

## Funding Update from Daphne Marston, Natural England (South West)

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### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING FUNDING THROUGH ANY OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES, I'D REALLY BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW

#### RECENTLY ADDED

##### **DEVON BASED FUNDING COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME IS NOW OPEN!**

Apply for up to £500 to support your community to connect with nature and nature-friendly farming.

Community groups based in Devon, particularly those working with underserved communities, can apply for grants to support activities that help people connect with nature, farming, and local landscapes.

Funding can be used for:

- Travel costs for volunteers or groups
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as waterproofs or wellies
- Outdoor activities, workshops, nature walks, or community events
- Nature-related arts or creative projects
- and much more! If you are unsure please ask.



Deadline to apply: 15 June 2026

Find out more and apply: <https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/small-grants-scheme-connecting-people-and-landscapes>

##### