, or where the grant is the sole external funder and/or achievable within the total fund awarded.
More information at: https://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/smallgrants

UnLtd Grants of up to £18,000 Available to Social Entrepreneurs (UK) - Deadline: 30th November 2026

Social entrepreneurs across the UK who are committed to making a positive impact in their communities can apply for funding through UnLtd, a charity that supports social entrepreneurs.
The funding is available through two distinct funding streams.
The Funding Futures Programme is aimed at young social entrepreneurs aged 16 to 30. It supports those working to improve the financial inclusion of disadvantaged or marginalised people affected by the cost of living crisis.
The Millennium Awards Trust is open to social entrepreneurs aged 16 and over. This stream welcomes applications from people working across all sectors and tackling a range of social issues.
Funding is available through two award levels: Starting Up Awards, offering up to £8,000, and Scaling Up Awards, offering up to £18,000.
In addition to financial support, successful applicants will receive a tailored support package, including:

- a dedicated support manager
- peer learning opportunities
- expert advice
- legal consultancy

In this funding round, UnLtd will accept 650 applications. The closing date is 10 am on 30 November 2026, or earlier if 650 applications have been received.
More information at: https://www.unltd.org.uk/award/

FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme Re-Opens for Applications (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants programme will reopen in Autumn 2026. The programme offers grants of up to £1,000 to secondary schools in the UK to set up Breakfast clubs for those children (up to the age of 13) in most need.
To qualify for the programme:

- The breakfast club must be based in a school in England, Wales, Scotland, or Northern Ireland
- A limited number of grants are available so priority will be given to schools that have **either:**

- 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding and/or eligible for free school meals (Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales)

or

- Schools that are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Schools can find out if this applies to their school by following the instructions which you can find here.

Additionally, if your school has received breakfast club funding from Gregg's or Magic Breakfast within the current academic year, your club will not be considered a priority for support.
Only one grant per school in each academic year is available.
Applications from fee paying schools cannot be accepted.
Schools can apply for an award at any date and will hear within one month if they have been successful.
Please note the fund may close at short notice of oversubscribed.
For any queries, please contact Forever Manchester on 0044 161 214 0940 or email kelloggs@forevermanchester.com
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2ftvmz4s

Magic Breakfast Support for School Breakfast Clubs (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Magic Breakfast, which is a registered charity that aims to end hunger as a barrier to education in UK schools, is currently accepting applications to its Magic Breakfast programme.
The programme provides:

- Personalized expert support,
- Magic Breakfast provides as much food as schools need to reach all children at risk of hunger at the start of the school day,
- Deliveries of a range of healthy cereals, bakery products, porridge and beans,
- A 'start up' grant of £250 for essential resources to start or expand breakfast provision.

For a school in England to be eligible, at least 35% of pupils should be recorded as eligible for Pupil Premium. In Scotland, at least 35% of your pupils should be in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) Decile 1-4.
Magic Breakfast are planning to expand to Northern Ireland and Wales soon.
As a Magic Breakfast school, schools need to:

- Pay a small membership fee,
- Provide staff support to prepare and run the breakfast at your school,
- Have a keen interest in addressing morning hunger in your school so the breakfast is rolled out in a hunger focused way. We'll help with this too,
- Work with us to help measure and monitor the impact of breakfast.

Expressions of interest can be made at any time.
Once the Expression of Interest form has been submitted, and eligibility has been checked Magic Breakfast will hold the application details on file. As soon as sufficient funding has been raised to offer support, they will get in touch to arrange a visit.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/7hyubheh

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY

ABF for Soldiers' Charity Funding to Support Soldiers, Veterans & their Families (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Charities and organisations that provide support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families will soon be able to apply for funding from ABF for Soldiers' Charity. The fund reopens on 1st December 2023.

A variety of projects and activities can be funded, including:

- Mental health support,
- Educational programmes and employment assistance,
- Family support,
- Housing assistance,
- Independent living,
- Elderly care.

This might include helping wounded soldiers to adapt to life after service, assisting elderly veterans to keep their independence, or supporting soldiers to embark on new careers.

Up to 100 charities are normally funded each year, with grant amounts varying depending on the project or activity being proposed.

Priority is given to members organisations of the Confederation of Service Charities or Veterans Scotland.

The Grants Committee sits in February, June and November, with an additional Scottish Committee being held in April.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/jktc9tja

Adint Charitable Trust (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Adint Charitable Trust makes grants of between £250 and £15,000 to registered charities for general charitable purposes but has a preference for charities working in the fields of education, training, disability and/or recreation.

Applications should be in writing to the address below and include full details of the charitiy for which funding is requested.

Mr Douglas Oram FIH MCIPS at The Adint Charitable Trust, Suite 512, 517 Finchley Road, London NW£ 7BN, or email **adintct@btinternet.com**

Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation (The) Funding to Support Communities in Need (England, Wales, the Isle of Man & the Republic of Ireland) - Deadline: Rolling

Funding is available for registered charities that support communities in need across England, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland.

The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation's General Fund offers grants for projects that meet one or more of the following priorities:

- Supporting victims of modern slavery,
- Supporting victims of domestic abuse,
- Helping ex-offenders and their families,
- Tackling homelessness,
- Advancing medical research,
- Supporting people with terminal illnesses or life-limiting conditions, and their carers,
- Addressing drug and substance misuse,
- Supporting people with intellectual disabilities,
- Assisting care leavers,
- Promoting worship and community outreach activities,

- Encouraging participation in amateur sport,
- Providing care for the elderly.

Previous awards have ranged from £5,000 to £2.25 million. Charities with an annual expenditure below £10 million are eligible to apply.
Grants are awarded at the Trustees' quarterly meetings. Applicants must first complete an eligibility test before submitting a full application.
More information at: https://www.albertgubayfoundation.org/

Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation (The) Funding for Charities Supporting Disadvantaged Communities (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Registered charities with annual expenditure below £10 million can apply for funding to the Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation's General Fund for projects supporting disadvantaged communities in England, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland.
The Foundation's priorities include:

- homelessness
- domestic abuse;
- modern slavery
- substance misuse;
- support for ex-offenders, their families and care leavers;
- intellectual disabilities and life-limiting or terminal conditions;
- medical research;
- disability-inclusive amateur sport; and
- community outreach connected with places of worship.

Grants are usually more than £5,000 and may fund the costs of running a specific project for one to three years. Applicants are advised to request no more than 50% of the project's total cost.
Funding is not available for general running costs or unrestricted expenditure.
Applications to the General Fund are accepted on a rolling basis. Applicants must begin by completing an online eligibility questionnaire. Organisations that meet the eligibility requirements will then be contacted with information about the next steps and when their application may be considered.
The fund may close once the Foundation has received enough applications, so charities are encouraged to apply promptly.
More information at: https://www.albertgubayfoundation.org/

Alfred Haines Charitable Trust (The) (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Alfred Haines Charitable Trust is a small local grant making charity**. It** primarily allocates its funds to support local organisations helping people to improve their quality of life, and prefers to make donations towards specific items and not give to large appeals.
The Trustees prefer to support specific projects and concentrate on helping smaller charities based in Birmingham and the immediate surrounding area. They meet quarterly to consider written applications for grants.
The majority of donations are made on a one-off basis. Sometimes the Trust will agree to fund a project annually for up to three years subject to receipt of satisfactory project reports.
The Trust is willing to support Christian social action projects involving outreach into the community through care. However, it does not support purely evangelistic projects.
Projects overseas or outside the West Midlands, will only be considered where the applicants are known to a trustee or are recommended by someone known to a trustee who has first-hand knowledge of the work.
Apart from the regular grants, grants are generally made on a one-off basis.

The Trust will consider further applications for funding after ten months have elapsed from the last payment.
One-off grants are normally in the range of £250 to £2,000**.**
Grants are not normally made to individuals.
More information at: https://ahct.org.uk/what_we_do.html

Allen Lane Foundation (UK) – Deadline: Quarterly

Grants are available to small, registered charities, voluntary groups, and charitable organisations in the UK for work that makes a difference to people's lives as opposed to simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems and should aim to reduce isolation, stigma and discrimination. The Foundation makes single grants or grants split over two or three years. One-off grants of between £500 and £15,000 are available; the average grant is between £5,000 and £6,000. Grants repeated for more than one year vary from around £500 per annum up to £5,000 per annum, for a maximum of three years.
Overall, the Foundation wishes to fund work which:

- Will make a lasting difference to people's lives rather than simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems,
- Is aimed at reducing isolation, stigma, and discrimination,
- Encourages or enables unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community.

Small, registered charities, voluntary groups and charitable organisations in the UK can apply. Registered charities are eligible to apply as well as other organisations which are not charities, but which seek funding for a charitable project – this could include, for example, constituted voluntary groups or Community Interest Companies (CICs).
Priority groups (of adults) that the Foundation seeks to support includes:

- Asylum seekers and refugees (but not groups working with a single nationality),
- Gypsies and travelers,
- Migrant communities,
- Offenders and ex-offenders,
- Older people,
- People experiencing mental health problems,
- People experiencing violence and abuse,
- Young people (people aged approximately 12-21 from across a broader range of backgrounds).

The following types of activity are eligible for support:

- Provision of advice or information,
- Advocacy,
- Arts activities where the primary purpose is therapeutic or social,
- Befriending or mentoring,
- Mediation or conflict resolution,
- Practical work, such as gardening or recycling, which benefits both the provider and the recipient,
- Self-help groups,
- Social activities or drop-in centres,
- Strengthening the rights of particular groups and enabling their view and experiences to be heard by policymakers,
- Research and education aimed at changing public attitudes or policy,
- Work aimed at combating stigma or discrimination,
- Work developing practical alternatives to violence.

Grants may be used for start-up, core, or project costs, for example:

- Volunteers' or participants' expenses,
- Venue hire,

- Part-time or occasional staffing costs,
- Work aimed at strengthening the organisation such as trustee or staff training.

The Foundation is particularly interested in unusual, imaginative or pioneering projects which have perhaps not yet caught the public imagination.
To make sure its grants have an impact, the Foundation will not fund larger organisations. If an organisation works in a relatively small area – a village, estate, or small town – to be eligible it will have an income of less than about £100,000. An organisation which works across the whole of the UK will be eligible if it has an income of not more than about £250,000. Applications can be made at any time and are considered three times a year, generally in February, June, and October. Processing an application and making a grant usually takes between two and six months. Groups should apply as soon as they are ready as applications are processed all the time.
More information at: https://allenlane.org.uk/applying-for-funding/

Alpkit Foundation (The) Grants for Outdoor Activity Projects (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £500 are available for individuals, community groups, schools, and other not-for-profit organisations to encourage people across the UK to get involved with outdoor activities and experiences.
The funding is provided by the Alpkit Foundation, which aims to break down barriers to outdoor participation by supporting:

- Diversity and inclusion projects that engage individuals and groups from a diverse range of backgrounds,
- Environmental projects that seek to support, conserve, or generate understanding of our environment and wild places,
- Health projects enabling people to gain physical and mental wellbeing from the great outdoors,
- Education projects such as first aid, D of E, forest schools and mountain leader,
- Participation projects that get more people experiencing the great outdoors.

There is particular interest in projects that:

- Encourage responsible outdoor activity,
- Have long lasting benefits,
- Introduce new people to get outdoors,
- Demonstrate value for money.

This might include things such as; providing discounted equipment for outdoor activities and trips to individuals, groups, schools and organisations that wouldn't be viable without support from the Alpkit Foundation.
The grants aim to provide some level of support rather than fully funded projects.
Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed every two months. there is no limit to how many times an applicant may apply, but applications should be submitted at least three months before the project start date.
More information at: https://alpkit.com/pages/foundation-apply.

Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust (The) Funding to Support Disadvantaged & Disabled People (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Charities working to improve the lives of socially disadvantaged and disabled individual of all ages across the UK are invited to apply for funding from the Anton Jurgen Charitable Trust.

To be eligible, charities must be registered in the UK and have an annual income of less than £1 million. Funding amounts are determined by the Trustees and have typically been in the range of £1,000 to £6,000 in the past.
Applications can be submitted at any time, with review periods taking place twice a year in the spring and autumn.
More information at: https://www.antonjurgensfonds.nl/en/applications/ajct/

Arnold Clark (The) Grants to Support Vulnerable People During the Cost-of-Living Crisis (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to UK registered charities and community groups to help address the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.
The Fund is open to organisations directly helping people most impacted by rising living costs. This includes:

- Accommodation aid – shelters, women's aid, homelessness assistance (food or housing). Help with appliances and household bills – for example, organisation focuses on energy bills for community,
- Food and utility banks – hygiene banks, women's aid, baby banks, food poverty, resources for refugees and asylum seekers. For example, food vouchers, pet food, food/utility packages, laundry services,
- Poverty relief and equal opportunities – disability groups and youth groups in lower income areas. For example, funding for social activities or work experience, amateur sports clubs and reduced rates community-based trips.

Eligibility:

- Registered charities,
- Local community groups,
- Social enterprises,
- Community interest companies,
- Groups of organisations that are community or voluntary-led,
- Charitable incorporated organisations.

Organisations must be operating within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch. Applications are particularly encouraged from smaller voluntary and community organisations.
More information at: https://www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund

B&Q Community Re-Use Scheme (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

B&Q operates a community re-use scheme through all its stores. The scheme is in place to donate unsellable products and materials for re-use by local schools, other educational institutions, and community groups, for the benefit of the local community and the environment. These items are donated on the understanding that they will not be re-used or disposed of responsibly if they are not used and that they will not be sold on.
Eligible groups include:

- schools and colleges,
- childminders, playgroups, and nurseries,
- allotment associations, community gardening projects,
- Youth groups, including Scouts, Guides, and cadets,
- Registered charities,
- Hospices,
- Conservation groups including The Conservation Volunteers and Forest Schools,
- Community projects organised by local churches and other religious groups,
- Women's Institute, Lions Clubs, Rotary, Townswomen Guilds, Royal British Legion,

- Adult education projects, University of the Third Age,
- Other local community groups

Please note that these are unsellable items, B&Q cannot guarantee their suitability for re-use. No electrical or dangerous products can be donated e.g., broken ladders, faulty chairs, or lights. We do not donate items to individuals.

For more information, please contact your local store directly and speak to a duty manager or email Community@b-and-q.co.uk.

Baron Davenports Charity Grants (West Midlands) – Deadline: Twice Yearly (Spring and Autumn)

Grants are available to charitable organisations within 60 miles of Birmingham Town Hall for special projects, equipment and running costs for almshouses, hospices, residential homes for older people, children's charities, and individuals in need. The Charity awards grants in the following categories:

- Almhouses, hospices and residential homes for older people,
- Organisations for the benefit of children/young people (under 25 years of age),
- Organisations supporting older people,
- Single women and mothers living alone, and fatherless children.

The amount of funding varies as follows:

- Almshouses, hospices and residential homes for older people – the level of grant is at the Trust's discretion,
- Children's organisations – grants are normally between £200 and £1,000,
- Older people's organisations – the level of grant is at the Trust's discretion,
- Single older women living alone - may receive £260, twice yearly,
- Single mothers and fatherless children – the amount of funding is not specified.

Emergency grants are available and applicants should contact the Charity for further information.

More information at: https://www.barondavenportscharity.org

Barrow Cadbury Trust (The) Grants to Promote a Fair Immigration System (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Organisations that are working to promote an immigration system in the UK that is fair to both migrants and established residents can apply for funding through the Barrow Cadbury Trust. A total of £1 million is available.

The grant is open to organisations working at a national level, both individually and in partnership with others. Applicants must demonstrate how their project will contribute to the Trust's objectives of promoting an effective and humane immigration system, ensuring accuracy and depth in the debate on national ethnicity, integration, and immigration, and encouraging a thriving society where people, including immigrants, are treated fairly.

Some examples of projects that could be funded include:

- Research into the impact of immigration on the UK,
- Campaigning for changes in the immigration system,
- Developing educational materials about immigration,
- Supporting community groups that work with migrants.

The Barrow Cadbury Trust has strong historic links with Birmingham. Projects based in Birmingham can also apply for projects that build networks across sectors and communities in Birmingham to strengthen the voice of local people on issues relating to migration and integration.

There is no closing date and applications can be submitted at any time. For more information and to apply, please visit the Barrow Cadbury Trust website.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/kvacj272

Bernard Sunley Foundation (The) (England) - Deadline: Rolling

One-off capital grants are available to registered charities in England, as well as those with 'accepted' and 'exempt' status, for projects in the areas of community, education, health, and social welfare.

The Foundation offers three levels of grants: large grants of £20,000 and above, medium grants of up to £20,000, and small grants of £5,000 and under. The majority (roughly 60%) of grants awarded are under £5,000. Grants exceeding £25,000 are exceptional and are typically awarded to major capital projects. Applications are accepted throughout the year and are reviewed in order of receipt. Small grant applications usually have a response within 3 months. Projects with budgets of £100,000 upwards should apply at least six months before their project is due to start. charities registered with the Charity Commission in England can apply. applications will also be considered from churches, specialist schools, uniformed youth groups (scouts, guides etc.), and housing associations, as well as co-operative societies and community benefit societies registered with the FCA (Financial Conduct Authority).

The aim of the Foundation is to help raise the quality of life in England, particularly for the young, disadvantaged, and older people. The funding is for one-off capital projects (not running costs), such as purchase of leaseholds, new buildings, major refurbishments, and transport. rented premises must have a lease of at least 10 years remaining. Applications for transport should be for new, not used, vehicles. In cases where grants are made, the projects are expected to be self-financing thereafter.

Community

Grants are awarded towards the building or refurbishment of scout huts, village halls, community centres, youth clubs, boxing clubs, outdoor activity centres, farm and outdoor learning centres, sports centres, playing fields, and playgrounds. Also funded are the purchase of new minibuses to assist those most in need in their local communities.

Education

The Foundation supports improvements and new facilities at special needs schools, and the purchase of new, adapted minibuses that benefit children with special needs and disabilities. Also funded are educational nature centres and new education and learning centres at museums, galleries, and other arts organisations.

Health

The Foundation supports building and refurbishment projects, specialist new transport, and the creation of outdoor or recreational space for care homes, hospices, day centres, and other facilities that provide relief and sanctuary for patients, their families, and those with special needs. The emphasis is on helping charities that are providing an excellent standard of care and support within their communities.

Social Welfare

The Foundation supports projects for veterans, the elderly, ex-offenders, and those in prison and schemes that enable people with mental and physical disabilities to live fuller lives in their community.

More information at: https://bernardsunley.org

British Gas Energy Trust (The) Support Fund Reopens for Applications (England, Scotland & Wales) - Deadline: Rolling

The British Gas Energy Trust has reopened for applications. The fund was introduced to provide financial support to households struggling with energy debts, particularly during challenging economic times.

Specifically, this fund aims to assist British Gas customers in England, Scotland, and Wales who are experiencing or at risk of fuel poverty by providing grants to clear outstanding gas and electricity debts.
Fund Highlights:

- Must be a British Gas credit or pre-payment meter customer residing in England, Scotland, or Wales.
- Must not have received a grant from the British Gas Energy Trust within the last 12 months.
- Must have an active gas, electricity, or dual fuel energy account in their name or be a member of the household, with the account pertaining to their primary residence.
- Must have a minimum debt of £50 as a pre-payment meter customer or £250 as a credit account customer, with a maximum debt of £1,700.
- Must be in or facing fuel poverty.
- Applicants have a household income of less than £25,000 or someone in the household
- Must have received assistance from a money advice agency or used the Trust's Benefit Calculator tool within the last six months.

Applicants meeting these criteria may be eligible for a grant to clear their energy debts.
Applications can be submitted through the British Gas Energy Trust's official website.
No closing date for applications has been announced.
More information at: https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/grants-available/

Burg-Wachter Secure Communities Scheme (UK) – Launching: Rolling

Burg-Wachter, Europe's largest safe and post box manufacturer, is awarding up to £1,000 and security products/advice to charities, social enterprises, not-for-profit and community ventures to help secure their success.
Any grassroots project or activity that would benefit most from this scheme are those with a security aspect as well as a funding need. Projects must be organised by and benefit the local community which could include fetes, festivals, and local shows. Any refurbishment, redecoration or maintenance projects that benefit local communities are relevant, including allotments, sports clubs, village halls, common land, or community centres. Community events are also eligible from school fund-raisers to food banks, breakfast clubs or tea dances, firework displays or fun runs.
More information at: https://www.burg.biz/uk/community/

Cash for Kids Cost-of-Living Fund (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

A new £1 million fund has been launched to support the UK's most vulnerable families during the cost-of-living crisis.
The fund will target families who have a genuine need for support and are suffering from disadvantage due to the crisis, allowing them to apply for grants of £50 per child which can be used for basic essentials such as food, heating, clothing, and school uniform.
More information at: https://www.cashforkids.org.uk/grants

Clothworkers' Foundation (The) Grants for Projects Benefitting Disadvantaged People (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Clothworkers' Foundation offers grants to UK registered charities, community interest companies (CICs), special schools, and other not-for-profit organisations that support disadvantaged or marginalised people. These grants help organisations pay for capital costs such as buildings, equipment and infrastructure they need to deliver vital services. Funding can be used for a range of purposes, including buying, constructing, renovating, or refurbishing community spaces and facilities. It can also cover fittings, fixtures, and

equipment such as office furniture, IT and digital equipment, sports or gym equipment, garden tools, or specialist therapeutic (though not medical) equipment.
Grants can support on-off digital projects too, such as digitalising services, developing or updating websites and apps, or adding digital tools to existing services.
Funding may also be available for vehicles, such as a minibus, car, people-carrier, caravan or 4x4, although brand new vehicles are unlikely to be funded.
To be eligible, organisations must show that their work supports one or more of the following groups:

- Communities facing racial inequality,
- People with disabilities (including mental health or visual impairments),
- Survivors of domestic or sexual abuse,
- People experiencing economic hardship,
- Those who are homeless,
- LGBT+ communities,
- Older people facing disadvantage,
- People leaving prison or in rehabilitation,
- Those affected by substance misuse or addiction,
- Or disadvantaged young people.

At least 50% of the people benefitting from the project must belong to one or more of these groups.
The amount of funding an organisation can apply for depends on its size and the scale of the project. Organisations with an annual income of under £2 million can apply for grants of up to £15,000. Those with an annual income of under £10 million can apply for grants over £15,000. The final amount awarded will depend on the size of the organisation and the cost and scope of the capital project.
Applications can be submitted at any time.
More information at: https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant

Cole Charitable Trust (The) Small Grants Programme (West Midlands, Kent and Cambridgeshire) – Deadline: Rolling

Small and local registered charities can apply for an average grant of £1,000-£2,000 for projects in the following categories:

- Social welfare, all age groups,
- Housing/homelessness,
- Community and environmental development,
- Opportunities for young people,
- Promotion of improved quality of life,
- Personal or community empowerment.

Core costs, such as equipment, will be considered.
More information at: https://www.colecharitabletrust.org.uk/

Coop Fund (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Coop has donated £1.5 million to the National Emergencies Trust, which will be used to support local charities and community organisations that are working to tackle food poverty in communities across the UK. Grants of up to £5,000 can be made for projects that support food poverty programmes and tackle Co-op's funding priorities.

- REDISTRIBUTION – we will actively redistribute our surplus food to the people who need it most in our communities,
- ACCESS – we will provide easy access to nutritious food and balanced meals for customers with a limited budget,

- UPSKILLING – we will help to educate and upskill customers on low-cost meal solutions, limiting food waste and shopping smartly,
- YOUNG PEOPLE – we will support future generations by prioritising the wellbeing of children and young people struggling with food insecurity,
- FOOD PROGRAMMES – food programmes for vulnerable communities delivered in those communities.

Examples of the type of programmes that the funding could support are:

Foodbanks,
Programmes that tackle food waste,
Programmes that encourage healthy eating,
Holiday hunger schemes.

More information at: https://causes.coop.co.uk/

Cosaraf Charitable Foundation (The) Grants to Support Individuals and Families in Need (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to charities, housing associations, schools and social services providing support for individuals and families across the UK who are in financial need.

The Cosaraf Charitable Foundation's Hardship Grant will support individuals and families who have exhausted all other sources of funding and are struggling with everyday costs, such as basic living expenses, household items and utilities, work or education-related expenses, or rent arrears.

Priority will be given to:

- The most financially excluded people,
- Families over individuals,
- Those with caring responsibilities,
- Items that will make the most difference to the individual/family's long-term future.

Other than in exceptional cases, Hardship Grants will only be made available for:

- Household items (white goods and occasionally other items i.e., sofas, wardrobes etc.),
- Basic living expenses (utilities or food),
- Work or education-related expenses (interview clothes, school uniforms, laptops),
- Rent arrears and council tax arrears, but only where there is a clear and obvious risk of homelessness (for rent arrears involving a social landlord please outline what support has already been offered to your tenant),
- Contribution to immigration-related costs, where the current immigration status directly causes financial hardship to the applicant.

The Foundation distributes both Zakat and Sadaqah funds, please read our Zakat Distribution Policy for more information. Sadaqah funds are available to people of all faiths and none. Zakat funds are only available to Muslim applicants.

Applications can be made at any time and are assessed every six weeks.

More information at: https://www.cosaraf.org/apply-for-funding/hardship-grants/

CRASH (The Construction Industry's Charity) Support for Homeless Charities and Hospices (England and Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

Homelessness charities and hospices in England and Wales can apply for advice, support and grant funding to help with their construction projects. The grant is being offered by the Construction Industry's Charity (CRASH), and can be used for a variety of purposes,

including refurbishing or renovating buildings, building new facilities, improving accessibility, and installing energy-saving measures.
The aim is to help homelessness charities and hospices in England and Wales improve their facilities.
The grant is open to registered charities that provide services to single homeless people aged 18 or older, or people in need of end-of-life care. Applicants must have held legal title on the building in question for at least 5 years.
To apply for support, homelessness charities and hospices should visit the CRASH website. The website has a detailed application form, as well as information about the eligibility criteria and the application deadline.
Please phone CRASH in advance of making your application to discuss any potential project and the ways in which CRASH may be able to help.
More information at: http://www.crash.org.uk/apply-for-help/

Delamere Dairy Foundation (The) Funding for Projects that Strengthen Communities (England, Scotland & Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of £1,000 - £5,000 are available for local projects strengthening communities in England, Scotland, and Wales.
The Delamere Dairy Foundation, the independent charitable Trust set up by Delamere Dairy Ltd, to give back to local and wider communities through the provision of discretionary grants and other financial assistance, will provide support for charities, community groups, social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations delivering projects that fit the objectives of the Foundation:

- The advancement of agriculture and environmental protection
- The advancement in life of young people by developing their capabilities so that they may mature as contributory members of society
- The relief of financial hardship
- The advancement of education
- The relief of sickness

Recent beneficiaries of the foundation's grants include a local food bank, a community garden, and a youth mentoring programme.
Applications will be considered at regularly scheduled panel meetings. For this funding round, applicants who have not heard from the Foundation by 30 September have not been successful.
More information at: https://delameredairyfoundation.org.uk/

Dulverton Trust (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

UK registered charities can now apply for funding of up to £35,000 from The Dulverton Trust. The Trust prefers to support medium sized charities (with an income of £200,000 to £5 million) where their grant can make a difference and will also consider applications from newly registered charities.
The Trust currently supports a wide range of activities in the following categories:

- Youth Opportunities,
- General welfare,
- Conservation and heritage.

Priority will be given to projects which are open to all members of the community.
Trustees meet three times a year in February, June, and October to consider grant proposals, applications can however be submitted at any time. The Trust also operates a minor grants programme, providing funding of up to £5,000 for locally operating charities with an income below £200,000, this programme is administered by selected community foundations.

More information at: http://www.dulverton.org/

DWF Foundation (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The DWF Foundation was founded by DWF LLP to provide funds, resources and support to help communities achieve their full potential.
They aim to help local communities work together to implement changes, focusing on the four key areas of:

- Homelessness,
- Health and wellbeing,
- Employability, and,
- Education.

Within these areas, the Foundation seeks to support projects that develop and improve local communities by:

- Tackling a specific community issue,
- Helping voluntary and community groups become more effective and efficient,
- Encouraging the involvement in the community of those too often excluded, and,
- Enabling young people to develop skills for the benefit of the community.

The DWF Foundation only accepts applications from Registered Charities. The Foundation has no minimum grant size and tend to offer grants under £5,000 and will not offer multi-year grants.
This is a continuous rolling programme, review meeting take place three times a year and exact dates are listed in the Grants Guidelines.
More information at: https://dwfgroup.com/en/about-us/dwf-foundation

Edward Cadbury Trust (The) (West Midlands) - Deadline: Rolling

Grants are available to charities in the West Midlands. **The normal range of grants is between £500 and £10,000 and these are for one-off projects. Larger grants are occasionally made for exceptional purposes**. The Trust supports registered charities, with a particular focus on supporting the voluntary sector in the Midlands region. Applications can be submitted online at any time and are typically considered within a three-month period.
Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been secured. Funding is for specific one-off projects, or parts of projects. Grants are grouped under seven main headings for projects that support and develop these areas:

- Arts and culture,
- Community projects and integration,
- Compassionate support,
- Conservation and environment,
- Interfaith and multi-faith relations,
- Education and training,
- Research.

More information at: https://www.edwardcadburytrust.org.uk/applying-for-grants

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation (The) Funding to Tackle Injustice and Structural Inequalities (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Registered charities and organisations with charitable aims can apply for grants for projects that tackle injustice and structural inequality with the aim to create a more inclusive society. The funding is being made available through the Fairer Future grants programme.

Through the programme, the Foundation wants to support initiatives within five priority areas. These are:

- Arts and creativity making change,
- Children and young people's rights,
- Racial justice,
- Gender justice,
- And migrant justice.

The Foundation are keen to work with those with experience of the issues being addressed. The majority of grants are for three years or longer and can cover project and core costs. Registered charities can also apply for unrestricted grants.
The minimum amount the Foundation offers is £30,000 and they have no maximum amount.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/4vjbzsez

Eveson Charitable Trust (The) Grants to Support Vulnerable Communities (Herefordshire, Worcestershire & the West Midlands) – Deadline: Rolling

The Eveson Charitable Trust is offering grants to registered charities which benefit residents in Herefordshire, Worcestershire, and the West Midlands.
Applications will be considered from organisations supporting:

- People with physical disabilities including the blind and the deaf,
- People with special educational needs,
- Children and young people who are disadvantaged or disabled,
- Older people,
- People experiencing homelessness,
- Hospitals,
- Hospices.

There is no set limit on the amount that can be applied for, and the Trust will consider core, revenue, project, and capital costs.
Applications from special needs schools and colleges for projects that are in addition to the school curriculum will be considered.
Organisations seeking over £50,000 must first speak with the Trust's Chief Executive.
Charities with any income level can apply, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
More information at: https://www.eveson.org.uk/

Family Action Grants to Support Families in Need (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Families facing financial hardship in the UK can obtain small grants through Family Action's Welfare Grants Programme. The funding aims to alleviate financial hardship by providing small but vital grants for essential personal and household items, enabling individuals and families to maintain their basic living standards and independence.
All applicants must fall into one or more of the following priority areas:

- Mental health,
- Domestic abuse,
- Older people,
- Holidays for women living in Greater London.

Eligible applicants must be referred by recognised agencies such as charities, housing associations, or social services. The programme supports people receiving means-tested benefits who are facing exceptional pressure or crisis. Grants typically range from £200 to £300 and can cover household goods such as cookers, washing machines, fridge-freezes, beds, and bedding.

Additionally, women living in Greater London can apply for up to £1,500 to take a short break or holiday to promote their wellbeing.
Family Action, a national charity with over 150 years of experience supporting families, encourages organisations to act as referral partners to ensure those most in need receive timely assistance. Full eligibility criteria and application guidance are available on the charity's website.
There is no application deadline.
More information at: https://family-action.org.uk/services/welfare-grants-programme/

February Foundation (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The February Foundation makes grants of around £5,000 to a range of charities and charitable causes in particular for the relief of those in need by reason of youth, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, the advancement of education, and the advancement of the arts, culture and heritage.
The Foundation's grant making policy states they will support:

- Charities which are for the benefit of persons who are making an effort to improve their lives,
- Charities which are for the benefit of persons no longer physically or mentally able to help themselves,
- Charities which have a long-term beneficial impact on the future of individuals, groups of individuals, or organisations,
- Charities which protect the environment,
- Small or minority charities where small grants will have a significant impact, and,
- Companies where the acquisition of equity would be in line with the trust's charitable objectives.

More information at: https://www.thefebruaryfoundation.org/

Field Family Organisation (The) Grants Available for Organisations Working with Young People and the Elderly (West Midlands & London) – Deadline: Rolling

Charitable organisations working in the West Midlands and London (within the boundaries of the M25) providing services for young people between the ages of 13 and 25 and the elderly, and with an annual income of under £ 1 million, can now apply to the Field Family Trust for funding.
Grants ranged from £1,000 to £5,000, depending on the need and the project. Multi-year funding is also considered.
The Trustees are happy to consider applications for a wide range of purposes, including outreach, engagement, equipment, furnishings, running costs, and helplines. In regard to projects targeting vulnerable young people, the Trustees have a special interest in supporting NEET youth and in the prevention of young people from offending, as well as in the integration/rehabilitation of ex-offenders.
Previous grant recipients include:

- Nuneaton & N. Warwickshire Equestrian Centre Disabled Riding School - £2,325
- Salmon Youth Centre, Bermondsey - £3,000

In the financial year ending 5 April 2025, the Trustees authorised 19 grants totalling £62,118.
The next scheduled Trustees' meeting to consider applications will take place in April 2026, and applications must be submitted at least 6 weeks before the meeting.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/5e77349p

Forces in Mind Trust (The) Funding Available to Support Veterans and Families (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Forces in Mind Trust is accepting applications from not-for-profit organisations for projects that support ex-Service personnel and their families as they move into civilian life in the UK.
The Trust is a grant-making charity funded by The National Lottery Community Fund, working to help former members of the Armed Forces make a successful and sustainable transition.
Funding is available for work that benefits serving personnel, veterans or their families and delivers direct impact in the UK. Eligible applicants range from small community groups and charities to larger institutions such as universities. Grant amounts are not specified.
Projects should support one or more of the Trust's priority outcomes under its Housing, Employment, Health, Finance, Criminal Justice, Relationships and Enabler programme.
Current priorities include understanding the impact of Service life on families, responding to the changing needs of the Armed Forces community, improving collaboration and strengthening awareness of Armed Forces issues in mainstream services.
The Trust will not normally fund capital costs, ongoing costs for established projects, retrospective activity general fundraising appeals, statutory replacement funding or grants to individuals.
Applications follow a two-stage process. Initial enquiries can be submitted at any time. Shortlisted applicants are invited to submit a full application.
More information at: https://www.fim-trust.org/

Geoff Hill Charitable Trust (The) (Staffordshire, Dudley, Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Solihull, Birmingham City & Walsall) - Deadline: Rolling

The Geoff Hill Charitable Trust makes small grants to charities, voluntary and community groups operating in Staffordshire, Dudley, Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Solihull, Birmingham City and Walsall for the benefit of people with disabilities, other charities or voluntary bodies, children/young people and the elderly.
Applicants can apply for grants up to a maximum of £200, with the average grant size being £100.
Applications can be made at any time.
The Trust does not have an application form, so appeals should be short and in plain English: send in a A4 letter of not more than 2 sides to:
Mrs Sue Hill,
Geoff Hill Charitable Trust,
7 High Street,
Amblecote,
Stourbridge,
DY8 4DE
For an application checklist: https://geoffhillltd.co.uk/charitable-trust

GirlDreamer Grants for Women of Colour-Led Social Impact Projects (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to support women of colour-led social impact organisations in the UK.
The GirlDreamer Dream Fund will enable organisations to start or grow community-focused initiatives that address social issues and amplify the voices of underrepresented communities.

It aims to empower these young women to lead and create positive change in their communities by offering financial support, skills development, and networking opportunities.
Eligibility criteria:

- Women of colour between 18-35 years old,
- Organisations led by women of colour,
- Based in the UK,
- Running a registered or unregistered charity or non-profit with a social impact focus,
- Annual turnover is less than £100,000.

The fund operates on a quarterly basis. To stay informed about upcoming application deadlines, organisations are encouraged to subscriber to the GirlDreamer's mailing list.
More information at: https://girldreamer.co.uk/what-we-do/

Grants of up to £20 Million Available for Large Scale Community Projects (England) - Deadline: Rolling

Community based organisations are invited to apply for funding through the National Lottery's Reaching Communities England programme.
The programme supports projects that strengthen communities and improve lives across England. Funding is available for initiatives that support communities to:

- come together through inclusive places, spaces and activities (either physical or virtual), especially for communities where people are least able to come together
- help children and young people thrive by developing positive social and emotional skills
- tackle health inequalities by addressing the conditions in which people live, work and grow
- be environmentally sustainable by engaging with climate issues, having a positive environmental impact, and improving access to quality natural spaces

Priority will be given to projects that:

- support places, people or communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
- support people and communities to shape the decisions that affect their lives

Grants range from £20,001 to £20 million for projects lasting up to 5 years.
Most awards are under £500,000. Funding can cover a broad range of costs, including staffing, delivery expenses, community engagement and organisational development.
Eligible applicants include registered charities, voluntary groups, CIOs, CICs, schools and public bodies. Partnerships may also apply.
There is no fixed closing date; applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Decisions can take several months due to the programme's scale and demand.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/pkfbehr8

Green Allotments Funding to Support New Community-Led Allotments (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Environmental charity Green Allotments has announced that The New Allotment Site Fund is accepting applications from people in England who want to establish new non-profit allotment sites in their area.
The fund can support the purchase of land, with Green Allotments offering up to £50,000 per acre. The aim is to provide additional land for allotments, enabling more people to grow their own food and benefit from the associated health and wellbeing benefits.
Applicants must form an allotment society and help manage the new site. The charity will retain ownership of the land and lease it to the allotment society at a peppercorn rent.
Applicants are encouraged to identify potential land before getting in touch.

Applicants must be aged 18 and over. Councils, statutory organisations and intermediary bodies are not eligible, while established Community Interest Companies are unlikely to be supported.
Applications can be made at any time.
More information at: https://greenallotments.org.uk/

Greenhall Foundation (The) Grants for Projects that Support Disadvantaged People (UK/International) - Deadline: Rolling

UK-based registered charities can apply for grants ranging from £1,000 to £10,000 to enhance the lives of people facing social and economic challenges, particularly amongst the sick, elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged populations in the UK.
The Greenhall Founding is providing the funding, which will support special projects or the purchase of specific equipment, rather than general operating costs or charity salaries. The Foundation gives preference to appeals where they can provide a significant proportion of the required funding.
UK-registered charities can also apply for the Greenhall Foundation's funding initiative to support overseas projects. The Foundation aims to create a positive impact in communities and this funding round will be closed once the Foundation receives 150 applications. # Trustees meet in May and November each year to consider applications.

- May meetings are open to charities in all income brackets,
- November meetings are only open to charities with an annual income of £250,000 or less.

Previous grants awarded include funding for education programmes for individuals with disabilities, support of the elderly through the provision of daily nutritious meals, and mental health support for young people facing poverty, social isolation, and unemployment.
More information at: https://greenhallfoundation.org/

Greggs Foundation (The) Grants for Charitable Organisations Working in Disadvantaged Communities (England & Northern Ireland) – Deadline: Rolling

The Greggs Foundation has announced that its Community Action Fund will open on 26th January 2026, to support projects that help to build stronger, healthier communities across England and Norther Ireland.
Grants of up to £20,000 per year, for a maximum of three years, will be available to eligible organisations.
The programme focuses on initiatives which:

- Address direct needs in the local community,
- Provide food and support for individuals,
- Reduce social isolation and widening networks,
- Build knowledge, confidence and opportunities.

To be eligible, organisations must be not-for-profit, have an annual income between £25,000 and £1 million, possess at least one set of annual accounts, and have free reserves of less than six months' running costs. Additionally, they should have a board of at least three unrelated trustees or directors and a safeguarding policy in place.
The fund supports organisations based in one of the Foundation's geographical focus areas, typically located near Greggs Outlets and in areas of social deprivation. Eligible locations will be published on the Foundation's website.
As well as supporting organisations close to Greggs Outlets, the Community Action Fund also supports organisations situated in the North East of England (Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham and Teeside). This aims to rectify the historical lack of funding opportunities for organisations in the region.
More information at: https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/community-funding

Grimmitt Trust (The) (UK/International) - Deadline: Rolling

The Grimmitt Trust makes grant available for local charitable organisations working in the areas of healthcare, education, young people, older people, and community support, as well as providing relief to those in need overseas.
Funding is at the discretion of the trustees, and grants range from £500 to £1,500.
The following organisations **are not eligible** for funding:

- National charities,
- Social enterprises,
- Community Interest Companies (CICs).

There is no application form- applications must be made in writing and the letter should be posted to the Trust Secretary:
Karen Grice, Trust Secretary,
Grimmitt Trust,
151B All Saints Road,
Kings Heath,
Birmingham B14 6AT
Email: mailto:admin@grimmitt-trust.org.uk.
For an application checklist: https://tinyurl.com/mrxeka5w

Groundwork's Grassroots Grants of up to £2,000 Available to Tackle Local Issues (England) - Deadline: Rolling

Local charities and community organisations can now apply for grants of £500 to £2,000 to support small-scale projects that improve the lives of local people and their neighbourhoods that rank as being within the top 15% on the English Indices of Deprivation.
The funding is available through the Grassroots Grants scheme, delivered by the environmental and regeneration charity Groundwork. The programme supports community-led initiatives across England that tackle local issues, help vulnerable people, and strengthen social connections.
The scheme is aimed at smaller organisations that often struggle to access mainstream funding but deliver real impact in their communities. Eligible applicants include registered charities, community groups, and other not-for-profit organisations with an annual income below £25,000.
Funding is flexible and can be used for a wide range of purposes, such as:

- Paying staff or volunteer expenses,
- Covering equipment or materials,
- Meeting core running costs, including rent and utilities,
- Providing staff or volunteer training,
- Hiring consultants to support organisational development.

Previously funded projects have included youth clubs, food-growing schemes, mental health workshops, and activities reducing isolation among older residents.
Applications can be submitted at any time between January and September 2026. Decisions are usually made within 10 weeks of submitting an application.
For further information about the programme or the application process please contact Groundwork UK on 0121 237 3640 or by email at grassrootsgrants@groundwork.org.uk
More information at: https://www.groundwork.org.uk/grassroots-grants/

Heart of England Community Foundation (The) Birmingham and the Black Country Communities Fund (Birmingham and the Black Country) – Deadline: Rolling

Any type of constituted not-for-profit, such as community and voluntary groups, charities, and CICs, with an annual income of £500,000 or less, can apply for grants up to £3,000 for projects that can be completed within one year and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Promote health and wellbeing,
- Tackle disadvantage,
- Support local solutions to meet local needs,
- Promote community cohesion,
- Develop sustainable and supportive communities.

Funds may be spent on a wide range of purposes, including:

- Start-up costs for new organisations or projects,
- Extension and development of existing projects,
- Pilot projects (to gather research and evidence).
- The purchase of equipment and resources.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/vsr9hsnu.

Hedley Foundation (The) Grants to Improve the Quality of Life for Disadvantaged & Vulnerable People (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Hedley Foundation is inviting applications from small- to medium-sized registered charities, with an annual income of below £1 million, that help to improve the quality of life of people in the UK, particularly the disadvantaged and vulnerable.
The Foundation is an endowed grant-making charity that supports organisations improving quality of life for disadvantaged people in the UK.
The Foundation typically makes grants of up to £5,000 each year for initiatives that benefit the lives of young people, disabled people, elderly people, the terminally ill and otherwise disadvantaged people and their carers. Occasional larger sums are given to charities where high impact can be achieved.
The Trustees meet regularly to discuss applications and to make decisions on grants and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
More information at: http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/apply-now

Henry Smith Charity (The) Strengthening Communities Programme (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of between £20,000 and £70,000 per year for up to three years are available to community-led charities and not-for-profit organisations working to support communities in the most deprived areas of the UK.
The Henry Smith's Strengthening Communities programme focuses on supporting the running costs of organisations working at grass-roots level, to ensure that funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas.
The Charity is looking to fund established organisations with a track record of delivering services directly to beneficiaries and want to fund work that enables:

- People from across the community to participate in activities that improve connectedness, opportunities, and wellbeing,
- People who are excluded, vulnerable, or facing other forms of hardship to have access to community-based services that support positive lasting change,
- A stronger, active, more engaged community.

Funding can be used to increase existing service provision, take on a new staff member, improve sustainability, or cover small capital costs.
Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made within 6 months.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/y45848yx

Hodge Foundation (The) (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Hodge Foundation's aim is to support projects that have effective solutions to helping those most in need. The funding is awarded around four main areas:

- **Welfare** – the Foundation supports charities working with people who may be vulnerable or disadvantaged and who need assistance to improve their lives. This includes a variety of causes and groups including the elderly, homeless, disabled, special needs and those with mental health issues,
- **Education** – importance is placed on support for education and learning both within formal school settings and practical approaches to learning which support young people to fulfil their potential and thrive, including those with special needs. The Foundation continues to support arts projects for education that encourage and inspire audiences across the UK and bring a range of benefits to people of all ages and backgrounds,
- **Medical** – the Foundation supports medical related charities specializing in the treatment and support for specific illnesses and research. The main focus has been on local hospices, children's care and university-based research in the fields of cancer and mental health,
- **Religion** – the Foundation supports communities by providing funds towards projects such as facilities in church buildings and inclusive activities for the wider community.

More information at: https://www.hodgefoundation.org.uk/

John Ellerman Foundation (The) Grants of up to £180,000 Available for UK Organisations Tackling the Climate Crisis, Inequality, and Social Division (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

UK charitable organisations can apply for grants of up to £60,000 per year for up to three years that address the triple planetary crisis of reducing social polarisation and building trust, promoting equitable economic systems and advancing equity and justice.
The funding provides multi-year core funding of up to £180,000 in total to strengthen organisational capacity and long-term impact. Support can cover salaries, operational costs, monitoring and evaluation, communications, digital development, and other essential core expenditure rather than one-off project costs.
Examples of the type of actions that could be supported:

- Building greater trust and connection, reducing polarisation within society and increasing the levels of participation and influence in the political process (which is sometimes referred to as political equality),
- Promoting the development and adoption of economic models and systems that support people and planet and reduce wealth inequalities,
- Advancing equity and justice for marginalised communities impacted by the issues above i.e. specifically communities impacted by the triple planetary crisis; polarisation and loss of trust, or exclusion from the political process; and/or harmful economic systems and wealth inequalities. Applications under this area must be clear how one or more of these issues are at the heart of their work.

Eligible applicants must be UK-registered charities or equivalent organisations, including companies limited by guarantee with an asset lock or groups working with an appropriate fiscal host. Organisations must have an annual income between £100,000 and £10 million and demonstrate impact at a national or UK level. Environmental work in the UK Overseas Territories may also be considered. The Foundation prioritises organisations that take a

systems-level approach and actively involve communities with lived experience in shaping solutions.
Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and there is no fixed closing date. Previously submitted work has included environmental restoration initiatives, programmes strengthening democratic participation, and organisations advancing social and economic justice in the UK.
More information at: https://ellerman.org.uk/apply-for-funding/what-we-fund

London Heart's Defibrillator Grants (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of £300 are available to sports clubs, schools, parish councils, community groups and individuals who are fundraising for a public access defibrillator in their area.
The grants are being made available by London Hearts, which is a leading heart charity in the UK, with the aim of placing defibrillators in communities and delivering CPR and defibrillator training.
To be eligible applicants need to confirm that they are or will be fundraising for a defibrillator.
More information at: https://londonhearts.org/defibrillator-grants

Morrisons Foundation (The) Funding to Support Local Community Projects (England, Scotland, & Wales) - Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to registered charities for projects that positively impact communities across England, Scotland, and Wales.
The Morrisons Foundation provides funding to support projects that:

- Tackle poverty and social deprivation,
- Enhance community spaces, facilities, and services,
- Improve the health and wellbeing of local communities.

The funding will support both capital spend and direct project delivery costs.
Priority is given to smaller organisations with an annual income of less than £1 million.
Applications can be made at any time and will be reviewed continually.
More information at: https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/grant-funding-request/

Morrisons Foundation (The) Grants of up to £20,000 Available to Improve Community Spaces (England, Scotland & Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

The Morrisons Foundation has announced that its Connecting Communities grants are open for applications, offering up to £20,000 to registered charities for capital projects that improve shared community spaces.
The Morrisons Foundation is the charitable foundation of Morrisons, supporting registered charities that make a positive difference in local communities across England, Scotland and Wales.
The grants are intended to help charities maintain, refurbish and improve accessible local spaces that bring people together, reduce social isolation and keep vital services available.
Eligible projects could include:

- renovations such as roofs, kitchens or accessible toilets;
- fixed equipment such as boilers, security systems, stairlifts or sensory room equipment;
- outdoor improvements such as community gardens, paths or playground equipment.

Applicants must be registered charities with at least one year's registration, filed accounts, and ownership of the property or a lease with at least three years remaining. Smaller charities with annual income under £1 million are prioritised. CICs, exempt charities, animal welfare charities, and organisations promoting religious or political messages are not eligible.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through the Morrisons Foundation website. There is no deadline. Decisions are usually provided by email within eight weeks, although the grant policy states reviews can take up to three months.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/5n7vxzcw

Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation (The) Grants for Sustainable Community Projects (England, Scotland, and Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

The Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation has teamed with Crowdfunder to make £100,000 in funding available for sustainable community projects in England, Scotland, and Wales. Charities and community interest companies can apply for up to 50% of their crowdfunding target, up to a maximum of £5,000, to support projects that match one or more of the following themes:

- The environment and conservation,
- Health and wellbeing,
- The prevention or relief of poverty.

Projects could include rewilding projects, community gardens, social inclusion and mental health projects, sports projects, community food banks, money management and budgeting skills, and educational projects for communities to reduce their carbon footprint.
Projects must be delivered in 2022/2023.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/n69u7mcr

Moto in the Community Trust Funding for Local Community Projects (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Charities, schools, and community organisations operating within a 15-mile radius of a Moto Motorway Services site can apply for funding for projects and activities that deliver benefits to local communities across the UK.
Moto in the Community Trust will fund different types of projects provided they clearly benefit the communities where Moto is present or where it has a significant staff catchment.
The average grant awarded is £1,000. However, larger grants may be agreed upon.
Please note that any application that is submitted should have the endorsement of a Moto colleague, that is someone directly employed by Moto Hospitality Ltd.
Applications can be made at any time. The application process can take up to 8 weeks to complete.
More information at: https://www.moto-way.com/about-us/mitc-trust/grant-process/

National Lottery Community Fund (The) Awards for All (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Voluntary, community organisations and schools etc. across the UK can now apply for grants of up to £20,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All programme. This represents a significant increase from the previous maximum grant size of £10,000. Projects can last for up to two years.
The funding boost is intended to support organisations in delivering new or existing community-led activities. Eligible projects must achieve at least one of the following objectives:

- Bring people together to build strong relationships within and across communities,
- Improve places and spaces that matter to communities.
- Help individuals reach their potential by providing early support,
- Assist individuals, communities, and organisations facing difficulties due to the cost-of-living crisis.

Organisations eligible to apply include:

- Constituted voluntary or community organisations,

- Constituted groups or clubs,
- Registered charities,
- Charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs),
- Not-for-profit companies,
- Community interest companies (CICs),
- Schools (provided the project benefits and involves the surrounding communities),
- Statutory bodies (including local authorities, town, parish, and community councils),
- Community benefit societies.

The funding can be used for a variety of purposes, including:

- Organisational running costs,
- Equipment,
- One off events,
- Staff costs,
- Training costs,
- Transport,
- Utilities,
- Volunteer expenses,
- Small land or refurbishment projects.

The application deadline is 16 weeks before the start of the project or activities.
More information at: https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k

National Lottery Community Fund (The) Grants to Foster Stronger Community Connections (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Voluntary and community associations, statutory bodies, charities and partnerships can apply for grants of £500,000 to £5 million, spread over 2 to 10 years, to support projects that bring diverse communities together.
The National Lottery Community Fund's UK Fund is open to applications from organisations seeking to scale up proven work that tackles inequality and delivers systemic change.
Rather than funding new ideas, the programme supports projects that are already making an impact and have the potential to grow their reach or deepen their effectiveness.
Eligible projects must benefit communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage, or discrimination, and operate across at least two UK nations – or demonstrate clear plans to share learning nationally.
The fund focuses on five strategic priorities:

- Strengthening relationships between people with different life experiences,
- Creating meaningful online or digital connections for those isolated from face-to-face interaction,
- Enabling people to shape the future of their communities,
- Supporting children and young people facing challenges to influence systems affecting them,
- Increasing organisational capacity to involve young people meaningfully.

Around 20 projects will be funded annually, with decisions typically made within six months of submission.
The programme operates on a rolling basis, with no fixed deadline. Decisions are usually made within 36 weeks.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/4du9e3yv

npower Business Solutions Foundation (The) Grants for Community Projects (West Midlands, Yorkshire & Humber) - Deadline: Rolling

The npower Business Solutions (nBS) Foundation has launched a community fund to support not-for-profit organisations and educational institutions within a 50-mile radius of its Solihull and Leeds offices. This initiative aims to foster stronger, greener, and more sustainable local communities by financing projects that focus on decarbonisation, responsible business growth, social innovation, and the promotion of local skills and employment opportunities.

Organisations, including registered charities, community interest companies, and educational establishments operational for at least two years, can apply for grants of up to £100,000. The funding is structured in three bands: up to £19,999, £20,000 to £39,999, and £40,000 to £100,000, contingent on the organisation's turnover and project scope. Projects should be designed for completion within 12 months of receiving the grant and must demonstrate clear environmental benefits, community engagement, and address social challenges.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with decisions made quarterly.

Applicants seeking £40,000 or more are required to submit a brief video (maximum two minutes) outlining their project to aid the evaluation process. To apply, organisations should visit the nBS Foundation's application portal, where they can find detailed guidance on eligibility criteria and the application procedure.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/bdd8ssvu

One Stop Community Partnership to Re-open for Applications (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Convenience store operator One Stop has announced that its Community Partnership programme will re-open for applications on 1 September 2026. The programme provides grants of up to £1,000 to community groups and other not-for-profit organisations operating within a two-mile radius of a One Stop shop.

The grants are available to support projects and initiatives that are:

- Tackling food poverty
- Supporting the vulnerable
- Supporting the elderly
- Supporting low-income families
- Running youth sports teams
- Reducing / recycling waste
- Improving the environment

In addition to the grant, the One Stop Community Team and One Stop Store Team create a long-term, tailored support programme for successful applicants. Grant recipients then partner with the One Stop Store Team at their local shop to deliver this programme.

Applications will be welcomed from various organisations, including voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, and Community Interest Companies.

For further information, please contact: onestop@groundwork.org.uk

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/yjdmhxwe.

Rayne Foundation (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Rayne Foundation helps and encourages inspiring individuals and organisations who can help build bridges within our complex world. The Foundation aims to enlarge sympathies through increasing tolerance and understanding, to reduce exclusion and conflict, to bring people together for the good of society and ultimately to help create a more comprehending and cohesive world.

We will consider applications in the fields of the arts, health and wellbeing, education in its widest sense, and those that cover social issues. Our focus is to connect communities, building bridges between marginalised groups and mainstream society, and to enable individuals to reach their full potential. Within these broad criteria, we have a number of areas of special interest:

- Young people's improved mental health,
- Arts as a tool to achieve social change,
- Improved quality of life for carers and older people.

We particularly welcome applications addressing these issues but will consider applications in other subjects which meet our broader criteria.
Rayne Grants is an open application programme, the only programme which accepts unsolicited applications. They have a thorough and specific system in place for determining potential successful applicants.
More information at: https://www.raynefoundation.org.uk/

Royal British Legion (The) Everyday Needs Grants Programme (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £2,400 are being made available to help UK Armed Forces veterans and their families who are struggling to pay their bills due to the cost-of-living crisis.
The funding is being made available to support people who need help with everyday essentials such as kitchen appliances, clothes, and energy costs.
The initiative will provide non-repayable emergency grants of up to £200 a month for up to twelve months.
Applications can be made at any time and should be assessed within days of submission.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2p8vvtpn

Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust – Ann Rylands Small Donation Programme (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Charities supporting sick and disadvantaged people across the UK can apply for grants of up to £2,500 from the Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust – Ann Rylands Small Donation Programme.
Funding supports projects of a humanitarian nature or supplement core funding, with priority given to organisations supporting the elderly, people with disabilities or living with serious illness, or those facing challenges with mental health, social exclusion, homelessness or other difficulties in their lives.
Previous projects funded include the Scotts Project Trust which supports adults with learning disabilities, SERVE which supports independent living, and Alive Activities which enriches the lives of older people in care and trains their carers.
Applications can be made at any time, the online application form is available on the Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust website.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/ev435jsz

Social Investment Business (SIB) Community Enterprise Fund (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants and affordable loans are available to support charities and social enterprises working to improve the lives of people in their local community,
Through the Community Enterprise Fund, Social Investment Business (SIB), in partnership with the Asda Foundation, will award a mixture of grants and unsecured loans up to £50,000 (with maximum grants of up to 20%) to support community organisations across England and Wales.

Loans will be available over four to seven years at an interest rate of 1-5%, and can be used for any purpose, excluding refinancing.
Organisations should contact SIB in the first instance to discuss their funding needs.
More information at: https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/community-enterprise-fund/

Social Investment Business Grants & Loans to Improve the Energy Efficiency of Community Organisations (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Social Investment Business offers unrestricted loans and grants to help charities and social enterprises in England improve their energy resilience.
The Energy Resilience Fund provides £25,000 to £250,000 in funding (40% grant, 60% loan) for projects that reduce carbon emissions, save energy costs, and upgrade energy efficiency.
Eligible uses include installing energy-saving measure or generation technologies for buildings and land (including new builds) and purchasing energy-efficient or environmentally friendly vehicles and equipment. If required, energy audit support will also be provided.
Loans are repayable over ten years at a fixed rate of 8.5% per annum. There is also a loan arrangement fee of 2.5%.
To be eligible, organisations must demonstrate that they are unable to access mainstream bank lending for this purpose.
More information at: https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/energy-resilience-fund/

Souter Charitable Trust (The) Funding for Charities Supporting Vulnerable Communities (UK/International) - Deadline: Rolling

The Souter Charitable Trust invites applications from UK-registered charities that work to reduce hardship and improve people's lives in the UK and overseas. The Trust particularly supports organisations guided by Christian values, although charities without a Christian focus are also welcome to apply.
The Trust works with organisations that share its values and aims to support people and communities who are vulnerable or lack access to support. Funding is intended to help charities provide practical help and improve both physical and spiritual wellbeing.
There is no fixed minimum or maximum grant amount, but most awards range from £1,000 to £3,000. The Trust has supported a wide range of projects, including malaria prevention programmes and the provision of daily school meals for children in Africa.
Grants are limited to UK-registered charities. Because of UK legal requirements, the Trustees cannot fund overseas organisations directly, as they are not able to carry out the required checks.
You can apply at any time. Applications are reviewed each month.
More information at: https://www.soutercharitabletrust.org.uk/.

Stobart Group (The) Funding for Community-led Environmental & Sustainability Projects (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

As part of its long-term commitment to sustainability, the Stobart Group has launched a new fund to support community-led environmental and sustainability projects across the UK.
The Stobart Sustainability Fund will support not-for-profit organisations, community groups, and educational facilities, such as schools and colleges, in transforming their local communities through projects that:

- Tackle climate change,
- Reduce carbon emissions,
- Protect and enhance the environment.

The fund aims to help educate communities on how they can make a difference by supporting diverse projects and initiatives making a positive change.
Organisations are invited to specify the level of funding they require on the application.

No application deadline is given.
More information at: https://eddiestobart.com/the-stobart-sustainability-fund/

The Fore Transformational Grants for Small Charities and Not-for-Profit Organisations (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Fore will be making grants of up to £30,000 (for one to three years) to support small organisations working with marginalised groups, and led by people in the community that may have found it hard to access trust and foundation funding in the past.
The Fore makes unrestricted grants for up to three years that have the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation. Transformational impact include helping an organisation become more sustainable, more efficient, to grow significantly, or enabling an organisation to take a major step forward of some kind.
Any registered charity, CIC, CIO or Community Benefit Society with a turnover of under £500,000 in the last financial year is eligible to apply.
To apply for funding, organisations must first register some basic contact details at the start of each funding round. The number of registrations accepted for each round is capped and registrations are run on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the cap is reached the round is closed, so please register early.
In previous years the cap has been reached within 24 hours of the funding round opening for applications.
More information at: https://www.thefore.org/applying-for-funding/

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation (The) Funding to Improve the Lives of Vulnerable People in Disadvantaged Communities (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation is currently accepting applications for its Small and Major Grants programmes, aimed at supporting UK-based charitable organisations addressing deprivation in urban and rural communities. These grants are designed to fund core costs, salaries, running expenses, and project costs for organisations with a demonstrable track record of success in tackling local issues.
The Small Grants programme offers single-year grants ranging from £2,000 to £10,000, targeting organisations with an annual income of up to £250,000. Projects must focus on community support and be located in areas within the bottom 15% (urban) or 50% (rural) of in the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). Applicants are required to secure 50% of the total project costs from other sources.
The Major Grants programme provides single-year grants between £10,000 and £50,000, and multi-year grants up to £100,000 over three years, for organisations with an annual income of up to £500,000. These grants focus on family support initiatives, including early intervention, assistance for families coping with addiction, and support for prisoners' families. Applicants must demonstrate that their work is conducted in areas of extreme urban deprivation or deprived rural districts, as defined by the IMD.
Applications for both programmes are accepted on a rolling basis with no fixed deadlines. Small Grants decisions are typically made within eight weeks, while Major Grants involve a two-stage process with decisions made at quarterly Grants Committee meetings. Interested organisations should complete the online eligibility quiz, and, if eligible, proceed with the application process via the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation's website.
More information at: https://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants

TSB Emergency Flee Fund (England, Scotland, and Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

TSB has launched a new fund to support victims fleeing domestic abuse. The bank will offer existing customers payments of between £50 and £500 depending on their individual needs, which will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
The payments can be used to cover the costs of essentials such as travel, clothing, and toiletries.
The funds will be deposited into a safe TSB account that can only be accessed by the individual and do not need to be repaid.
Customers can visit any of TSB's 220 branches in England, Scotland, and Wales to request access to the Emergency Flee Fund.
In partnership with Women's Aid, TSB is also launching a pilot scheme to allow domestic abuse victims to safely open and access a bank account – without standard documentation. will pilot the scheme.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/yktcccmz

Tudor Trust (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Trust offers grants to voluntary and community groups for work in the UK that meets the needs of people at the margins of society.
The Trust supports smaller community-led organisations that work directly with people who are on the edges of mainstream society in ways which encourage inclusion, integration and independence.
That Trust is particularly interested in supporting work that develops and promotes the social connections and relationships which make an important contribution to well-being and quality of life of individuals, and which strengthen communities.
Grants can be used for the following:

- Core organizational costs, such as salaries and day-to-day running costs,
- Project grants,
- Capital grants for buildings or equipment,
- Grants to help strengthen the organisation.

Charitable organisations working in any part of the UK are eligible to apply. There is no maximum or minimum level of grant, although it is unusual for a grant of less than £10,000 to be made.
More information at: https://www.tudortrust.org.uk/our-funding

Turner Trust (The) (Birmingham, the Black Country and Worcestershire) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants are available to registered charities in Birmingham, the Black Country and Worcestershire for projects across a wide range of issues including health and welfare, the environment, the arts, and social support. **£5,000: grants are generally between £1,000 and £5,000**. Larger grants may be awarded to regular beneficiaries and capital projects.
Grants can cover project, capital expenditure or core costs. The Trust aims to make grants to registered charities working in the following fields:

- Children and young people,
- Disability and health,
- Environment and heritage,
- The arts,
- Working in the community,
- Social support,
- Hospices.

Applications can be made throughout the year and are normally considered at three meetings each year.
The next deadlines for applications are:

- 16th June 2023 (for consideration at 7th July 2023 meeting),
- 27th October 2023 (for consideration at 24th November 2023 meeting),
- 9th February 2024 (for consideration at 8th March 2024 meeting).

Successful applicants are usually notified of a decision within two weeks of the meeting.
More information at: https://www.turnertrust.co.uk/grant-application-2/

Turning Point Grants to Promote Wellbeing & Reduce Social Isolation (England) - Deadline: Rolling

Charities, community groups, and social enterprises in England can apply for up to £2,500 in seed funding to support sustainable initiatives aimed at reducing social isolation and enhancing the wellbeing of vulnerable people in their local area.
The funding is supplied by Turning Point, a health and social care organisation, through its Community Innovation Fund. Eligible activities should promote physical activity, foster social connections, teach new skills, encourage volunteering, and practice mindfulness.
Previously funded projects include a community crafting club, a sensory garden, a potter course, and a storytelling club for men recovering from addiction.
Groups can apply through nominations from Turning Point teams in areas where Turning Point operates.
Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered in the next funding round in spring 2025.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/yv55pnhw

Veterans' Foundation (The) Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Support Armed Forces Communities (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Veterans' Foundation has announced that funding is available for organisations supporting serving and former members of the Armed Forces, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families.
The Foundation provides grants to organisations addressing a range of needs within the Armed Forces community. These include homelessness, unemployment, financial hardship, disability, mental and physical health, addiction, welfare needs and support for families and children. Priority is given to organisations providing direct support.
Funding is available through several programmes, including

- Small Grants of £500 to £5,000,
- Standard Grants of £5,001 to £30,000,
- Salary Grants of up to £25,000 per year for three years, with a maximum award of £75,000.

The Foundation also operates a Major Grants programme for larger partnership projects. The 2026 Major Grants round offered awards of £200,000 to £500,000 and is now closed.
Key points / Highlights:

- Funding supports the Armed Forces community, qualified seafarers and immediate families.
- Grants range from £500 to £75,000 through the main programmes.
- Major Grants can provide substantially larger awards when rounds are open.
- Small Grants are available on a rolling basis.
- Standard and Salary Grants are currently rolling, with decisions normally taking 12–16 weeks.

Applicants must complete the Foundation's online eligibility checker before applying.

Organisations holding an existing Veterans' Foundation grant must wait six months from the award date before applying again. Unsuccessful applicants can normally reapply three months after receiving their decision.
More information at: https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant.

Wakeham Trust (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Trust has been established since 1975, their core goal is to help small groups of people who are getting together to make a difference in their communities, on the whole they do not support big or established charities. They are especially interested in helping groups that are starting up and need a little seed money to help to get them going.
They usually make very small grants to very small projects because they often find it hard to appeal to larger and more funding bodies. The only exception to this is that they have made occasional large grants to support excellence in teaching, especially in the humanities.
They continue to support the original objective of the Trust supporting projects that encourage community service by young people to their own neighbourhoods and communities.
These are the sort of issues they tend to look at when they decide what projects to back:

- Is it something new for the particular area – it does not matter if the idea is tried and tested in other parts of the country, if it is new for the community the Trust is interested in hearing about it,
- Is it small – they normally give grants where an initial £125 to £2,500 can make a real difference. In general, they look at what it is costing per head to reach the people the project is helping,
- Is it run by ordinary people, not professionals? – this is partly a function of size, once a project is big enough to employ staff it is probably too big for them,
- Will find it hard to get support elsewhere? – they try to help those projects that are too new to get support through established fund-raising channels, or which (if established) are under threat due to changes in national or local policy,
- Does it have the potential to become self-supporting – they like to see information that shows how the project will support itself in future years or over the course of its life,
- Is it outward looking rather than being focused on its own members? – they are especially keen to help groups who are usually considered recipients of voluntary action (for example old age pensioners, refugees, or young offenders) when these people become involved in helping the community,
- Does it have a UK charity number, or can it find a charity to accept funds on its behalf?

More information at: https://thewakehamtrust.org/what-sorts-of-projects-do-we-help/

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (The) Funding to Make Communities Safer (West Midlands) - Deadline: Rolling

The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner is providing £330,000 in funding to help West Midlands communities to make their areas safer.
Constituted community groups and organisations can bid for up to £5,000 from the My Community Fund to support locally based community projects that aim to make a positive difference and make the West Midlands a safer place to live, learn, and work.
The money is allocated from items seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act for projects that will contribute to crime prevention & reduction, and community safety in the local area.
The services provided must be linked to those prioritised by the PCC's Police and Crime Plan, such as:

- Combatting violence against women and girls, and domestic abuse,

- Tackling violent crime,
- Investing in schemes to support young people to prevent them from becoming victims of crime, criminal exploitation, or offenders.

Applications can be made at any time. Most bids are considered and approved in September and October, although exceptional projects can be considered at other times of the year.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/yr9yyh2r

William A Cadbury Charitable Trust (Birmingham and the West Midlands – Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire & Herefordshire) – Deadline: Rolling

The William A Cadbury Charitable Trust is a Birmingham based grant-making charity which provides funding to other charitable organisations working principally in the West Midlands. The Trust provides funding for the following areas:

- **Community Action** – community based and organised schemes (which may be centred on a place of worship) aimed at solving local problems and improving the quality of life for community members,
- **Vulnerable Groups** – including the elderly, children, and young people, the disabled, asylum seekers and similar minorities,
- **Advice, Mediation and Counselling** – applicants must be able to point to the rigorous selection, training and monitoring of front-line staff, particularly in the absence of formal qualifications, as well as to the overall need for the service provided,
- **Education and Training** – trustees are particularly interested in schemes that help people of working age develop new skills in order to re-enter the jobs market,
- **Environment and Conservation** – projects which address the impact of climate change and projects to preserve buildings and installations of historic importance and local interest,
- **Medical and Healthcare** – hospices, self help groups and some medical research which must be based in and be of potential benefit to the West Midlands,
- **The Arts** – music, drama and the visual arts, museums and art galleries,
- **Penal Affairs** – restorative justice, prison-based projects and work with ex-offenders aimed at reducing reoffending (penal reform used to be supported on a UK wide basis but, because of the volume of appeals received, the programme is now restricted to the West Midlands.

Trustees will consider applications for core costs as well for development/project funding. If the Trust has supported you in the past, please briefly describe the outcome of the most recent project to receive our support.
Applications are considered by trustees on a regular basis and small grants (up to a maximum of £2,000) are awarded monthly.
Trustees meet in May and November to award approximately 20 large grants at each meeting with an average value of £20,000, and an occasional maximum of £50,000. The cut off for applications to the May meeting is early March while for November the cut off is early to mid-September.
More information at: https://wa-cadbury.org.uk/

Yapp Charitable Trust (The) Grants Available for Small Charities Supporting Disadvantaged People (England & Wales) - Deadline: Rolling

The Yapp Charitable Trust is making funds available to support the core costs of small, registered charities working with some of the most disadvantaged and marginalised people in England and Wales.

The Trust funds work that focuses on one of their priority groups:

- elderly people
- children & young people
- mental health, disability & learning difficulties
- people overcoming addiction, abuse, offending or social disadvantage
- educational disadvantage

Grants of up to £3,000 per year for up to three years are available to support ongoing core costs and regular service delivery rather than new projects.

To be eligible, organisations must have been operating for at least three years and have an annual income of less than £50,000.

Priority will be given to:

- work that is unattractive to the general public or unpopular with other funders
- services that help to improve the lives of marginalised, disadvantaged or isolated people
- applicants that can demonstrate an effective use of volunteers
- applicants that can demonstrate (where feasible) an element of self-sustainability by charging subscriptions/fees to service users

Applications can be made at any time. Trustees meet three times a year to review applications. Decisions can take up to five months.

More information at: https://yappcharitabletrust.org.uk/what-we-fund/

OLDER PEOPLE

Charles Heyward Foundation (The) Grants to Support Older People Maintain Their Independence (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £7,000 are available to charities in the UK to support preventable and early community-based intervention programmes that focus on helping older people stay in their own homes and maintain their independence.

The funding is being made available through the Charles Heyward Foundation Small Grants programme, and is looking to support projects that:

- Address isolation and depression in older people through activities like informal day care or social and recreational programmes,
- Provide support and assistance for older individuals living in their own homes,
- Cater to the emotional and practical needs of older caregivers,
- And meet the specific requirements of people with dementia.

There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

More information at: http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/older-people/

Friends of the Elderly Grants for Older People on Low Incomes (England & Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

Older people on low incomes in England and Wales can apply for small grants through Friends of the Elderly's Grants for Older People programme.

The funding is available to older people who live in England or Wales and are in financial need. Grants are usually up to £600, although in some cases grants of up to £1,000 may be available.

To qualify for a grant, the person must be:

- Living in England or Wales

- Over State Pension age
- On a low income
- Have savings of less than £4,000

The grants provide practical help with essential needs and living costs, including:

- Energy and utility bills
- Rent, council tax, and other household costs
- Essential home items, such as furniture and appliances
- Food, clothing, and daily essentials

There are two ways to apply. Applications can be submitted through a referral agent, such as a charity, advice agency, local authority, housing provider, or health and social care professional who is already supporting the older person.
Alternatively, individuals who are comfortable using online forms, or who know someone who can help them, can apply themselves.
Applications can be submitted at any time.
More information at: https://www.fote.org.uk/our-charity-work/grants-2/

Home Instead Charities (The) Funding for Activities to Improve the Lives of the Elderly (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Community groups and small charities working with older people can now apply for grants from Home Instead Charities.
The charity, part of the Home Instead UK network, provides funding to projects that enhance wellbeing or reduce social isolation among people aged 55 or over. Grants are now available to grassroots organisations, small local charities and register charities, with Community Interest Companies also eligible.
Funding levels depend on the type of organisation. Grassroots groups can apply for up to £500, while small local registered charities may receive up to £1,500. Registered charities are required to provide a copy of their constitution and the latest accounts.
Projects typically supported include social clubs, day trips, yoga sessions, and guest speakers. Funding cannot be used for salaries, operating costs, capital projects, or repeat applications for the same project within the same year.
Applicants must demonstrate inclusivity and hold a bank account in the same name as the applying group. Organisations with more than three months' reserves may only be awarded up to 50% of their request.
Home Instead Charities said it aims to support small groups making a direct difference in local communities.
For more information and application details, please visit the Home Instead Charities website.
Applications are considered four times a year – in January, April, July and October. Submissions made outside these windows will not be processed. Applications received in October will be processed and awarded in November 2025.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/7fsue96p

McCarthy Stone Foundation (The) Festive Grants of up to £750 for Groups Supporting Older People in Need (England, Scotland and Wales)

Charities and community groups working with older people in deprived areas g in England, Scotland or Wales can apply for grants of up to £750 from the McCarthy Stone Foundation's Festive Connections Grants Programme 2026. The fund aims to support at least 30 organisations delivering festive celebrations and social connections for those aged over 65 between 1 December 2026 and 2 January 2027.

The programme, which prioritises communities with the highest levels of income deprivation and loneliness among older people, is open to registered charities, constituted community groups, and Community Interest Companies (CICs by guarantee). Applicants must have an annual turnover below £250,000 and less than 12 months of running costs held in free reserves.
Eligible initiatives include events and activities that foster social interaction and help older people feel remembered during the holiday period. Organisations must clearly evidence local need and indicate the specific towns or wards targeted, with preference given to activities in priority regions outlined by the Foundation.
Examples of the types of activities that could be supported include:

- Community festive meals, lunches or parties that bring older people together.
- Outings such as trips to a Christmas market.
- Befriending activities, including volunteer visit costs/expenses.
- Delivery of Christmas meals or care packages to isolated older adults.
- Small gifts as part of a befriending initiative to show care and connection

Applications are open now and must be submitted online by 5pm on 15 October 2026.
Funding decisions will be communicated by 30 October, with successful applicants receiving grants soon after. Due to anticipated demand, the Foundation cannot provide feedback on all applications but will try to assist where possible if requested.
Details, eligibility criteria, and the online application form are available on the McCarthy Stone Foundation's website.
More information at: https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/

Persimmon Community Champions Funding Programme (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Persimmon, UK house builders, Community Champions funding programme is awarding grants of up to £1,000 to community organisations and charities that support the over-70s – a vulnerable group in our society that they feel need their support in this time of crisis.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/4xxd8d24

W G Edwards Charitable Foundation (UK) – Deadline: Rolling (quarterly)

The W G Edwards Charitable Foundation is an independent grant-making charity, which assists with the provision of care and aims to improve the wellbeing of older people in the UK. The Foundation gives grants to capital projects, refurbishment and for equipment, in addition to innovative schemes for ongoing care and projects which help people to live active and fulfilling lives.
The aim of the Foundation is to improve quality of life and the Trustees consider applications which make a difference to people over the age of 65. The Foundation supports organisations which promote a proactive approach to physical and mental wellbeing.
Trustees make donations to charitable causes at their discretion, within carefully considered criteria laid down by the Founder.
Grants are given to UK-based charities that can demonstrate how they are making people's lives better. If your charity has a mixed age group of beneficiaries, the Foundation will consider an application if at least 80% are over the age of 65.
More information at: http://www.wgedwardscharitablefoundation.org.uk/

DISABILITY AND MENTAL HEALTH

Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust (The) Funding to Support Disadvantaged & Disabled People (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Registered charities working to improve the lives of socially disadvantaged and disabled individuals of all ages across the UK can apply for grants of up to £10,000 from the Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust.
To be eligible, charities must be registered in the UK and have an annual income of less than £500,000.
Applications can be submitted at any time, with review periods taking place twice a year in spring and autumn.
More information at: https://www.antonjurgensfonds.nl/en/applications/ajct/

Archer Trust (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Archer Trust is a UK Christian charitable grant-making trust that aims to support small UK charities that help people with physical or mental disabilities or people facing disadvantage.
Preference will be given to those organisations working in areas of high unemployment and deprivation. They also favour charities which make good use of volunteers. The grants available range from £250 - £3,000.
Applications should be sent by post to:
The Secretary, The Archer Trust, Bourne House, Wadesmill, Ware, Herts SG12 0TT
More information at: http://www.archertrust.org.uk/

Boost Charitable Trust (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Boost Charitable Trust is a UK charity established in 2005 to build on over-looked sporting talent and to champion the disabled and the disadvantaged.
The Boost Charitable Trust provides grants of up to £500 to not-for-profit organisations and charities for projects which use sport to help people to challenge and overcome disadvantage and disability. Since inception in 2005, Boost has supported a number of organisations, with grants totaling in excess of £1.5 million. The majority has been focused within the United Kingdom.
More information at: https://www.boostct.org/

Family Fund (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Family Fund is the UK's largest charity providing grants for families raising disabled children or seriously ill children and young people. Last year we provided 89,423 grants or services worth over £36 million to families across the UK. We believe that all families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people should have the same opportunities as others. Beginning with the most vulnerable, those on low incomes, and considering all conditions against our disability criteria, we aim to make a difference to outcomes for disabled and seriously ill children and young people and the lives of the families raising them across the UK.
We provide grants for a wide range of items, such as washing machines, sensory toys, family breaks, bedding, tablets, furniture, outdoor play equipment, clothing, and computers. It can be a struggle financially, emotionally and physically for families raising a disabled or seriously ill child, and these grants help break down many of the barriers families face, improving their quality of life and easing the additional daily pressures.
More information (including how to apply) at: https://www.familyfund.org.uk/

Family Fund Funding to Support Young People Living with Disabilities (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

UK charity Family Fund is offering funding to support low-income families caring for disabled or seriously ill young people aged 18 to 24 who live at home.

Through the Your Opportunities grants programme, the charity aims to help families manage the significant additional costs of caring for young adults with high support needs in three or more of the following areas:

- Personal care, supervision and vigilance,
- Access to social activities,
- Education/vocational training,
- Communication,
- Therapy and medical treatment,
- Specialist resources such as a wheelchair, oxygen, screen magnifier or electronic communication aid,
- Support with getting around, travelling independently, and keeping safe.

The flexible grants can support a wide range of essential items that promote independence and improve the quality of life, including computers, white goods, clothing, specialist equipment like sports wheelchairs, transport costs, and club or memberships fees.
Applications must be submitted by the parent or carer and are accepted on a first-come first-served basis until funds are fully allocated.
More information at: https://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants/schemes/your-opportunity/

Gardening with Disabilities Trust (The) Funding Available for Disabled Gardeners (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants are available to individuals through the Gardening with Disabilities Trust to enable them to continue gardening despite advancing illness, age, or disability.
To apply for a grant, individuals must provide a letter from their doctor or other healthcare professional indicating their disability and a copy of another official document, such as a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or Blue Badge.
These grants can be used for:

- Raised beds,
- Poly tunnels,
- Greenhouses,
- Tools,
- Small-scale garden adaptations, e.g. access pathways,
- Plants or shrubs,
- Compost.

Preference will be given to keen gardeners who can no longer garden due to their physical disabilities.
There is no application closing date and applications are reviewed every two months.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/4akwm5yc

National Deaf Children's Society Grants to Support Early Years Development for Deaf Children (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The National Deaf Children's Society's Community Grants Programme offers grants of up to £ 10,000 to community groups, charities, and not-for-profit organisations supporting deaf children and their families across the UK.
In this round, funding will support projects and activities that promote the development of deaf children in their early years (ages 0–5). This stage is crucial, particularly for children who may face challenges with language, communication, and social skills without the right support.
Projects may involve families, professionals, and older deaf children, provided they contribute to early years development.

Funding can cover costs such as:

- venue hire
- transport
- promotional costs
- wages for sessional workers, interpreters and language tutors
- equipment that is essential for the project, such as play equipment or technology

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with set assessment dates throughout the year.

Previously funded projects include:

- A group in Ipswich received funding towards a deaf-friendly horse-riding course, bringing deaf children and families together.
- A Hertfordshire toddler group received funding to provide a deaf-inclusive playgroup.
- A Leeds group used funding for BSL park signs and deaf-friendly book bundles.

More information at: https://www.ndcs.org.uk/community-grants

R S Brownless Charitable Trust (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The R S Brownless Charitable Trust aims to support charities throughout the UK undertaking general charitable purposes. The Trustees have expressed a particular interest in supporting projects within the following areas:

- Long-term and terminal illness,
- Disability, and,
- Disadvantage.

Grants are usually one-off, ranging between £100 and £2,000.

For more information and how to apply please contact:

Mrs P M A Nicolai, Trustee,
c/o The R S Brownless Charitable Trust,
Hennerton Holt,
Wargrave,
Reading,
RG10 8PD
Tel: 0118 940 4029

Royal National Institute of Blind People (The) Funding Available for Accessible Technology for Blind and Partially Sighted People (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) has announced that its Technology Grants programme is open for applications. The grants are available to blind and partially sighted people who need support to access useful technology that can help them live independently. RNIB is a UK charity supporting people affected by sight loss through advice, services, campaigning and practical support.

Grants are available to UK residents who are registered as blind or partially sighted, receive an eligible means-tested benefit, have savings of less than £6,000, have been refused local authority funding for the item needed, and have not received an RNIB grant in the last three years.

Funding can be used towards specific accessible technology, including:

- Accessible smartphones, tablets and e-readers, up to £400,
- Computer accessibility software, braille displays, notetakers and video magnifiers, up to £500,
- DAISY players, smart home devices, wearable technology, talking watches, accessible kitchen equipment and RNIB Penfriend labelling devices.

Applications are accepted at any time by online form, post or email, and must be supported by a professional who knows the applicant's circumstances. RNIB says complete applications can usually be decided within a week.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3xp2kmrp

Parkinson's UK Funding to Help People with Parkinson's to Become & Stay Active (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Community groups and organisations across the UK can apply for grants of up to £3,000 to help people with Parkinson's become and stay active.

The Parkinson's UK Physical Activity Grants Programme supports new activities that encourage people affected by Parkinson's, particularly those from marginalised or underrepresented communities, to participate in physical activity and sports.

This year, funding is focused on people who are currently inactive, helping them begin and maintain their participation. Activities could include walking groups, dance classes, or table tennis sessions.

'Gateway activities' will also be supported to make activities more accessible. These are movement-based sessions that build confidence and encourage interest in becoming more active.

Examples of gateway activities include:

- art based activities such as theatrical acting, musical and circus skills,
- singing and movement,
- playing large musical instruments that requires big movements like samba drumming
- gardening or horticulture projects,

Eligible costs include:

- equipment,
- facility hire,
- maintenance of equipment,
- coaching fees,
- training,
- Parkinson's specific online support,
- online provision,
- marketing material,
- core costs of up to £300.

Projects must run for a minimum of 12 weeks and a maximum of 52 weeks and must start within 12 weeks of receiving the grant.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all funding has been allocated.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2wktz7p8

Small Charities Invited to Apply for Grants Supporting Disabled Children and Families (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The True Colours Trust has announced that its UK Small Grants programme is open for applications from small charities and community interest companies supporting disabled children and young people, children and young people with life limiting conditions, and their families across the UK.

The Trust is an independent funder working in the UK and Africa to improve access to palliative care and help disabled children and young people live their lives to the full.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available, although many awards are smaller.

Eligible applicants must be UK-registered charitable organisations or CICs with an annual income below £350,000, delivering projects in the UK.

The programme will consider work for children and young people aged 0 to 25. Priority is also given to organisations operating in areas of high deprivation.

Funding can support a range of activities and equipment, including family support, sibling support, bereavement support, respite, specialised play and leisure opportunities, improvements to hydrotherapy pools or sensory rooms, minibuses, and other materials that benefit children and families.
Applications can be submitted at any time using either the online form of a Word version, and the Trust aims to confirm receipt within a week and give a final decision within 12 weeks.
More information at: https://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/uk-small-grants

Speech Language and Hearing Foundation (The) Funding for Charities Supporting Children with Language and Hearing Difficulties (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Speech Language and Hearing Foundation has announced funding to support education, therapy and research aimed at improving the lives of children facing communication challenges and complex developmental needs across the United Kingdom.
The Foundation provides grants to small UK-based charities working with children who have hearing impairments, speech delays, language and communication difficulties, or broader complex needs. In addition to direct educational and therapeutic support, funding is also available for medical innovation and research initiatives that advance understanding and treatment in these areas.
The Foundation prioritises projects that:

- Support children with hearing impairment, speech and language delay, or complex development needs,
- Advance medical innovation and new developments relevant to these children,
- Promote research across topics related to childhood deafness, communication disorders, and associated conditions.

Recent awards have ranged between £500 and £15,000, although no fixed grant ceiling has been formally specified.
Past grants have supported a wide range of educational, clinical and research projects, including:

- The provision of part-time speech and language therapists in schools serving high levels of deprivation, particularly for children who do not meet the criteria for and Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP),
- Postgraduate training in Educational Audiology at Mary Hare School,
- Acoustic treatment of classrooms delivered by The Jewish Deaf Association,
- Research into childhood deafness undertaken by RNID,
- A pilot project for ICAN's award-winning "Tots Talking" programme,
- The provision of laptops to enhance speech and language therapy delivery.

By targeting small charities and focused initiatives, the Foundation aims to deliver practical, measurable improvements to access to specialist support and inclusive education for vulnerable children.
Applications for funding may be submitted at any time throughout the year.
More information at: https://www.slhf.org.uk/.

True Colours Trust (The) Small Charities Invited to Apply for Grants Supporting Disabled Children and Families (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The True Colours Trust has announced that its UK Small Grants programme is open for applications from small charities and community interest companies supporting disabled

children and young people, children and young people with life limiting conditions, and their families across the UK.
The Trust is an independent funder working in the UK and Africa to improve access to palliative care and help disabled children and young people live their lives to the full.
Grants of up to £10,000 are available, although many awards are smaller.
Eligible applicants must be UK-registered charitable organisations or CICs with an annual income below £350,000, delivering projects in the UK.
The programme will consider work for children and young people aged 0 to 25. Priority is also given to organisations operating in areas of high deprivation.
Funding can support a range of activities and equipment, including family support, sibling support, bereavement support, respite, specialised play and leisure opportunities, improvements to hydrotherapy pools or sensory rooms, minibuses, and other materials that benefit children and families.
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Variety Funding to Provide Wheelchairs for Children with Disabilities (England, Wales & Scotland) – Deadline: Rolling

Parents, physiotherapists, and occupational therapists of a child or young person under the age of 18 living with a disability or long-term health condition, can now apply for funding to purchase a new wheelchair.
The funding is made available by the children's charity Variety, which will fund bespoke wheelchairs for any purpose, including manual, powered and sports wheelchairs, that are not available through local authority wheelchair services.
Applicants, who can include the child themselves, will need to provide a letter of support for the item required from a relevant healthcare professional.
Applications can be made at any time and will be considered by the Wheelchair Committee which meets six times per year.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2p83n8cx

Wooden Spoon Equipment Grants for Disabled and Disadvantaged Young People (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Schools and not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding through the Wooden Spoon Society's Capital Grants programme. Wooden Spoon is the British and Irish Rugby charity that supports mentally and physically disadvantaged children under the cognitive age of 25. Each year the charity supports around 70 projects.
Through the programme funding is available for:

- Buildings and extensions,
- Equipment and activity aids,
- Sensory rooms and gardens,
- Playgrounds and sports areas,
- Soft playrooms.

The funding available is for capital items only and will not support revenue costs such as staffing and other ongoing costs. There is no maximum grant limit but projects under £5,000 are unlikely to be considered. Wooden Spoon's contribution may be up to 100% of the cost, though beneficiary organisations will be encouraged, when practicable, to raise a proportion themselves.
Since its founding in 1983, Wooden Spoon Society has awarded over £31 million in grants to more than 1,400 projects.

If the project is educational or disability sports-focused, a key rugby element must be used to engage children and young people.

Projects funded in the past have included:

- Ashmount School in Leicestershire received a grant of £13,500 towards a sensory room.
- Enfield Heights Academy in London received a grant of £23,000 to improve its play areas.
- The Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre received a grant of £8,000 towards a wheelchair lift.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

More information at: https://woodenspoon.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

£15 Million Programme to Tackle Child Poverty (UK – Various Locations) – Deadline: Rolling

BBC Children in Need has launched Communities for Children, a £15 million programme to support local communities in tackling child poverty across the UK over the next five years. It is a collaboration between BBC Children in Need, the National Lottery Community Fund, City Bridge Foundation, Pears Foundation and The Hunter Foundation.

The programme will initially invest in four of the most economically deprived areas before expanding to ten, including rural, urban, and coastal locations. It aims to address the root causes of child poverty and empower local communities to develop their own local solutions. Each location will receive up to £1.5 million over five years to support local organisations in co-creating targeted interventions with children, families, and partners from the voluntary and public sectors.

The programme is not open for general application; instead, lead organisations in selected localities will be identified, working in partnership with local voluntary sector organisations, children and young people, and other stakeholders.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/4fx95zzv

7stars Foundation (The) Grants to Support Apprenticeship Training for Staff Working with Vulnerable Young People (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Charities, CICs, schools, nurseries, and children's homes can apply for grants to support staff apprenticeship training that will positively impact challenged and vulnerable young people under the age of 16 in the UK.

The 7stars Foundation is offering funding to cover the employer contribution faced by applicant organisations wishing to offer apprenticeship training to their staff.

The training must benefit young people facing challenges such as:

- Abuse,
- Addiction,
- Homelessness,
- Caring responsibilities.

Grants are offered on a one-off basis.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/yeyuyjhu

Allen Lane Foundation (The) Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People (UK – excl Greater London)– Deadline: Rolling

Small UK charities and charitable not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £15,000 to support vulnerable, socially excluded or marginalised young people aged 12–21.

The funding is available through the Allen Lane Foundation's Young People's Programme. It supports young people facing significant challenges or barriers to accessing support and opportunities, particularly those who might otherwise fall through gaps in care, education or other services.
The Foundation is currently focusing on young people who are persistently absent from school, leave school without qualifications, or are in or leaving care. Other priorities include young people who are disengaged from education or employment, vulnerable to exploitation or high-risk behaviour, involved in or at risk of entering the criminal justice system, or affected by serious mental health concerns, abuse, neglect or difficult family circumstances. Funding could support proactive youth clubs, activities for disaffected young people, employability initiatives and opportunities that provide structure and stability. Both core and project costs are eligible. The Foundation does not support general youth provision, work taking place in schools or projects primarily focused on neurodiversity.
Applicants may include registered charities, constituted voluntary groups and some Community Interest Companies. Locally operating organisations must have annual income and expenditure below £100,000, while UK-wide organisations must be below £250,000. Grants may be awarded as a single payment or spread over two or three years. Most awards are substantially below the £15,000 maximum, averaging approximately £5,000 to £6,000.
The Foundation does not fund work within Greater London, although London-based organisations may apply if their beneficiaries are not solely based there.
Applications can be submitted at any time. Trustees generally consider applications in February, June and October, with decisions usually taking between two and six months.
More information at: http://allenlane.org.uk/young-peoples-programme/

Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust (AFMT) supports projects that allow disadvantaged young people the chance to develop an existing interest in adventurous activities and usually supports programmes that are run by individuals or small groups. If you are an individual applying for a grant you will need to provide a reference from a teacher or care worker. The AFTM support a wide range of projects but are unlikely to support foreign trips.
More information at: https://www.andyfanshawe.org/index.php

Barbara Ward Children's Foundation (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Smaller non-religious charities and organisations helping children who are severely disadvantaged in some respect can apply for grants from the Barbara Ward Children's Foundation.
Causes that have previously received funding include:

- Educational projects,
- Holidays,
- Care and respite,
- Sport,
- Play,
- Leisure.

Grants may also be awarded to charities supporting adults with learning difficulties. Recent awards have ranged from £1,350 to £21,000 and have been used to support both one-off donations and project-related grants for 2 to 5 years.
More information at: http://www.bwcf.org.uk/

BBC Children in Need Funding to Support the Core Costs of Organisations Working with Disadvantaged Children (UK, Isle of Man & Channel Islands) – Deadline: Rolling

Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 and under in the UK, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands can apply for grants of up to £40,000 per year for up to three years to help support their core costs.

The grants can contribute towards organisational core costs such as HR and payroll expenses, office costs, accountancy and audit, communications and outreach, and governance, regulatory, and compliance costs.

Organisations must first submit an expression of interest to apply, and applications can be submitted at any time.

Organisations not registered with the Companies House, the Charity Commission for England and Wales, Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, and the Scottish Charity Register can only apply for grants of up to £15,000 per year.

More information at: https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/core-costs/

BBC's Children in Need's Project Costs Grants (UK, Isle of Man & Channel Islands) – Deadline: Rolling

As part of its new grant-making strategy, BBC Children in Need is awarding grants of up to £40,000 per year for up to three years to support the project costs of registered charities ad not-for-profit organisations (including special schools) working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years or over living in the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

The funding will support the delivery of a specific piece of work (project) and could be spent on project staff costs, trips and outings, volunteer expenses and/or moveable equipment..

Groups requesting £15,000 or less will receive a quicker decision.

Expressions of interest should be submitted in the first instance and applications can be made at any time.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/y3xjrury

BBC Children in Need Support Children for Living in Severe Poverty (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants are now available to support children and young people in the UK experiencing a crisis or emergency.

The grants support families with children up to the age of 17 who are living with financial, health, and social difficulties, by proving items that meet children's most basic needs such as:

- Cookers,
- Furniture,
- Kitchen equipment and small appliances,
- Children's beds and bedding (including cots),
- Washing machines and tumble dryers,
- Fridges, freezers, and fridge-freezers,
- Baby equipment,
- Clothing.

Applications must come through a registered referral agency supporting the family or young person.

The programme is delivered by Family Fund Business Services.

A tiered strategy is in place to ensure the programme can achieve longevity and reach underrepresented areas. Each region or nation has a tier allocation, which may be subject to change as the current funding year progresses.
It is recommended that applicants read our tiered strategy guidance for referrers to check for any changes to this tier allocation before making an application.
The aim is to process applications within 10 working days.
Applications can be made at any time.
More information at: https://www.familyfundservices.co.uk/emergency-essentials/

Bernard Sunley Foundation (The) Funding to Support Children with Special Educational Needs (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Bernard Sunley Foundation awards education grants to support capital projects at schools, colleges and educational charities in England and Wales. The Foundation is a family grant-making charity that gives around £5 million each year to capital projects across education, community, health and social welfare.
Funding is available at three levels:

- small grants of £5,000,
- medium grants of up to £20,000,
- and large grants of £25,000 and above.

Education grants have supported projects including outdoor learning centres, special needs schools and colleges.
Applicants must be seeking support for eligible capital costs, such as a new building, extension, refurbishment, recreational space or freehold purchase. The Foundation does not fund core costs, salaries, training, rent, utilities, IT infrastructure, individuals, or projects outside England and Wales.
Recent school and education projects funded include:

- £5,000 for a new sensory garden at Ravenshall School;
- £5,000 for new play areas at Fairfield School;
- £5,000 for a new outdoor classroom at Kemball Special School;
- £5,000 for a new learning kitchen at Destination Pond Meadow;
- £5,000 for a new minibus at John Chilton School.

Applications are made online after completing the eligibility check. There is no deadline.
More information at: https://bernardsunley.org/our-grant-giving/

BlueSpark Foundation Funding for Projects that Support the Education and Development of Children and Young People (England) – Deadline: Rolling

The BlueSpark Foundation has announced that applications are open for its small grants programme supporting projects that improve the education and development of children and young people in England.
The charity provides grants for educational, cultural, sporting and related activities, with a particular interest in projects that build self-confidence, teamwork and future employability. Eligible applicants include schools, community groups, clubs, societies and other not-for-profit organisations, while individuals may also apply in some cases. Projects must benefit children and young people in England aged between 5 and 22.
Grants are generally for relatively small projects. Many awards are under £2,000 and none exceed £5,000. Funding can be used for:

- Music, dance and singing
- Outdoor activities & teambuilding
- Sport
- Educational excursions
- Widening academic achievements

Match funding is not required, although being able to contribute part of the costs can strengthen an application, especially for requests above £2,000.
Applications can be submitted at any time.
More information at: http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/

Buttle UK Funding to Improve the Lives of Vulnerable Young People (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £2,400 are available to support the needs of vulnerable children and young people (aged 2-18) who have experienced a crisis or change in life that has had a significant impact on their wellbeing and their education.
The funding is being made available through Buttle UK's Chances for Children Grants to provide a flexible range of support, such as:

- Items and activities to support learning and development such as laptops, books, wi-fi, educational toys, tuition, etc.,
- Clothing and school uniforms,
- Social, sporting, and leisure activities,
- Family activities,
- Items for children or young people's bedrooms,
- Household items that are not available from other sources and which directly address the children's needs.

Applications will only be accepted from frontline professionals working for a registered charity, housing association, or public sector organisation, including schools and colleges.
Applications can be made at any time.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/4bd4mwvn

Buttle UK Grants Available to Support Children and Young People who have Experienced Significant Crises (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £2,400 are available to vulnerable children and young people who have experienced significant crises affecting their well-being and education. The funding is provided through the Chances for Children grants programme and aims to offer tailored support packages to meet individual needs.
The grants can be used to fund essential items and activities that support learning and development. This may include laptops, books, Wi-Fi access, educational resources, and extra-curricular activities.
The programme is delivered by Buttle UK, one of the UK's largest grant-giving organisations supporting children and young people in crisis. It helps those who have experienced physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect by a parent or carer, or domestic abuse, either directly or as a witness.
Support is available for children aged 2 to 18 who live with parents or carers, as well as young people up to the age of 20 who are living independently. Young people must be engaged in at least 12 hours of education or training each week. To be eligible, applicants must be on a low income, experiencing financial hardship, and have moved beyond the immediate crisis while engaging with support services.
The grants are intended to complement existing statutory funding, not replace it. They offer flexible funding that can make a meaningful difference to a young person's life.
Applications must be submitted by frontline professionals who work directly with the child or young person. These professionals must be based in registered charities, housing associations, or public sector organisations. They are responsible for completing a detailed needs assessment and managing the funds if the application is successful.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with no closing date. Most applications are processed within three working days, and some urgent cases may receive a same-day decision. Full guidance and applications details are available on Buttle UK's website.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/239esatb

Buttle UK Support for Boarding Grant (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Funding is available to offer boarding school places to children facing significant and ongoing crises at home. Buttle UK's Support for Boarding grant covers boarding school fees and additional costs such as school trips and uniforms.
Buttle UK is a charity dedicated to supporting children and young people in crisis across the UK. The grant was introduced to offer children a stable and supportive environment, facilitating their emotional and social development.
Eligible uses of the grant include funding boarding school placements in both independent and state boarding schools with strong pastoral support. The grant is specifically aimed at children aged 11-15 whose families are experiencing long-term crises that impact the child's wellbeing and education.
Applications must be made by Local Authority social workers, family support workers, or safeguarding pastoral leads from schools, who have a detailed understanding of the child's circumstances. Boarding schools themselves or families cannot apply directly.
Applications for the grant are accepted on an ongoing basis, but it is recommended to apply a year before the boarding school place is needed to allow ample time for the assessment process. This ensures that eligible children can be placed in suitable schools in a timely manner.
More information at: https://buttleuk.org/apply-for-a-grant/support-for-boarding/

Cash for Kids Grants to Help Children Facing Food Poverty (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Cash for Kids, a grant giving charity supporting disadvantaged children across the UK, is accepting applications for the Holiday Hunger Grant Fund. This initiative aims to support children and young people up to 18 years old who face food insecurity and lack access to activities during school holidays.
The charity is offering grants typically ranging from £1,000 to £3,000, though applications for smaller or larger amounts will be considered.
Eligible applicants include registered charities, schools' community groups, and organisations that support children affected by poverty, abuse, neglect, or those with additional needs.
The Holiday Hunger grants can be used for various purposes, including providing nutritious food, covering staffing costs, purchasing equipment for activities, hiring facilities, and funding trips or residential activities. Organisations interested in applying must do so through the online application form on the Cash for Kids website.
Applicants are advised to carefully review the eligibility criteria and ensure their projects focus on outcomes that encourage children to eat more healthily and be more active during school holidays.
The charity also offers **General Grants** to support children and young people (up to and including 18 years old) living in our community affected by poverty, abuse, neglect, or those with additional support needs. Further information is available on the Cash for Kids website.
There is no application deadline given.
More information at: https://cashforkids.org.uk/grants

Cash for Kids Funding to Support Disadvantaged Children (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Charities, schools and community organisations can apply for funding through Cash for Kids to support disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. The charity supports children from birth up to and including 18 years old who are affected by poverty, illness, neglect or additional needs.

Grant programmes currently open are:

- **Impact Grants – Individuals:** Funding of between £1,000 and £3,000 is available to support individual children and young people living in communities affected by poverty, abuse, neglect or those with additional support needs. Grants can help with essential items and support such as clothing, school uniform, sensory equipment, therapy, disability equipment, educational materials, sports equipment, or activities that promote equality, diversity and inclusion.
- **Impact Grants – Groups:** Schools, charities and community organisations can apply for grants, typically between £1,000 and £3,000, to support projects and activities that benefit disadvantaged children and young people. Funding can be used for equipment, resources, activities, and wider support that improves children's wellbeing, inclusion, learning or development.
- **Holiday Hunger Grants:** Funding is available for organisations delivering food and activities for disadvantaged children during the school holidays. Projects should help children access nutritious meals while also encouraging healthier eating, physical activity, and positive engagement during holiday periods.

Applicants need to select their local area on the Cash for Kids website to view further details, check local availability, and find out how to apply.

More information at: https://cashforkids.org.uk/grants/

CLA Charitable Trust (The) Funding for Projects that Teach Children about the Countryside (England and Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

Charities, not-for-profit organisations and schools exclusively for children with additional needs in England and Wales can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects that help disabled or disadvantaged children connect with nature and the countryside.

The funding supports projects that improve the physical and mental health and well-being of people who are disabled or disadvantaged by helping them visit and participate in recreational and educational opportunities in the countryside.

Priority is given to projects focusing on children and young people, disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation.

Funding can be used to support projects, capital works, and running costs.

The types of activities can include (but are not limited to):

- Farms providing day or residential experiences for disabled and disadvantaged young people,
- Growing projects, including horticultural therapy and community projects supporting people through outdoor activities and gardening,
- Forest school-type activities, giving people the opportunity to utilise their outdoor spaces for the benefit of their mental and physical wellbeing,
- Conservation and environmental projects, giving people the chance to learn about the natural environment and how to care for it.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

More information at: https://www.cla.org.uk/about-cla/charitable-trust/

Clara E Burgess Charity (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Clara E Burgess charity makes grants to registered charities where children are the principal beneficiaries of the work. Grants are towards the provision of facilities and

assistance to enhance the education, health, and physical well-being of such children, in order that their conditions of life may be improved but having particular regard to children under the age of 10 and who have lost either one or both parents.
Within these boundaries grants can be made to following causes:

- Education/training,
- Overseas projects,
- Disability,
- Social welfare,
- Hospitals/hospices,
- Medical causes,
- Health and medical research.

Grants are typically under £10,000.
For more information please contact:
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Educational Opportunity Foundation (The) Access to Help Disadvantaged Young People Access Quality Education (UK/International) – Deadline: Rolling

Charitable organisations dedicated to enhancing access to quality education for children and young people under 25, both within the UK and internationally, can apply for grants through the Educational Opportunity Foundation Main Fund.
The grant is designed to support UK projects focusing on care-experienced young people, improving their educational outcomes and life chances. Grants of £30,000 to £90,000 per project (maximum £30,000 per year for multi-year projects) are available.
Internationally, the grant targets initiatives that enhance the quality, sustainability, and access to education in marginalised and vulnerable communities. Grants of £10,000 to £60,000 per project (maximum £30,000 per year) are available.
The application process is conducted on a rolling basis, with the Grants Committee reviewing submissions regularly throughout the year.
The application process involves submitting a Stage 1 application, with decisions made within 4 to 8 weeks. Successful applicants will then be invited to submit a Stage 2 application, with final decisions communicated within 4 to 8 weeks of Stage 2 submission deadline.
More information at: https://educationalopportunity.org.uk/home/grants/main-fund/

Ernest Cook Trust (The) Outdoor Essentials Grant Scheme (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of £500 are available to UK state-funded primary and secondary schools to enable them to get their pupils learning outdoors. UK state funded special or alternative provision schools are also eligible to apply.
During this funding round, the scheme will award grants to support school travel and transport costs to outdoor learning venues, including outdoor learning centres, forest

schools, countryside parks, woodlands, national parks, farm parks, farms (including city farms), coastal areas and beaches.
Trips to outdoor adventure centres for outdoor activities (such as kayaking and climbing) may be considered.
Priority will be given to:

- Schools with disadvantaged pupils,
- Schools that are located in areas of high deprivation and/or have pupils who are living in challenging circumstances,
- Schools who are committed to enabling outdoor learning and see environmental engagement as an important part of education,
- Schools who can demonstrate that outdoor learning ha a wider benefit to families and their local community,
- Those schools who have not received an Outdoor Essentials grant from the Trust before.

Applications must be made by a member of staff employed by the school and approved by the Head Teacher. Multi-Academy Trusts can also apply, but applications must be made by the individual schools.
The round will close to applications when sufficient grant applications have been approved.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2tpweyu3

"Every Child Can" Initiative Announced to Widen Access to Enrichment Activities (England) – Deadline: Rolling

The UK Government has announced a £132.5 million funding package to expand after-school clubs and enrichment activities for children and young people. The aim is to overcome online isolation and build connections in the real world.
The Every Child Can programme will fund activities within school and in communities at weekends and in the holidays, ensuring enrichment is a common entitlement for all — not just those who can afford to pay and will support activities such as music, sport, drama and other skill-building opportunities designed to keep children engaged outside school hours and help them develop confidence and wider life skills.
The announcement comes ahead of expected restrictions on social media use for under-16s. Ministers are positioning the funding as part of a wider effort to provide young people with positive, structured alternatives to time spent online.
The Government has also highlighted wider investment in youth services and cultural venues, including funding for enriching activities and access to cultural opportunities across England.
The government is working with The National Lottery Community Fund to develop Every Child Can. Further details on how to apply to take part will be published in due course.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/ymsdjm2w

Fashion and Textile Children's Trust The) Hardship Grants Open to UK Fashion and Textile Families (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants are available to help parents and carers working in the UK fashion or textile industry who are struggling financially. This could be due to a sudden loss of income, an unexpected change in circumstances or a family event.
The Fashion & Textile Children's Trust provides funding for essential and specialist items, including:

- children's clothing
- children's bedroom furniture
- essential appliances, washing machine, fridge, oven
- mobility equipment

- sensory toys
- therapies

To be eligible, current workers need at least six months' employment in the past nine years, while former workers and self-employed applicants usually need at least 12 months.

Examples of eligible employers:

- High street clothes shops
- Textile companies and manufacturers
- Laundries and launderettes
- Logistic companies for clothing brands
- Soft furnishing companies
- Self-employed people can also apply

Applications can be submitted at any time. Applicants should complete an online enquiry form to check whether they qualify. If eligible, they will then be invited to submit a full application form.

More information at: https://www.ftct.org.uk/about-our-grants

Freemasons' Charity (The) Grants to Support Disadvantaged Children (England & Wales) - Deadline: Rolling

Funding is available for registered charities in England and Wales that support disadvantaged children and young people.

The funding which is being made available through the Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity Grants programme offers two types of grants:

- Small Grants, ranging from £1,000 to £5,000, are available to charities with an annual income between £25,000 and £500,000 and can be used for any purpose (unrestricted).
- Large Grants, ranging from £10,000 to £60,000, are available to charities with an annual income between £500,000 and £5 million. These grants must be used for specific projects with defined goals and budgets. Funds may be spent on salaries, equipment, training, monitoring, and administration.

Projects should focus on one or more of the following areas:

- supporting children affected by domestic abuse,
- addressing the needs of children in early years (ages 0–5) with a focus on poverty and neglect,
- or helping children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Charities interested in applying should first submit an expression of interest (EOI), which can be submitted at any time. If shortlisted, applicants will be invited to complete a full application.

Additionally, the Masonic Charitable Foundation has a separate grants programme aimed at improving the health and well-being of older people with dementia and their carers. This programme is also currently paused. For updates on when these programmes will reopen, please check the Foundation's website.

More information at: https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/.

Gosling Foundation (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for charitable organisations carrying out projects related to social welfare, especially those involving children and young adults. Grants are only made to individuals in exceptional circumstances.

Grants are made under the following headings:

- General charitable purposes,
- The relief of poverty,

- The advancement of education,
- The advancement of religion.

More information at: https://www.thegoslingfoundation.com/youth

Happy Days Children's Charity (The) Funding for Leisure Activities for Children with Additional Needs (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Happy Days Children's Charity is inviting applications for funding towards trips, respite breaks and group activity holidays for disadvantaged children and young people with additional needs.

The charity awards funding for different types of activities to support families with children aged 3-17 who have a disability, a special need or have been abused.

Grants are available for the following activities:

- Family Day Trips – eligible trips include zoos, farm parks, theme parks, the seaside or the theatre,
- Family Holiday Breaks – a short break family holiday by the seaside or in the countryside, usually in the United Kingdom. Other destinations will be considered according to cost.
- Group Day Trips and Visiting Theatre – a day trip to a wide variety of destinations, for example, the seaside, a theme park, the theatre, or for a theatre workshop to visit the applicants' premises. Items that can be funded are tickets/passes and transport costs.
- Group Activity Holidays – a group activity holiday to a wide variety of destinations such as outdoor activity centres, holiday camps and sailing breaks.

Applications for family activities are accepted from parents, guardians, grandparents, or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses, or social workers.

Applications for group activities are accepted from organisations such as SEN schools and groups, young carers, and women's refuges.

Applications can be made at any time.

More information at: https://www.happydayscharity.org/applications

Hargreaves Foundation (UK) Grants to Support Disadvantaged Young People through Educational & Sporting Activities – Deadline: Rolling

UK charities, educational institutions (such as schools and further education colleges) and NHS Trusts seeking funding to support those under the age of 18 who are living with a mental health condition, disability, or growing up in poverty can apply for funding through the Hargreaves Foundation.

The Foundation aims to help children and young people to fulfil their potential and improve their wellbeing, self-esteem, and independence through educational and sporting activities.

The Foundation can fund clearly defined projects, initiatives, or the purchase of specific items that support one or more of the following:

- Enables individuals to experience the mental and physical health benefits of participatory sport,
- Ensures participatory sport is accessible,
- Provides sporting or educational activities that foster life skills,
- Aims to improve academic engagement and attainment,
- Encourage the development of skills and personal attributes to aid future employability.

Successful applicants will need to clearly show how they are connected to participatory sport or education. The Foundation does not fund general activities such as after school clubs, mentoring, youth clubs and counselling.
There is no minimum or maximum grant spend.
Applications can be made at any time and are reviewed in the month following online submission.
The Foundation will award in the region of £2 million per year.
More information at: https://www.thehargreavesfoundation.org/

Jerusalem Trust (UK) Small Grants to Schools Scheme (England and Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

The Jerusalem Trust is currently accepting grant applications to its Small Grants to Schools scheme for the Autumn Term 2026.
The scheme offers grants of up to £600 to support the purchase of teaching resources for Christianity within Religious Education in primary, middle, and secondary state schools across England and Wales. Eligible resources include textbooks, teacher materials, artefacts, videos, tapes, and CD-ROMs intended for use in RE lessons.
There is no fixed deadline, and schools may submit applications at any time.
More information at: http://regrants.org.uk/

King's Trust (The) Funding to Help Young People to Train or Start Work (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Young people aged 16 to 30 who are currently unemployed, working fewer than 16 hours a week, or studying less than 14 hours a week can apply for funding to help them move into training, education, or employment through The King's Trust's Development Awards scheme.
A Development Award can cover costs up to £500 for course fees or expenses related to joining a course or starting work. Here are some examples of costs that can be covered, but there are many other possibilities:

- Tools, equipment, or uniforms for a job or training: for example, safety clothing and a toolkit needed for a construction course
- Clothes for a job interview
- Accredited course fees up to level 3 (A-level equivalent): this includes any course type between entry level and level 3 listed on the government website
- Job license fees and IDs: for example, an enhanced DBS check, a CSCS card (for construction work), or an SIA license (for security work)
- Transport to a new job until recipients receive their first month's pay
- Childcare while you are training: the childcare provider must be registered and inspected by the relevant regulator or statutory body for childcare in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland
- Technology needed for training: for example, access to WIFI to complete an online course

The aim is to remove practical barriers that often prevent young people from taking up opportunities.
Applicants must not be in compulsory education and will need to provide supporting documents, such as a course offer or interview letter, when applying online. The Trust then reviews each case and provides funding directly to support the individual's next step.
To apply for a King's Trust Development Award, applicants will need to complete the online application form and provide supporting evidence such as a course offer letter, job interview invitation, or training details.

Applications can be submitted at any time.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3c36ed5y.

Leslie Sell Charitable Trust (The) Peter Sell Annual Award - Deadline: Rolling

The Peter Sell Award aims to widen engagement in the Scout and Guide movements by working with the Leslie Sell Charitable Trust to provide grants of up to £5,000 for activities. Applications should demonstrate that the award will have a legacy beyond the initial expenditure of the grant, plus the potential environmental impact of the project.
How to apply:
The 2026 closing dates for applications are:

- 14 February for notification at the end of March 2026
- 14 September for notification at the end of October 2026

Applications should be no more than two sides of A4 in 12 point (or larger font) and be submitted by email, and include the following:

- Name of the Scout or Guide Group making the application
- Contact details - address, phone, email.
- Amount requested
- A brief description of what would be done with the money
- An explanation of how the money would help to widen involvement with scouting or guides with some idea of the numbers of people involved
- Why the application is special and should be funded
- Photos, drawings, or other pictures in support of the application may be included, but not additional written material
- An explanation of the environmental impact of the project

The Trustees would like you to send your applications by email to admin@lesliesellct.org.uk
Unfortunately, the Trust is unable to enter into correspondence with unsuccessful applicants. Applicants should contact the Trust's website for further information.
More information at: https://lesliesellct.org.uk/the-peter-sell-annual-award/.

LoveReading4Kids Funding to Buy Books for School Libraries (England) – Deadline: Rolling

UK schools and early years' settings can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to buy books for their libraries and encourage more children to read for pleasure.
The LoveReading4Kids Funding for Schools Scheme will help schools to provide children with a range of non-curriculum books to improve their reading standards, particularly amongst children experiencing disadvantage or underrepresentation.
Areas for Consideration will include:

- Schools with income deprivation or cultural deprivation,
- FSM,
- IDACI,
- Literacy levels,
- Schools looking to improve standards.

Please note that any grant awarded will be awarded as credit to be spent on www.lovereading.co.uk or www.lovereading4kids.co.uk and should be spent within six months of being awarded.
Applications can be submitted at any time.
The LoveReading4Kids Funding for Schools Scheme accepts applications from state funded schools in the UK. Primaries, secondaries and early years' settings are all eligible to apply. PTAs are not eligible to apply, the application needs to come directly from the school.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2f3suu3z

Outward-Bound Trust (The) Funding Support for Schools and Youth Groups to Access Outdoor Learning (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Schools or youth groups can apply for financial support to help young people from across the UK access outdoor education programmes run by The Outward-Bound Trust. Through its Adventure Fund, the charity offers bursaries that can cover up to 40% of course fees, aiming to remove financial barriers to participation.

The funding supports young people aged 11-24 who are UK residents and in full-time education. Applications are open to both individuals and organisations, with priority given to those facing financial hardship or disadvantage.

Each year Outward Bound raises approximately £3.2 million to help thousands of young people build confidence, resilience, and leadership skills through challenging residential courses in wild natural settings.

To apply, groups or individual must first register for a course and request financial support during the sign-up process. Regional centres then follow up with a bursary application. If the funding offered does not meet the applicant's need, deposits can be refunded.

Currently, more than 80% of participants receive some level of financial assistance. Outward Bound encourages early applications, as funding is limited and awarded on a first come, first served basis.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/55wzmeyk**.**

Paul Hamlyn Foundation Arts-Based Learning Fund (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Arts organisation and charities that are working with schools, colleges and other formal education settings can apply for grants of between £30,000 and £300,000 to enhance the lives, development and achievements of children and young people who have experienced inequality through high quality arts-based learning activities

The Foundation are particularly interested in applications with a focus on the following areas:

- Supporting arts organisations to work in partnership with formal education settings leading to a mutual exchange and enrichment of expertise,
- Focusing on pupils who experience systemic inequality and enabling them to make progress and overcome barriers to learning,
- Exploring the role of arts-based learning in addressing issues of inclusion, especially racism, in education,
- Creating more opportunities for high quality arts-based teaching and learning in education settings, especially in those which have not had this work in the past,
- Enabling arts-based learning to be embedded in curricula and practice for long-term, and
- Building a body of evidence and practice and understanding how the work improves equity for pupils.

Projects can last for one to four years.

All applicants must be working in partnership with schools or other formal educational settings – i.e., primary and secondary schools, further education colleges, alternative provision, special schools and early years.

The Foundation particularly welcome applications from organisations led by people most impacted by oppression, including racism, ableism, classism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, and/or transphobia

There are no deadlines and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3uwnnez3

Paul Hamlyn Foundation Funding to Support Youth Organisations (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Not-for-profit youth organisations that support young people (aged 14-25) facing disadvantage can apply for grants of up to £150,000 spread over three years through the Paul Hamlyn Foundation Funding to Support Youth Organisations (UK).
The Youth Fund supports organisations whose main purpose is helping young people who face complex transitions to adulthood.
The Foundation is looking to support organisations to:

- Seek to sustain, prepare to grow, or grow impact with and for young people,
- Put young people at the centre in terms of power, voice and agency – as part of an asset-based approach, starting with recognising and building on young people's strengths and potential,
- Aim to achieve a wide impact for young people (for example, going beyond direct delivery and focusing on systems or structural change,
- Are committed to continuous improvement in asset-based approaches, to working with and for young people,
- Support young people who are facing complex transitions, challenges, and barriers to accessing support and opportunities. Particularly young people who are socially excluded or marginalised, whose experiences can be hidden or less well known, and whose voices are often erased or ignored.

The Foundation will prioritise work which takes place outside of London.
Applications can be submitted at any time.
More information at: https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/youth-fund/

Sheldon Trust (The) Grants of up to £1,000 Available for Holidays for Disadvantaged Young People (UK – with a preference for London & West Midlands) – Deadline: Rolling

Smaller charities supporting disadvantaged young people can apply for funding to provide holiday experiences through the Sheldon Trust's Holiday Funding programme.
The Trust offers grants of up to £1,000 to registered UK charities, with priority given to small and medium-sized organisations with an annual income under £1 million.
Funding is available to support holidays and short breaks for young people aged under 25 who face disadvantage, including group trips, respite breaks, and activity-based holidays that offer positive experiences and opportunities away from their usual environment.
The programme particularly benefits young people in areas including the West Midlands and Greater London, although applications from across the UK may be considered where criteria are met.
Grants are intended as a contribution towards costs rather than full funding.
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with decisions typically made within eight weeks. The Holiday Fund grant programme will close once funds have been allocated.
Previously funded projects have included residential trips for young carers, outdoor activity breaks for children with disabilities, and group holidays for young people from low-income families.
More information at: **https://tinyurl.com/5h3r59yb**

Sofronie Foundation (The) Funding for Educational & Vocational Projects to Improve the Lives of Disadvantaged Young People (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Charities and not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding to deliver educational and vocational projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged young people across the UK.
Funding is provided by the Sofronie Foundation to support programmes and initiatives that:

- Increase access to higher education – educational programmes for young people that raise aspirations, build confidence, and develop skills in preparation for university,
- Increase access to vocational training – initiatives that provide people with practical skills or offer opportunities of work experience in preparation for future employment,
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – supports schemes that encourage and increase interest in STEM careers.

Each year the Foundation awards approximately £2 million in grants.
Funding can be used to cover all project delivery costs, including staffing. The Foundation does not indicate the minimum and maximum amount that can be applied for.
Applications can be submitted at any time.
More information at: http://sofronie.org/.

SWEF Grants to Support Young Entrepreneurs to Develop their Business Ideas (England, Wales & Northern Ireland) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for young entrepreneurs aged 18 to 30 to start or expand their own businesses.
Provided by SWEF through the Business Grants for Young Entrepreneurs programme, this funding supports young people needing assistance with business investments they could not otherwise afford, especially those not in education, employment, or training.
The grants cover essential costs for new businesses, including equipment, marketing materials, training, website creation, and product development.
Mentoring and network support is also provided.
Businesses must have been trading for less than 2 years.
The funding is delivered via regional Community Foundations in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland; please refer to their website for application details.
More information at: https://www.swef.uk/about

Taylor Family Foundation (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Taylor Family Foundation supports charities giving opportunities to children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and difficult circumstances to improve their chances of attaining success and leading fulfilling lives.
The Foundation's areas of focus are:

- **Children & Young People:** supporting charitable organisations that provide opportunities for children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to improve their chances of attaining success and leading fulfilling lives,
- **The Arts:** improving access and engagement from young people and those from deprived backgrounds,
- **Social inclusion:** helping the homeless and supporting deprived and struggling families.

The majority of the work the Foundation supports will be projects that focus on those aged 11-25. There is no maximum support you can apply for however the majority are under £50,000.
More information at: https://www.thetaylorfamilyfoundation.co.uk/

Tesco Grants for Healthy Food Projects in Schools and Communities (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Tesco has launched its new Fruit & Veg Grants programme, offering grants of up to £1,500 to help children and young people access healthy, nutritious food. The programme replaces

Tesco Stronger Starts and is managed by Groundwork, with greenspace scotland administering funding in Scotland.
Schools, PTAs, charities and other not-for-profit organisations across the UK can apply.
Eligible projects could provide fruit and healthy snacks, breakfast or holiday clubs, cooking sessions, gardening activities, or nutritious food through youth and sports clubs.
Key points:

- UK-wide programme supporting children and young people.
- Grants of £500, £1,000 or £1,500.
- Three local projects are shortlisted for Tesco's in-store blue-token customer vote.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with projects shortlisted every four months.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Breakfast and after-school clubs that provide fruit and vegetables for pupils
- Sports clubs that offer healthy food as part of their activities, or provide a much-needed half-time boost
- Growing projects where children can grow their own fruit and vegetables
- Cooking classes that help children and families learn how to prepare healthy meals
- Holiday clubs that provide healthy meals and snacks
- Projects supporting children and young people with SEND by providing healthy snacks or meals
- Youth clubs that provide healthy meals or snacks
- Projects that help tackle holiday hunger when children are not at school
- Healthy eating projects that support families to cook nutritious meals on a budget
- Foodbanks that provide food support to families

This is not an exhaustive list, and other project ideas are also welcomed.
The programme forms part of Tesco's wider work to provide free fruit and vegetables for schools and support healthier diets among children across the UK.
More information at: https://www.tescoplc.com/fruit-and-veg-grants

UK-German Connection Funding to Support UK-German School Partnerships (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Funding is available to support first-time visits or to revive exchanges between groups of young people and their partner schools or youth groups in Germany. The UK-German Instant Impact Fund aims to help schools and youth groups start or re-establish partnerships, allowing young people to connect with their peers, experiencing the culture of another country, and participate in joint activities on a chosen theme.
Grants of up to £2,500 are available to primary, secondary and SEN schools, FE colleges, and youth groups in the UK, covering up to 75% of the costs, including:

- Travel and transport,
- Accommodation and subsistence,
- Joint activities for young people, including excursions,
- Costs for exchange partners to join joint activities,
- Materials and room hire,
- Visa costs directly related to the visit,
- Virtual/digital activities (hardware and software).

Up to 25% of the grant can be allocated for organisational support.
Additionally, the Instant Impact Plus option provides grants of up to £5,000 for more extensive trips and project-based activities within new and existing partnerships.
Applications from groups of institutions working together are also encouraged.

More information at: https://ukgermanconnection.org/pp/funding/instant-impact/

UK Government Funding to Support International Youth Projects (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Organisations working with young people will, from November 2026, be able to access funding for youth projects through the UK Government's Erasmus+ programme.
The programme offers specific funding opportunities for youth-focused activity in EU and associated non-EU countries, including projects linked to non-formal education, youth work and youth social action. Funding can support youth exchanges, youth worker mobility, partnerships and wider international opportunities for organisations working with young people.
Organisations eligible to apply include schools, colleges, further education and vocational education and training providers, youth organisations, and adult education providers. These organisations will be able to bid for funding to support international learning, collaboration and partnership activity.
This could include:

- School pupils spending time studying abroad, either individually or as part of a class or group
- Students and apprentices in higher education, further education and vocational education and training can study, train, volunteer or undertake a work placement abroad.
- Adult learners can spend time at an adult learning organisation abroad or study abroad as part of a group.
- Young people who work or volunteer for youth organisations can travel for training or a youth exchange and take part in workshops, debates and outdoor activities.
- Youth workers and staff working in schools, FE, HE or adult education can train or teach abroad and take part in professional development activities.
- Grassroots sports staff can spend time abroad job-shadowing or on a coaching assignment.

Organisations can also take part in Erasmus+ by forming collaborative projects with partners abroad. These projects aim to develop and share innovative practices and improve the education, training, youth and sport activities organisations offer.
More information at: https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/

UK Youth Fund to Support Youth Organisations Facing Higher Costs (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

A new £5 million fund has been launched to support youth groups through the cost-of-living crisis.
Organisations with an annual income of up to £500,000 who are facing unprecedented demand or whose work is being hindered due to rising core costs can apply for three-year, unrestricted grants of approximately 10% of their current turnover.
The funding is being offered through the UK Youth Fund, established by UK Youth in partnership with the Pears Foundation, to ensure that as many youth services as possible are able to continue to support young people in their local community.
To be eligible, the applicant organisation must have a primary goal of providing services for young people. At least 70% of the organisations's beneficiaries must be between the ages of 8 and 25.
Applications can be made at any time until all funding has been allocated. Organisations will hear the outcome of their application within 4-6 weeks.
More information at: https://www.ukyouth.org/costofliving/

Variety Equipment Grants for Youth Clubs (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Variety, the Children's Charity, has grants of £250 to £600 available to youth organisations that are affiliated to either Ambition, UK Youth or the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs. The grants can be used to buy equipment to provide challenging activities that engage young people aged 8-18 and provide them with alternatives to becoming involved in the anti-social behaviour that often stems from boredom and peer pressure.

On occasions, applications for improvement of youth club premises, refurbishment of existing equipment or facilities will also be considered.

Applicants have to raise some of the funds and applications that have young people involved in the fundraising will be looked up favourably. There are no deadlines when applying and applications can be made at any time.

For further information or to discuss an application, potential applicants can call the Variety grants team on **0207 428 8100**, or email youthclubs@variety.org.uk.

More information at: https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants

William Wates Memorial Trust (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The William Wates Memorial Trust typically awards grants of between £30,000 to £50,000 over three years to charities and/or not-for-profit enterprises. Projects should encourage young people (5-19 year olds) experiencing severe disadvantage to keep away from anti-social behavior and criminal activity, through the medium of sports, arts and education, enabling them to fulfil their potential.

This is a continuous rolling programme, the Trust holds three grant meetings per year in late January, mid-May and late September.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/a7fha7mc

Wooden Spoon New Initiative Launched to Support Food Projects for Vulnerable Children and Young People (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Wooden Spoon, the children's charity of rugby, has launched a new "Pass the Plate" appeal to support food projects for vulnerable children and young people. The campaign will raise funds for grants to organisations tackling child hunger and helping children to thrive.

Grants will be available for not-for-profit groups and schools running food-related initiatives for children and young people up to age 25. Eligible projects are expected to include breakfast clubs, food banks, holiday hunger schemes and other community-based programmes that improve access to regular, nutritious meals for families in need.

The appeal aims to generate significant new funding over the coming months, with donations from the public, corporate bodies and sports supporters. Once raised, the money will be distributed as grants to projects across the UK and Ireland that can demonstrate clear impact for disadvantaged children.

Organisations interested in applying are encouraged to check Wooden Spoon's grant-makig criteria and be ready to evidence need, outline their delivery plans and show how their project will benefit children facing poverty or food insecurity. Full guidance and application information are available on the charity's website.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3cu7cb4f

Youth Endowment Fund (The) Funding to Reduce the Likelihood of Children Becoming Involved in Crime (England & Wales) - Deadline: Rolling

To Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) has launched an open call for organisations across England and Wales working to reduce children's involvement in crime and violence.

The aim is to fund and evaluate projects that support 10 to 18-year-olds at risk of or affected by violence, offending, or exploitation.

Applications are open to projects working in one of the following sectors:

- Youth sector,
- Children's services,
- Youth justice,
- Policing,
- Neighbourhoods,
- Health,
- Education.

The fund will support well-established projects that can scale and generate new insights in areas with existing evidence gaps.
Proposals are invited from:

- Registered charities, companies, statutory bodies, and CICs currently delivering an evaluable project, service, or intervention,
- Partnerships between delivery organisations and YEF Evaluator panel members. The delivery organisation should apply as the lead organisation.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/8j9hb9e4

Youth Hostel Association's Funding Towards Short Breaks for Disadvantaged Young People and Families (England & Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

Charities, community groups and home education network groups based in England and Wales can apply on behalf of groups of young people (aged 26 and under) and groups of families who face challenges that make travel and adventure difficult to access.
The YHA Breaks Programme provides part-funded trips for groups who need additional support to access travel and adventure. Trips to YHA hostels are usually around two nights, with full-board catering provided at most hostels.
The programme is aimed at groups facing challenges such as caring responsibilities, disability or health conditions, additional needs, refugee or migrant status, homelessness risk, deprivation, care experience, ethnic inequality or the need for LGBTQ+ support.
Successful applicants will receive partial funding for stays taking place between September 2026 and March 2027. Funding is not available for individuals or individual families.
Applications can be submitted via the YHA Breaks Programme website.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/5n6dmyeu

EXERCISE AND SPORT

Access Sport Grants to Encourage More People to Try BMX (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

To celebrate the easing of lockdown restrictions and the success of Team GB BMX at the Olympics, Access Sport is offering BMX bike clubs grants of £500 to run open days that enable thousands of beginners to try out BMX across the UK.
Funding will give clubs the opportunity to try to remove barriers to inclusion by opening their tracks up to the public or promoting the club to a new audience, particularly in deprived areas.
Access sport are also offering grants of £500 to inspire more girls to get involved. This funding would go towards:

- Women and girls' inclusion training,
- The delivery of girls-only sessions or female friendly sessions,
- Or training for female coaches, volunteers, and young leaders.

Interested clubs should contact Access Sport.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2w5u8b8v

Central Social and Recreational Trust (The) Funding for Recreational Facilities for Disadvantaged Young People (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to £1,500 are available to affiliated sports clubs and organisations in England to provide recreational facilities for disadvantaged children and young people under the age of 21.

The funding can be used to purchase equipment and maintain gymnasiums or buildings to be used for recreational or other leisure time occupations by children who would otherwise be unable to access these types of facilities.

Only clubs/organisations affiliated to their governing body i.e. the Amateur Boxing Association of England; National Association of Clubs for Young People; Football Association, etc. will be considered for a grant.

The Trust will consider applications for larger amounts in exceptional circumstances.

More information at: https://www.csrt.info/about/

Club Capital Loan to Improve Gymnastic Clubs (England) – Deadline: Rolling

£10 million in affordable loans is being made available to fund new or improved gymnastics facilities that benefit children and young people in England.

Club Capital is offering unsecured loans of between £25,000 and £250,000 (up to £750,000 in exceptional circumstances) to enable British Gymnastics member clubs to move into new, or expand existing, dedicated gymnastics facilities that provide better access for children and young people.

Most loans will be over four years at an interest rate of 4% and can be used to finance capital and operational costs.

Applications can be made at any time, with decisions expected to take two months.

More information at: https://clubcapital.co.uk/

Football Foundation Grants for Grassroots Football Goalposts (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Grassroots football clubs, charities, community and voluntary groups, local authorities and other not-for-profit organisations in England can apply for grants of up to £25,000 to purchase goalposts.

The funding will cover the costs of:

- 11v11, 9v9 and Mini Soccer goalposts,
- Goalposts that will be used on a 3G pitch that is on the FA 3G Pitch register,
- Futsal goalposts.

Unless otherwise agreed with the Foundation, only one application can be made per season.

The Premier League, the FA and the government jointly fund the Football Foundation.

More information at: https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/goalposts

Football Foundation (The) Grants of up to £25,000 to Improve Women's & Girls' Football Facilities (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Following the success of the Lionesses, the Football Foundation has launched a new fund to provide women and girls playing grassroots football with safe, welcoming, and accessible facilities.

Supported by the Premier League, The FA and the UK Government, the Lionesses HERe to Play Fund offers grants of between £1,500 and £25,000 to help clubs and organisations make their facilities more inclusive.

The funding could support improvements to:

- signage
- external lighting/cctv

- toilets
- showers
- baby change & breastfeeding facilities
- female officials' & player privacy changing spaces
- changing rooms
- clubhouses
- external covered spaces

Up to 75% of total project costs will be supported, with a minimum of 25% match funding required.
Eligible applicants include:

- Not-for-profit football clubs or voluntary groups.
- Local authorities.
- County FAs.
- Professional club community organisations.
- Educational establishments providing community access.
- Registered charities.
- Not-for-profit companies.
- CICs or social enterprises.
- Companies limited by guarantee.

Applications can be submitted at any time.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/49cmrhfx

Football Foundation (The) Grants to Improve the Quality of Grass Football Pitches (England) – Deadline: Rolling

The Football Foundation offers the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund, a six-year tapered grant designed to help grassroots football clubs and related organisations improve the quality of their grass pitches. The goal is to elevate pitches to the “Good” standard as defined by the Grounds Management Association (GMA). Funding is allocated annually, with amounts decreasing over the six-year period. For example, an 11-a-side football pitch requiring enhancement may receive £3,200 per pitch in the first two years, £2,133 in years three and four, and £1,067 in the final two years. The total funding available through the initiative is £14 million.
The grant supports various maintenance activities recommended in the applicant’s PitchPower Assessment Report. These activities include slitting, scarification, decompaction, selective herbicide application, fertilization, overseeding, top dressing, and the purchase of soil samples. Funds can also be used to hire maintenance machinery, necessary for the prescribed works. However, routine maintenance tasks such as grass cutting, hedge trimming, line marking, and the purchase of machinery or goalposts are not covered by this grant.
Eligible applicants include grassroots football clubs, leagues, charities, educational institutions offering community use during evenings and weekends, and town and parish councils that host grassroots football clubs on council-owned sites. Clubs within the National Leage System (steps 1-6) and the Women’s Football Pyramid (Tiers 1-4) are also eligible, provided the funding is directed towards non-stadia pitches used for community football. Applicants must have appropriate security of tenure and have completed a PitchPower Assessment Report prior to applying. To apply, organisations should complete the PitchPower inspection, obtain the assessment report, and submit their application through the Football Foundation’s official website.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3m6nz8j5

Football Foundation (The) 'Power Up Your Grass Pitch' Campaign (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Community football clubs in England can apply for funding to improve their grass pitches thanks to the "Power Up Your Grass Pitch! Campaign.
Launched by the Premier League, the FA, and the Football Foundation, the initiative aims to improve over 20,000 pitches by 2030.
To support the campaign, the Foundation has developed an app called "PitchPower". This online tool empowers community football clubs and organisations to conduct their own gras pitch inspections. Once these inspections are completed and identified through the app, clubs and facilities become eligible for funding for both grass pitch maintenance machinery and equipment, as well as the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund.
More information at: https://footballfoundation.org.uk/get-your-pitch-match-fit

Football Foundation, Premier League, and FA Small Grants Programme (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Grassroots football clubs, charities, community and voluntary groups, local authorities and other not-for-profit organisations providing men's football in England can apply for grants of up to £25,000 to purchase equipment and improve their facilities.
The Small Grants programme will support smaller capital items and projects, and the maintenance/improvement of facilities.
This could include grass pitch maintenance, minor works to changing rooms, ball retention systems, fencing, goalposts, portable floodlights, storage containers, improvements to playing surfaces, and club house refurbishment.
Applications can be made at any time, preferably not more than one per football season.
More information at: https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding

Jordan Sinnott Foundation Trust (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Clubs, community groups and sports teams and individuals can apply for grants of up to £5,000.
The funder wants to support sports projects that can improve young people's access to sport and physical activities, particularly children and young people who are disadvantaged by reason for sickness or disability, financial hardship, or social and economic circumstances. Priority is given to applications for those who are vulnerable, underprivileged, especially those challenged by abuse, addiction, young carers; those who find themselves in transition and those without a place to call home. The funding aims to enable organisations to build capacity, achieve sustainability, increase their reach and support, and develop their vision.
Grants can be used for the following:

- Purchasing sports equipment, kit and gear,
- Transport costs,
- Club membership,
- Sport specific coaching education/training.

More information at: https://www.js25.co.uk/apply-for-a-grant/

Made by Sport #ClubsinCrisis Fund (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

In response to the Covid-19 crisis, Made by Sport, in partnership with the Cash4Clubs scheme, has launched a new Covid response fund to enable grassroots community sports clubs across the UK to improve the lives of disadvantaged young people affected by the pandemic.
The #ClubsinCrisis Fund will provide grants of up to £2,021 to local sports clubs and third sector organisations using sport to help young people develop life skills, reduce crime and anti-social behavior, improve employability skills, or tackle mental health issues.

Match funding is encouraged.
Applications will be accepted through the UK Community Foundations from 12th April 2021, in line with the opening up of grassroots sport in the UK
More information at: https://www.madebysport.com/clubsincrisis

Premier League (The) Defibrillator Fund for Grassroots Facilities (England) – Deadline: Rolling

The Premier League has announced that it would provide funding for the implementation of more than two thousand defibrillators at grassroots football clubs and facilities in England.
Working in partnership with the Football Foundation and the FA, a first phase of the Premier League Defibrillator Fund will provide defibrillators in time for the start of the 2021/22 season to Football Foundation funded facilities that are currently without a life-saving device onsite.
In the second phase, which is expected in September, grassroots clubs that own their facilities will be able to apply for funding for a defibrillator.
The Football Foundation will contact previously funded facilities in the coming weeks, with further information to be provided shortly regarding the application process for the second phase.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/wnws4eru

RLWC2021 CreatedBy Small Grants Programme to Improve Rugby League Facilities (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Organisations and clubs that are developing Rugby League activity in their community can apply for grants of up to £15,000 to improve the environment where Rugby League takes place.
The funding can be used to invest in kit, equipment and facility improvements that make rugby accessible and welcoming, and encourage more people from a range of different backgrounds to engage with the game and get active. This could include refurbishing club houses, and purchasing new lawn mowers, ball-stop netting, and equipment to deliver after-school sessions.
The RLWC2021 CreatedBy Small Grants Programme, funded by the National Lottery and Sport England, is particularly keen to fund environmentally sustainable improvements that reduce a club's financial outgoings, or projects that increase participation form girls, women and disability sport.
Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made every 12 weeks.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3jrcf9rj

Sport England Grants Available to People to Get Active (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Sports clubs, charities, local authorities, schools, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants for projects that align with Sport England's objectives of increasing activity levels and addressing inequalities in sports participation, particularly for those facing barriers to activity such as:

- People living on low incomes,
- Disabled people or those with long-term health conditions,
- Older people,
- People from culturally diverse communities,
- Pregnant women and parents with very young children,
- Girls aged 5-16,
- LGBTQ+ people,
- People who are in foster care,

- People who provide care without pay.

Eligible projects can receive up to £15,000 from the Sport England's Movement Fund to cover a wide range of costs and items, including the purchase of new or improved equipment, refurbishment or upgrading of facilities, development of new capabilities and leadership skills, and covering delivery costs for projects that encourage community engagement in physical activity.
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and can be submitted at any time.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/348d96yu

UK Government £100 Million Funding to Enhance Grassroots Sports (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The UK Government has announced a £100 million investment aimed at upgrading local grassroots sports facilities across the nation. This initiative seeks to enhance community access to sports and physical activities, particularly in deprived areas, and to increase participation among under-represented groups, including women, girls, ethnic minorities, and disabled individuals.
The funding will be distributed during the 2025-26 period, with allocations of £82.3 million for England, £8.6 million for Scotland, £6.1 million for Wales, and £3 million for Northern Ireland.
The investment is expected to support the development of new and improved pitches, changing rooms, goalposts, and floodlights. At least 40% of the funded projects will offer multi-sport facilities to encourage broader community engagement.
This initiative is part of the Government's "Plan for Change", aiming to break down barriers to opportunity and address persistent health inequalities through preventative measures.
The upgraded facilities are intended to foster community cohesion, provide young people with opportunities to develop essential skills, and instill a sense of pride in local areas.
Organisations interested in applying for funding are encouraged to do so through the appropriate channels:

- **England**: Applications can be made via the Football Foundation on an ongoing basis,
- **Wales**: applications are accepted through the Cymru Football Foundation,
- **Scotland and Northern Ireland**: dedicated application windows will open shortly, interested parties should consult their respective Football Association websites for further details.

The first tranche of beneficiaries is expected to be announced in the summer of 2025.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3tw5whdb

Utilita Football Re-Booted Initiative (The) Grassroots Fund (England) – Deadline: Rolling

The Utilita Re-Booted Initiative, in partnership with Team Grassroots, in making funding available to support grassroots football clubs, leagues or volunteers.
Utilita is a UK-based energy company that also sponsors several football clubs and competitions in the UK.
The Grassroots Fund is open to both clubs and leagues that are FA accredited and in need of financial assistance to make a big difference. Support will be tailored to meet the needs of each application such as vouchers for building materials to fix up a club house, contributions towards the cost of tradespeople, gifts to show appreciation to volunteers, new kit, or support to recover from crime and vandalism.
Multiple applications can be made for grants or gifts.
Applications can be submitted at any time and funding decisions are usually made within 28 days. The fund is limited and early application is recommended.
More information at: https://www.teamgrassroots.co.uk/fund/

OTHER FUNDING

Access Group Foundation (The) Funding to Tackle Digital Exclusion (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Grants of between £15,000 and £50,000 are available to UK charities, CICs and other not-for-profit organisations working to tackle digital exclusion in their communities.
The Access Foundation's Digital Divide Grants programme funds projects lasting up to twelve months that aim to improve digital access, skills and support for disadvantaged and vulnerable people.
The types of projects that can be funded include:

- **Digital skills training programmes** for adults or young people with low digital confidence, such as IT basics, online safety, business tech skills, or essential digital qualifications.
- **Provision of technology and connectivity** — funding to purchase laptops, tablets, mobile data SIMs or Wi-Fi access so people on low incomes can get online.
- **Outreach digital inclusion services**, such as mobile IT training units or "travelling trainer" projects that bring support directly to visually impaired or disadvantaged adults.
- **Community digital hubs or digital suites** where people can access computers, internet, training and support in one place.
- **Tailored programmes for specific groups** — for example, digital confidence and job-ready skills for homeless young people, women with English as a second language, or neurodiverse adults.
- **Collaborative projects with educational institutions that use technology to widen participation**, such as scholarship programmes or digital support for students from underserved backgrounds.
- **Support services that use digital tools to improve wellbeing**, such as technology-based advocacy support or community link-up projects that integrate digital engagement into broader support services.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis for services, activities, initiatives or projects that show clear, measurable outcomes, such as digital skills training, improved access to equipment, or support to help people move into education or employment.
Funding decisions are typically made within twelve weeks of submission.
More information at: https://theaccessgroupfoundation.com/apply/

Angling Trust (The) £100,000 Fund to Help Angling Clubs & Fisheries Protect Waters from Invasive Species and Diseases (England) - Deadline: Rolling

The Angling Trust, in partnership with the Environment Agency, is inviting applications for the latest round of the Angling Improvement Fund - Biosecurity and Invasive Non-Native Species.
The Angling Improvement Fund is funded by income from the sale of fishing licenses and aims to improve habitat and facilities for anglers across the country. £100,000 of funding is available in this round.
Who is eligible:

- angling clubs
- commercial angling venues
- syndicate fisheries
- community organisations
- local authorities who provide angling facilities

This latest round will award grants of up to £5,000 for projects that help to stop the spread of invasive non-native species and boost biosecurity at fishing venues.

Eligible activities include installing washdown stations and dip tanks, purchasing specialist equipment, providing training for staff and volunteers, and contractor fees for surveys or installations.
The fund will remain open until all funding has been allocated.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/y3n552hw

Architectural Heritage Fund (The) Funding Available to Preserve Historic Buildings (England) - Deadline: Rolling

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) has announced that its Heritage Revival Fund, a grants programme aimed at revitalising neglected historic buildings in town centres across England, is now open for applications.
Funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Historic England, this initiative is part of the government's £270 million investment in arts and culture. The programme seeks to empower community organisations to take ownership of local heritage assets, transforming them into thriving spaces that meet community needs.
The Heritage Revival Fund offers three types of grants:

- Project Viability Grants: Up to £15,000 for early-stage work to assess the condition and potential uses of historic buildings. The deadline for submitting applications is 19 January 2026.
- Project Development Grants: Up to £100,000 to support the development and coordination of projects, taking them towards the start of on-site work The deadline for submitting applications is 19 January 2026.
- Capital Grants: Up to £350,000 for the physical restoration and adaptation of historic buildings. The Capital Grants programme is currently closed to new applications.

This funding addresses the need to preserve historic buildings that are at risk of neglect or decay. By supporting community-led initiatives, the programme aims to breathe new life into these structures, ensuring they continue to serve as valuable assets for local communities.
Eligible applicants include charities, parish councils, not-for-profit organisations, and social enterprises, etc. Priority will be given to projects located in town centres across England.
More information at: https://ahfund.org.uk/grants/England/

Arts Council Announces New R&D Support for Creatives (England) - Deadline: Rolling

The Arts Council England (ACE) has paused it Developing Your Creative Practice scheme until April 2026.
To ensure continued support for individual artists and creative practitioners, ACE has ringfenced £7.5 million for research and development through its National Lottery Project Grants (NLPG) scheme.
Grants of up to £30,000 are available to help individuals explore new ideas, experiment with creative approaches, test new ways of working, or carry out research into their practice.
Examples of R&D projects supported through NLPG:

- Taking up creative residency opportunities, in England and internationally, that might benefit your future practice
- Mentoring, partnership, peer network, critique group, and shadowing opportunities, to trial new ideas and develop market opportunities
- Accessing production spaces or workspaces to develop new ideas and work
- Taking up opportunities to ‘go see’ other cultural and creative works to guide your own practice

Applicants must demonstrate how their project will provide public benefit, either through future engagement, improved accessibility, or wider cultural impact.
This funding is in addition to the existing NLPG support for individuals.
Applications should be made via the £30,000 and under strand of NLPG.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with decisions made within twelve weeks of submission.
More information at: https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/ProjectGrants

Arts Council England Funding to Support Arts, Library & Museum Projects (England) - Deadline: Rolling

Arts Council England's National Lottery Project Grants programme has reopened for applications to the '£30,000 and under' strand, supporting arts, library, and museum projects.
The programme aims to support individual artists, community and cultural organisations to create and sustain high-quality work and help more people across England to engage with arts and culture.
Funding is available for projects lasting up to three years that are focused on one or more of the following disciplines:

- Combined arts (including festivals and carnivals),
- Dance,
- Libraries (for activities that deliver against at least one of the four Universal Library Offers),
- Literature,
- Music,
- Museums and collections,
- Theatre,
- Visual arts.

Applicants should note that whilst the guidance and application questions remain unchanged, applications will now be made via a new platform. Support documents are available to guide applicants through the process.
Applications can be made at any time, with decisions expected within ten weeks of submission.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3nfbfm59

Benefact Trust (The) Funding to Repair & Improve Christian Buildings (UK & Ireland) – Deadline: Rolling

The Benefact Trust has launched a new funding programme to protect and enhance Christian buildings, ensuring their continued use and viability, and the safeguarding of their heritage.
The Building Improvement Grant programme is open to applications from churches, cathedrals, denominational bodies, and Christian charities in the UK and Ireland, and will support capital costs such as essential repairs, improvements, equipment purchases, conservation and restoration, aesthetic enhancements, and energy efficient measures.
There is no minimum or maximum award specified, but applicants will need to secure at least 30% of their total project costs before making an application. Funding will be awarded at the discretion of the trustees and applications can be made at any time.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2p8s23pc

Big Issue Invest Big Energy Saving Loans (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Charities and social enterprises in England which are struggling with rising energy costs can apply for unsecured loans of between £20,000 and £150,000 to install energy efficiency and renewable energy measures.
The lending programme will enable organisations to save money on energy by installing a variety of measures such as:

- Insulation,

- Buying and installing renewable energy equipment,
- Heat exchangers and heat pumps,
- LED light installations,
- Replacing old gas fired boiler systems with new efficient ones,
- Property improvements, such as extra single glazing on existing windows, double glazing improvements, systematic draught improvements,
- Energy efficiency survey and technical assistance costs.

Organisations should register their interest in the first instance.
More information at: https://www.bigissue.com/invest/big-energy-saving-loans/

Big Issue Invest Opens New Loans Programme (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Big Issue Invest has launched a new fund to help charities and social enterprises grow their social impact.
The Impact Loans England programme is designed to help organisations grow, diversify, or buy new assets.
Investment details:

- Flexible loans of between £20,000 to £400,000 are available with up to 20% as a grant,
- Repayment over 1 to 8 years,
- Interest rate between 7.5% - 8.5%,
- Potential for up to 12 months of initial interest-only period,
- No early repayment charges.

Consideration will be given for most purposes for impactful organisations, including refinancing existing debt.
The Fund is particularly looking to invest in areas of poverty that have a greater need for support, including those working in marginalised communities, and those led by Black, Asian, minority ethnic and/or disabled people.
Organisations interested in applying must in the first instance register their interest on the Big Issue Invest website.
More information at: https://www.bigissue.com/invest/impact-loans-england/

BT Group Apprenticeship Fund to Boost Local Skills & Support Small Businesses (England) - Deadline: Rolling

FBT Group has launched a new Apprenticeship Fund to support SMEs, charities and public sector organisations in England.
In partnership with training provider Babington, the fund will allocate £4 million over an initial four-year period to help organisations, including the NHS, train new apprentices and upskill existing workforces.
The fund will support apprentices aged 22 and older, with a strong emphasis on developing digital skills. The initiative aims to promote local economic growth, reduce the digital divide, and enhance social mobility, potentially benefiting up to 550 apprentices.
Organisations interested in accessing funding can register their interest on the BT Group Apprenticeship Portal.
More information at: https://btgrouplevytransferservice.babington.co.uk/

Charities Aid Foundation (The) Grants and Loans Available to Help Charitable Organisations Grow (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Charities, social enterprises, and community organisations across the UK can apply for flexible social investment through the Charities Aid Foundation's Venturesome Impact Fund.
The Charities Aid Foundation is a UK-based charity that supports and strengthens the charitable sector by providing funding, advice and financial services.

The Venturesome Impact Fund aims to help organisations strengthen their financial resilience, grow trading income, and increase social impact where traditional grants or bank lending may not be suitable. Rather than providing one-off grants, the fund offers repayable finance, allowing capital to be recycled to support more organisations over time.
Funding is available as loans ranging from £50,000 to £1 million, typically over three to five years, with fixed interest rates. In some cases, particularly for smaller or early-stage organisations, CAF may offer blended finance packages that combine a loan with a grant element to reduce risk and improve affordability.
The Venturesome Impact Fund is open to UK-registered charities, social enterprises and community groups that can demonstrate a clear social purpose and measurable impact. Applicants must usually have been operating for at least one year, show a minimum annual turnover of £75,000, and be able to repay the investment from trading or other earned income.
Organisations can use the funding to support working capital, manage cash flow, expand services, invest in staff or systems, or develop new income-generating activities.
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and there are no application deadlines.
More information at: https://www.cafonline.org/about-us/caf-venturesome

Childs Charitable Trust (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Childs Charitable Trust is a grant-making trust, supporting Christian UK registered and excepted charities and organisations both in the UK and overseas.
Projects will be considered that fall into the following categories:

- Youth – the trust looks to support projects working in schools and with vulnerable and disengaged young people in the UK. Supported activities may include RE lessons, school assemblies, lunchtime/after school clubs, Evangelism, personal development programmes, homelessness prevention,
- Outreach - the trust works to share the gospel of Christ by supporting all aspects of Christian outreach both in the UK and overseas and can fund, for example, church plants, overseas mission, training in Evangelism, chaplaincy,
- Society – the trust believes people of faith bring a valuable contribution to social action and justice and support initiatives that have a positive impact in their society. Grants could support, for example, counselling, night shelters, alcohol/drug rehabilitation, homelessness, or prison/ex-offenders work,
- Education – the trust supports initiatives that are involved in all areas of Christian education including bible translation, media initiatives, bible colleges, literature, apologetics.

Grants allocated in 2024 will be primarily focused on organisations that actively share the Christian gospel in their work.
Applicants must be registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales, the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator, or the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland or be 'excepted' charities. Organisations with a turnover in over £5,000,000 should contact the office prior to submitting an application, to check eligibility.
No maximum or minimum funding amounts are specified.
The primary focus for grants allocated is on those organisations that actively share the Christian gospel in their work.
Applications received in December, January and February will be considered at the April trustees' meeting.
More information at: https://childscharitabletrust.org/anchor

City and Guilds Foundation (The) Grants to Address Local Skill Shortages (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Not-for-profit organisations such as registered charities, colleges, FE providers, and other City & Guilds clients can apply for grants of up to £10,000 for community-led projects that address local skills shortages in local areas and within communities where access to training and development opportunities are limited.

The funding is being made available through the City & Guilds Foundation Local Community Skills Fund which aims to fund innovative projects that may not be eligible for traditional funding sources.

The Local Community Skills Fund supports projects that are:

- Seeking funding for projects or activities that will be delivered in the UK,
- Supporting people 16+ who are facing barriers,
- Supporting the development of skills required to move towards or into employment.

Eligible projects include setting up community gardens, running digital skills workshops, and providing training programmes that help disadvantaged individuals develop the skills needed to secure employment.

To be eligible, the applicant organisations must have a voluntary income of less than £1 million per year.

Individuals and community groups can also apply, but only in instances where they have a supporting organisation that is willing to act as the recipient of funds.

The fund is open continuously, and applications will be reviewed every month.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/yc5kdz2f

Co-operative Bank – Customer Donation Fund (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Organisations such as registered charities, Community Interest Companies, Co-operatives and Credit Unions etc. that have a Community Directplus account can apply for funding of up to £1,000 from the Customer Donation Fund.

Since 2003 the Co-operative Bank Donation Fund has donated over £750,000 to 866 organisations. The money can be used to support special projects and fundraising activities, and all Community Directplus account holders are eligible to apply.

The closing dates for applications are March and September each year and they will then be assessed in April and October.

Previous projects supported include:

Theatre company 20 Stories High which received funding towards three Dictaphones, 12 MP3 players and the work of an experienced Technical Manager to help develop and stage a new production.

Wiltshire Wood Recycling, a not-for-profit organisation which received funding towards new tools, boots, hard hats and high-viz jackets for the workers.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/bdzn3b9d

Creative England New Ideas Fund (England, outside of London) – Deadline: Rolling

Creative England has re-opened their New Ideas Fund to applications from individuals and small to medium-sized enterprises working on screen-based storytelling including film, television, animation, games, immersive media, or technology that supports these industries.

Grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 are available to support the development of new and innovative ideas to help business growth in the English regions outside of London.

Applications for funding of between £10,000 and £25,000 can only be made by registered limited companies.

Examples of ideas that could be funded include:

- Developing/prototyping new technology for storytelling,
- Building new storytelling platforms,
- Testing new markets,
- And experimenting with new formats of content creation.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and considered at a regular panel meeting held once a month.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/5ap483a6

Donald Forrester Trust (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Donald Forrester Trust target their support where they believe it is most needed and are increasingly looking towards UK registered charities that are dependent upon volunteer support and a small amount of money will go a long way. The Trust also favours organisations where both overheads and fund-raising costs are kept to a minimum.
Grants are made twice yearly in March and September and usually amount to an annual figure in excess of £500,000. Grants are made to a wide range of charities and can vary in amount but are usually in the sum of £5,000.
Applications should be submitted no later than 15th January and 15th July in order to be considered at the next Trustees meeting.
More information at: https://theforresterfamilytrust.org/

EA Animal Welfare Fund (The) Grants to Support Animal Welfare Charities (UK & Worldwide) – Deadline: Rolling

Not-for-profit animal welfare organisations in the UK and worldwide can apply for grants of up to $500,000 from the EA Animal Welfare Fund which supports advocacy, research and movement-building work aimed at improving the wellbeing of animals, primarily farmed and wild animals, in relatively neglected geographic regions around the world.
The fund has historically supported many different interventions, including research that improves understanding of relevant issues, and campaigns that push large corporations to improve their farm animal welfare policies.
Funding could be used to support projects such as:

- Promoting alternative proteins in order to reduce demand for animal products,
- Researching ways to improve the welfare of farmed fish,
- And advocating against the use of some cruel practice within the industrial agricultural system.

Applications can be made at any time. Funding recommendations are made in February, July and November each year.
More information at: https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/funds/animal-welfare

GEM Road Safety Charity Offers £10,000 Grants to Improve Road Safety (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Organisations across the UK can now apply for grants of up to £10,000 from the GEM Road Safety Charity to support innovative projects aimed at reducing road crashes and saving lives.
The funding is open to registered charities, road-safety organisations, universities, schools, and community groups working to improve road safety. The charity, which has a long history of championing safer roads, is calling for practical initiatives that can make a measurable difference to road safety in local communities.

GEM Road Safety Charity, established to reduce deaths and injuries on Britain's roads, provides annual funding to help organisations develop education campaigns, research, and community-focused interventions.
Applications are now open, and interested organisations are encouraged to visit roadsafety.org.uk/grants for full eligibility details and guidance on how to apply.
Examples of projects supported in the past include:

- A campaign by British Horse Society entitled "Looking out for Laura", designed to raise awareness of equestrian road safety issues,
- A project by Devon Air Ambulance Trust to analyse injury patterns across different road-user types and identify those injuries viewed as potentially survivable – grant awarded at about £4,500,
- Funding Gloucestershire Older Persons Association (£10,000) to support the first stage of a redevelopment of its Older Drivers Forum.

More information at: https://roadsafety.org.uk/grants/

Green Hall Foundation (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Green Hall Foundation's aim is to sustainably improve lives among the sick, the elderly, the disabled and the disadvantaged. Preference is given to appeals where the Foundation can meet a significant proportion of the funding required and to appeals where permanent equipment or building is required as opposed to funding salaries or the charity running costs. Grants are typically between £1,000 and £10,000 with preference being given to funding specific projects or items or equipment. Running costs and salaries are not funded.
The Trustees meet in May and November.

- Each May meeting will be open to charities in all income brackets,
- Each November meeting will be open to charities with an annual income of £250,000 or less.

More information at: https://greenhallfoundation.org/how-to-apply/

Hospice UK Grants of up to £1,500 for the Professional Development of Hospice and Palliative Care Staff (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Hospice staff across the UK can access funding to boost their professional skills through three major bursary schemes managed by Hospice UK.
The programmes, backed by the Masonic Charitable Foundation, the National Garden Scheme, and the Wolfson Foundation, aim to strengthen the end-of-life care workforce through practical, career-focused learning.
Eligible applicants include nurses, healthcare assistants, social workers, pharmacists, counsellors and other staff employed by hospices that are members of Hospice UK. Grants can cover up to half of the course or module fee, to a maximum of £1,500 per person per year.

- The Wolfson Foundation supports courses in clinical care, teaching, or research,
- The National Garden Scheme fund supports training in areas such as dementia care, and spiritual care,
- The Masonic Charitable Foundation bursary extends supports to staff in England, Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

Eligible expenses include conference or course fees, travel costs, and accommodation. The grants can be used for both in-person and virtual learning opportunities, recognising the diverse ways in which professional development can be accessed in today's digital landscape.

Interested applicants should submit their proposals through Hospice UK's online portal. There is no application deadline, and decisions are made on a rolling basis. Successful candidates will be expected to share their learning experiences with colleagues, further amplifying the funding's impact across the sector.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/2tbytted

"I've Got an Idea" Fund (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Individuals or small groups or organisations in the UK who have a novel technical idea which they want to try out can apply for grants of between £250 and £3,000.
Schools and groups of children can also apply as long as the idea is technically inventive and novel and, if it worked, delivering either an environmental or social benefit.
The fund has been set up in memory of Peter Williams by his family. Peter spent his life generating a diversity of technical ideas and experimenting to see if they might work. The process always involved others and was always part of the fun. Some of his ideas worked and some of them didn't but they all left the world a better and more interesting place. The fund is being run in that spirit of imagination, potential impact and fun.
The fund is looking for ideas that:

- Are based on a technical idea or innovation,
- Could deliver a social or environmental benefit,
- Are intriguing, inventive and have an element of fun.

Applicants will be informed within 4 weeks of submission if their application has been successful.
More information at: https://theprospectory.com/idea-fund/

Laing (Maurice and Hilda) Charitable Trust (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Maurice and Hilda Laing Charitable Trust was established in 1996 by Sir Maurice and Lady Hilda Laing. The Trust has a specifically Christian focus, and most grants are made to, or through, faith-based organisations. The Trustees have identified four main areas of interest:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in any part of the world,
- The advancement of religious education in accordance with the principles and doctrines of the Christian faith,
- The relief of poverty throughout the world,
- The protection and preservation of health and relief of sickness and mental and physical disabilities.

There is no formal application form, but we do ask applicants to download and complete an application sheet, which is available on completion of an eligibility test.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/tep4bh2m

Lord Barnby's Foundation (England and Wales) – Deadline: Rolling (quarterly)

Lord Barnby's Foundation offers grants to charitable organisations in England and Wales for general charitable purposes, the advancement of health or saving of lives, disability, the prevention or relief of poverty, environment, conservation, and heritage.
Grants are between £1,000 and £5,000, but no maximum amount is specified. Applications should be made in writing and include a brief description of the organisation and project, plus a copy of the organisation's most recent accounts. Trustees meet in February, June, and November.
For more information and how to apply please contact:
The Lord Barnby Foundation,
PO Box 442,

Market Drayton,
TF9 9EQ
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Mrs Smith and Mount Trust (The): The Mrs Smith Fund (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Mrs Smith and Mount Trust aims to assist disadvantaged people towards greater independence or a better quality of life. The Mrs Smith Fund makes grants to registered charities working with individuals in need that meet the Fund's criteria.
Hardship funding is to be distributed by the recipient charities through small grants to disadvantaged people including, but not restricted to, those listed below:

- Young people leaving care (who have been looked after by the State),
- Individuals returning to the community after having lived in the care of the community or long stay hospital accommodation, after residential care e.g., the mentally ill, elderly or disabled people or those who have had to give up their home and were unable to pay furniture storage fees,
- Individuals who have lost the contents of their home through fire, theft, flood or vandalism, and who were unable to pay household insurance due to low income (the application for this category must be accompanied by a Police or Fire Officers report),
- Individuals who are being rehoused after living in a refuge and who are not able to gain access to previous accommodation to collect their belongings,
- Individuals who are being rehabilitated who receive benefits, other than income support, and who are not entitled to receive any Government funded grant which will pay for such household item,
- Individuals who have had to be rehoused due to circumstances beyond their control e.g., harassment, disablement or ill health, deterioration of property i.e., damp; where moving from furnished private to unfurnished council accommodation or where care of another person is being undertaken who was not previously living at the accommodation.

The funding should be used towards the purchase of household furnishings and equipment, baby equipment and clothing.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/4w9wx78b

NatureSave Trust (The) Grants to Help Reduce Waste and Over Consumption (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Applications are now being accepted for the latest round of the NatureSave Trust's grants programme, which is focusing on the circular economy.
Each year the Trust donates a percentage of their income generated from NatureSave Insurance and uses these funds to support environmental and conservation projects across the UK.
This funding round will provide grants of between £500 and £2,500 to help charities, community groups, and social enterprises to deliver projects to reduce waste and over consumption of finite resources, with a focus on repairing, restoring, mending, sharing, and repurposing. In the process, it is hoped that other benefits will be unlocked such as assisting with the cost-of-living crisis, creating purpose to those in need and helping communities come together and learn new skills.
No deadline given
More information at: https://www.naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/

National Archives (The) Grants Available to Support Innovative Archive Projects (England & Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

The National Archive offers Research and Innovation Grants of up to £10,000 to support research, innovation and transformable projects in the archive sector. The programme focuses on digital transformation, environmental sustainability, and inclusive practice.
The National Archives is the official archives of the UK Government and provides leadership, guidance and funding support for the archives sector in England and Wales.
Archivists and heritage professionals working with archival collections in England or Wales can apply. Eligible applicants include public sector bodies, not-for-profit organisations, registered charities and for-profit organisations, including business archives. Private individuals cannot apply.
Funding may support:

- Digital transformation: testing new technologies, tools, devices or products for managing, preserving, accessing or sharing archive collections,
- Environmental sustainability: projects that help archives reduce environmental impact or adapt to climate change,
- Inclusive practice work: work that improves diversity, equity and inclusion in collections, audiences, users or archival practice.

Funding can also support seed funding, pilot projects, commissioned research, research trips, dissemination, publishing, events and publication fees.
The programme uses a single-stage online application process. Applications are assessed on innovation, impact, delivery and management, knowledge sharing and need.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/f3ydtwmf

National Lottery Community Fund (The) Funding Available for Large-Scale Projects to Reduce Food Poverty (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The National Lottery Community Fund has opened application for its Climate Action Fund – Food Systems, offering funding of up to £7 million for partnership projects that aim to strengthen the UK's food systems and reduce food insecurity.
The funding will support long-term projects that increase access to healthy, affordable food in environmentally sustainable ways.
It will do this by supporting projects that:

- Work with nature to create resilient, sustainable and equitable food systems (this is called agroecology),
- Address the root cause of long-term problems, not just the symptoms (this is called systems change).

Projects must work towards systems change in the way that:

- Community organisations grow and produce food – using agroecological methods,
- Food gets distributed – aiming for equitable access to healthy, affordable food for all,
- Offers people and communities different food options – especially those experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination/

Grants typically range from £3 million to £5 million for projects lasting between three and seven years, with up to ten projects expected to be funded.
Eligible costs include staff costs, transport, utilities, equipment, and costs that help organisations support communities and smaller partner organisations.
Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organisations working in partnership, such as charities, CICs, CIOs, schools, universities and public bodies.
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Decisions can take up to nine months.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/ykp2224f

Newby Trust (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Newby Trust funds local, regional, or national charities registered and operating in the UK within the broad categories of:

Education

The current aims of the Trust's education programme are to enable people to benefit from educational opportunities and to support excellence. Within the over-arching aim, the Trust wishes to:

- Enhance educational opportunities for children and young people through the funding of extra-curricular activities,
- Support the personal development of children who need extra help to enable them to benefit from education, and,
- Nurture ability and talent at all ages.

Health

The broad objectives of the health category are to:

- Maintain and improve the mental health of children and young people,
- Support the mental and physical health of older people, and,
- Fund medical research.

Social welfare

The aim of the social welfare category is to improve people's quality of life in disadvantaged communities. The Trust's broad objectives in this category are to:

- Provide small grants for short-term emergency relief,
- Improve social support for disadvantaged groups, and,
- Support cultural and physical activities to improve wellbeing.

The Trust is more likely to fund smaller or medium-sized charities with an annual income of less than £1 million. The Trust will make grants for core costs such as day-to-day running costs. The Trust also makes project grants, capital grants and grants for salaries and bursaries. Grants may be made for one, two or three years, although most grants are for one year and normally range in size from £2,000 to £10,000.

Deadline: continuous rolling programme, however, in general, only charities that are invited to apply will be considered for a grant. To bring the work of your charity to the attention of the Trust please email info@newby-trust.org.uk. Only those introductory emails the Trust wishes to take the enquiry to the next stage will be responded to.

More information at: https://www.newby-trust.org.uk/charities/

Old Possum's Practical Trust (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Old Possum's Practical Trust makes grants to projects which fall within artistic, aesthetic, literary, musical and theatre criteria. All applications must demonstrate a high level of sustainability and contextual impact. Priority will be given to those which have an impact on future literary work and display enterprise in their artistic endeavor.

Grants typically fall within £500-£5,000. The Trustees do, however, retain the right to give discretionary grants and development grants, outside the criteria listed above, but only do so in exceptional circumstances.

More information at: http://www.old-possums-practical-trust.org.uk/

Paul Hamlyn Foundation (The) Funding to Support Migrant Justice (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation is making grants of up to £60,000 per year (over 3 to 5 years) available to support not-for-profit organisations working towards migrant justice in the UK.

The Migration Fund aims to support organisations to build on their services to strengthen relationships with migrants and diaspora communities and help them plan for positive change.
The type of work that will be supported includes:

- Collaborations, alliances and coalitions,
- Campaigning and mobilisation,
- Community and worker organising,
- Intersectional non-party political education,
- Migrant and diaspora leadership development,
- Working towards changing law, policy and practice on issues affecting migrant and diaspora communities,
- Strengthening advice infrastructure,
- Community-centered strategic litigation and/or movement lawyering,
- Challenging anti-migrant and divisive narratives, laws and policies,
- Mainstreaming progressive narratives on migration and belonging.

The Foundation will consider applications for core funding and funding dedicated to specific programmes and partnerships.
Potential applicants need to contact the Foundation to discuss ideas before submitting applications.
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and there are no deadlines.
More information at: https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/migration-fund/#how-to-apply

Percy Bilton Charity (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Percy Bilton Charity awards grants to charities assisting disadvantaged youth, people with disabilities, people with mental health problems and older people may apply for grants towards furnishings and equipment (excluding office items), building or refurbishment projects.
The Charity will consider capital funding for the following projects and schemes:

- **Disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (persons under 25)**
  Supported housing schemes and educational and training projects to encourage disadvantaged young people who may be homeless and/or unemployed away from crime, substance/alcohol misuse and homelessness. Facilities for recreational activities and outdoor pursuits specifically for young people who are educationally or socially underprivileged or disadvantaged.
- **People with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities) or mental health problems**
  Residential, respite care, occupational and recreational establishments for children, young people and adults with physical or learning disabilities or enduring mental health problems.
- **Older people (aged over 60)**
  Day centres, nursing and residential homes, sheltered accommodation and respite care for the frail or sufferers from dementia or age-related disorders. Projects to encourage older people to maintain their independence.

The Charity offers two types of grants:
Small grants: up to £500.
Large grants: one-off payments for capital expenditure of approximately £2,000 and over (the majority of grants fall within the range of £2,000 to £5,000). Preference is given to

specific items of furniture and equipment (excluding office items) which the Charity can fund in their entirety.
More information at: https://www.percy-bilton-charity.org/

Pet's Foundation (The) Funding Available for UK Animal Rescue and Rehoming Organisations (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Animal rescue and rehoming organisations across the UK can apply for funding through the Pets Foundation Rescue Centre Grants Programme. The Pet's Foundation is a UK animal rescue and pet adoption charity, launched by Pets at Home in 2006, which helps abandoned and vulnerable pets get a second chance.
The programme supports organisations whose main activity is the rescue and rehoming of pets in the UK. Grants start from £250, with funding available for a wide range of costs linked to animal welfare, rescue operations and rehoming activity.
Eligible costs can include

- vet bills,
- boarding fees,
- trap and neuter schemes,
- food,
- animal care equipment,
- vehicles,
- building work and utility bills.

The Foundation has previously made significant awards through the programme, with the largest rescue grant last year providing £150,000 towards a kennel build.
One-off grant requests of under £50,000 are reviewed and decided throughout the year. Applications for more than £50,000 will be considered in January 2027.
Organisations that have previously received funding from the Pets Foundation must wait 12 months before applying again. The funding is being provided by the Pets Foundation through its Rescue Centre Grants Programme.
More information at: https://www.petsfoundation.co.uk/rescue-centres/

Porticus UK (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

Porticus UK supports organisations contributing to the common good/social change in education, society, faith and care.
They like organisations they support to maximize their impact through collaborative partnerships and will consider applications for project or core costs including staff salaries and overheads.
Grants are available at various levels - most in excess of £10,000.
Applicants are urged to carefully review the programme areas before applying, as they receive many more requests than can be honoured. Your project will not be considered if it does not fall within one of the four areas. Applications are accepted from charitable, not-for-profit organisations operating in England, Wales, or Scotland. There are no funding limits.
The organisations advised by Porticus prefer to tailor their support based on the merits of the application and a variety of other factors.
The values of Porticus are based on the Catholic faith but they welcome applications from religious and secular organisations, they are particularly interested in organisations with a proven model that they wish to roll-out or expand.
More information at: https://www.porticus.com/

Power to Change Funding to Retrofit Buildings with Energy-Generating or Saving Technologies (England) – Deadline: Rolling

Community businesses can apply for financial support ranging from £10,000 to £150,000 to stabilize or reduce energy costs and support the transition to more sustainable energy practices.
The funding, which is made available through the Power to Change Energy Resilience Fund, can be used for various projects, including retrofitting buildings with energy-generating or saving technologies.
Up to 40% of the total funding can be provided as a grant, with additional energy audit grants available between £500 and £2,500.
The grant is available to community businesses in England that own a building or have a long-term lease of 12 years or more. The programme is funded by Power to Change and delivered by the Key Fund.
To find out more please contact Sarah Dennis on 07889 881459 or email: Sarah.Dennis@thekeyfund.co.uk
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/yrj8ffpw

Power to Change Match Funding for Community Businesses (England) - Deadline: Rolling

Power to Change has teamed up with Crowdfunder to launch Community Business Crowdmatch to support new or existing community businesses that are providing services or activities that benefit the local community.
This could include:

- Launching new business ideas to help their local neighbourhood,
- To help meet increased demand,
- Save a community space,
- Help bridge a funding gap.

Power to Change will match fund up to 50% raised through crowdfunding, to a maximum of £10,000.
Priorities include supporting marginalised communities, less affluent areas, projects led by younger people, climate crisis and digital transformation.
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/mpnuy8h9

Samuel William Farmer Trust (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Samuel William Farmer Trust provides grants to charitable organisations in the UK. Grants have varied from £1k to £10k.
The scheme is intended to support organisations undertaking projects with the following themes:

- To benefit poor persons who through ill health or old age are unable to earn their own livelihood,
- Education and training,
- To benefit hospitals, nursing and convalescent homes,
- Wildlife and conservation,
- Local community.

Contact details: telephone Mrs Melanie Linden-Fermor on **01380 813299** or write to 71 High Street, Market Lavington, Wiltshire SN10 4AG.

Sobell Foundation (The) (UK) - Deadline: Rolling

The Sobell Foundation was established by the late Sir Michael Sobell in 1977 for general charitable purposes and is a grant-making trust with which he was actively involved until shortly before his death in 1993. The deed of charitable trust, under which the Sobell

Foundation was formed, is not specific about the objectives of the Trust and allows the Trustees absolute discretion to apply fund for general charitable purposes.
We are not involved in fund raising and rely upon income from our investments to make grants. Grants tend to be made in line with the founder's interests, which are principally causes benefitting children, the sick, elderly, needy and disabled. The Trustees aim to achieve a reasonable spread between Jewish charities (operating principally in the UK and Israel) and non-Jewish charities operating in the UK.
Due to the current circumstances we regret that we are, at present, only accepting applications from charities we have recently supported. New grants will be awarded for a one-year period. We will update the website when the situation changes.
More information at: http://www.sobellfoundation.org.uk/

Social Investment Business Opens New Loans Programme (England, Scotland & Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

Charities, social enterprises, and community organisations in England, Scotland and Wales can now benefit from £17 million of repayable funding via the Social Investment Business.
The Community Builders Fund offers loans ranging from £100,000 to £1.5 million to support the growth and long-term resilience of organisations working to improve people's lives or the environment they live in.
Organisations based in Wales and Scotland can apply for loans upwards of £50,000.
Loans are repayable over six years at a fixed rate of 7.9% per annum. There is the potential for up to 12 months of interest-only payments, with no early repayment charges.
Eligible applicants must have been operating for at least two years and have a minimum turnover of £400,000 (£200,000 for those in Scotland or Wales).
The fund is supported by the Government's guarantee scheme – Growth Guarantee Scheme.
Applications are accepted at any time.
More information at: https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/community-builders-fund/

Thrive Together Fund (The) to Provide Access to Finance to Charitable Organisations (England) – Deadline: Rolling

A partnership comprising Social Investment Business, Co-operative and Community Finance, Fredericks Foundation, Groundwork, Homeless Link, and The Architectural Heritage Fund have launched a new fund to enhance access to finance for smaller charities and social enterprises in the UK.
The Thrive Together Fund aims to provide unrestricted funding to support the growth of small and medium-sized charitable organisations and social enterprises. Eligible applicants include incorporated voluntary, community, or social enterprise organisations based in England that are actively making a social or environmental impact.
The fund offers a funding package ranging from £25,000 to £100,000, combining grant funding with repayable finance, with the loan component comprising 75% and the grant comprising 25%. The total fun size is £6 million, and it intends to expand social investment opportunities for smaller organisations, particularly those in disadvantaged areas.
The Fund is support by a £3.6 million investment from Access – The Foundation for Social Investment, along with a £3 million investment from the Social Investment Business Foundation.
There is no closing date and applications can be submitted at any time.
More information at: https://homeless.org.uk/news/thrive-together-fund/

Ufi VocTech Launches New Ventures Challenge Fund (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Recent start ups developing educational technologies are invited to apply for an initial investment of £250,000 from the new established Ventures Challenge Fund, provided by the Ufi VocTech Trust. The fund seeks to support companies that contribute to skills development in an economy increasingly influenced by automation, digitalisation and decarbonisation. Successful applicants may have the opportunity to receive up to an additional £1 million in follow-up funding.

The fund targets innovation in five key areas:

- Green economy skills development,
- Digital transformation & industry 4.0,
- Reskilling and upskilling in traditional industries,
- Inclusive skills development,
- Future of work and lifelong learning.

Priority will be given to companies that have already launched products that not only support those areas but are also generating revenue and have the potential for scalable impact across the UK's skills landscape.

Applicants should submit a detailed pitch to the Ufi Ventures team. The Trust aims to provide a response within 5 working days.

More information at: https://ufi.co.uk/latest/launching-the-ufi-ventures-challenge-fund/

UK Government Protective Security for Mosques Schemes (England & Wales) – Deadline: Rolling

The UK Government is making funding available to reduce the risk and impact of hate crime and terror attacks at Muslim places of worship and their associated faith community centres in England and Wales.

The funding is available through the Protective Security for Mosques Scheme for the free installation of protective security, such as:

- CCTV,
- Secure fencing,
- Manually operated pedestrian and vehicle gates,
- Door hardening, locks, and mailbox/mail bag,
- Reinforcing glazed windows,
- Intruder alarms,
- Door entry access control,
- Video intercom systems,
- Lighting,
- Security guarding services.

To apply for funding, applicants should submit evidence of their vulnerability and experience of hate crime.

The scheme will remain open until further notice.

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/pz3vk57w

Vinehill Trust (The) Grants – Empowering Music, Heritage and Health Projects (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Vinehill Trust offers grants ranging from £10,000 to £100,000 to charitable, educational and ecclesiastical organisations based in the UK. In exceptional circumstances, grants of up to £100,000 per year may be awarded for three years. These grants are intended for projects focusing on music, heritage and health.

- Music grants specifically support initiatives such as children's and youth choral programmes, organ restoration, and community singing projects, all of which help to sustain the UK's musical traditions,
- Heritage grants are available for the conservation of built heritage and for training in traditional craft skills, ensuring that essential skills are passed on and historic sites are safeguarded for future generations,
- Health grants are designed to address overlooked or under-funded health challenges, backing community-based services for marginalised groups and direct patient support schemes.

Eligible applicants are registered UK charities or equivalent organisations. The Trust does not consider funding for retrospective projects, capital appeals for buildings, unrestricted reserves, campaigning costs, or individual expenses. All projects must demonstrate sound governance, robust financial management, and a lasting positive impact on the community. There is no application deadline. To apply, applicants need to complete an outline application form and email it along with the latest audited accounts to info@vinehilltrust.uk
More information at: https://vinehilltrust.uk/

Vegan Society Grants (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Vegan Society offers grants of £1,000 and £5,000 for projects encouraging non-vegans to adopt and maintain a vegan lifestyle.
The grant supports initiatives globally, particularly in economically developing countries that:

- Raise public awareness of veganism in a positive way,
- Promote veganism uniquely or excitingly to non-vegans,
- Support people from marginalised backgrounds to access veganism.

The grants are available to:

- A vegan,
- A non-profit organisation or individual with a non-profit project,
- Not a Vegan Society staff member or trustees,

Recently awarded grants went to 'Culture and Tradition, a call to animal welfare' which wa a community run project to encourage fellow villagers to replace animal skins with synthetic materials in traditional dance festivals in Zimbabwe. In the UK a project titled 'Enjoy Soy' worked to provide vegan culinary training to newly independent young adults.
Applications should be submitted at least four months before the project start date to allow sufficient processing time.
More information at: https://www.vegansociety.com/get-involved/grants

William and Jane Morris Fund (The) Grants for Churches for the Conservation of Decorative Features and Monuments (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The William and Jane Morris Fund provides grants of between £500 and £5,000 to churches, chapels, and other places of worship built before 1896 for small programs of conservation work to decorative features and monuments. Applications can be submitted at any time until 31 August 2026.
To be eligible for funding, the work must be directed by a professional architect or established conservator and completed according to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) principles. Eligible work includes, but is not limited to, stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments, tombs, and wall paintings.
Some examples of previous grants include:

- £1,000 to St Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas for the conservation of wall paintings.
- £750 to Holy Trinity Church, St Austell to restore a monument to Joseph Sawle.
- £1,600 to The Lye and Wollescote Chapels, Dudley for the repair of a weathervane.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please visit the William and Jane Morris Fund website for more information (link below).
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/rmfuwvua

Windrush Justice Programme (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

UK-based grassroots organisations can apply for funding in the third round of the Windrush Justice Programme. This funding is intended to aid their advocacy work for individuals attempting to claim from the Windrush Compensation Scheme.
The Windrush Compensation Scheme is a government initiative established to offer financial redress to individuals who suffered from the Windrush scandal, particularly those wrongly detained, denied legal rights, or threatened with deportation. Launched in April 2019, the scheme aims to compensate for losses and affirm the rights of those affected.
The programme, which is being made available through Action for Race Equality, offers small grants of £22,000 (over two years) to help organisations cover the costs of case workers, administrative expenses, venue fees, and staffing costs.
To be eligible, applicants must be:

- An organisation where at least 51% of your trustees/governing body are of Black, Asian or mixed heritage,
- Already providing advocacy support to those seeking to access the Windrush Compensation Scheme,
- Based in the UK.

The Windrush Justice Programme was launched in response to the Windrush scandal, which saw British citizens from the Caribbean being detained, denied work permits, and even deported due to a lack of documentation. The programme aims to support those affected by the scandal, helping them navigate the complex process of applying for compensation and securing their legal status.
No application closing date has been given. However, the grant must be spent by 31st December 2025.
To find out more, please contact Tara Shah: Tara@Actionforraceequality.org.uk
More information at: https://tinyurl.com/zkcxd4ms

Wolfson Foundation (The) Grants for Specialist Dementia and End-of-Life Training (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Hospices that are members of Hospice UK can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to deliver specialist training courses for care home staff, with a particular focus on dementia care for people approaching end of life. The funding programme has allocated £50,000 to support at least 25 hospices across the UK, with organisations able to apply for up to two grants per year.
The funding, which is made available through the Wolfson Foundation Hospice Home Care Training Programme, covers a comprehensive range of costs associated with delivering CPD-accredited training, including teaching expenses, venue hire, travel costs, and catering. Both new courses and repeat sessions of existing training programmes are eligible, though the funding cannot be used for in-house training. The programme supports single training events as well as series of sessions designed to enhance care home staff skills and knowledge.
Interested hospices must submit their application through the online grants portal at least one month before their planned training date. Successful applicants will be responsible for all aspects of training delivery, from needs assessment and promotion to evaluation and reporting. The scheme operates on a first come first served basis, and all funds granted must be claimed within 12 months of the award.
For further information about this opportunity, hospices can contact the Grants Team directly at grants@hospiceuk.org

More information at: https://tinyurl.com/3cacjp85

Wolfson Foundation (The) Hospice Home Care Training Programme (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

Hospices across the UK are invited to apply for funding to deliver courses and study days specifically focused on dementia care for people nearing the end of life.
Grants of up to £2,000 are available per course to a hospice to run a training course at free or heavily discounted cost to local care home staff to raise the level of dementia care, knowledge and skills in the hospice's area of operation.
The funding aims to make education and training as inexpensive and widely available as possible to care home staff.
Eligible costs include:

- Teaching costs,
- Travel costs,
- Administrative costs,
- Venue hire/training facilities,
- Catering costs.

The funding, which is made available through the Wolfson Foundation Hospice Care Home Training Programme, will be allocated on a first come, first served basis until the budget is fully allocated.
Applications must be received at least one month before the training takes place.
More information at: http://tinyurl.com/2nh32shj

Woodroffe Benton Foundation (The) (UK) – Deadline: Rolling

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation welcomes applications from any charitable organisation based in the UK, as well as any educational institutions (schools, universities etc) whether or not they have charitable status. Projects should fall within one of the following categories:

- Relief of hardship,
- Care for the elderly
- Education and youth development,
- Environment and conservation.

Grants range between £500 and £2,500.
This is a continuous rolling programme. Meetings of the Trustees are usually held quarterly, in the second or third week of January, April, July and October. The deadline for the receipt of applications is approximately six weeks prior to each meeting. Any applications not received by the deadline will be held over for consideration at the following meeting.
More information at: https://www.woodroffebenton.org.uk/

INFORMATION APPENDIX

If you are looking for **statistical information** to support a funding bid, then there are a number of sources that you might want to have a look at.

Sandwell Trends - www.sandwelltrends.info
Billed as 'The first port of call for data, intelligence and analysis about the people and places in Sandwell'. The site has information about (to list just a sample):

- Census data,
- Help with funding,
- Welfare reform,
- Children and young people.

Public Health England
If you are looking for information to support health-related projects you can find it at: https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england

Office for National Statistics
Neighbourhood statistics - https://www.ons.gov.uk/help/localstatistics - helps you look at statistics for your local area.

The Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2019 can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019

You might also want to look at the IMD Explorer website – an interactive map of the UK showing IMD data in a number of different ways - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019-mapping-resources

Local crime data - https://www.police.uk/
Provides a snap shot of crimes and anti-social behaviour at street level over the past month. The information provided is subject to change and can be reclassified following further investigation.

Police.uk does not replace national crime statistics, which are quality assured by statisticians, published quarterly and provide the most accurate information about trends in crime at national and police force level; for more information see **the Office for National Statistics' Crime and Justice page**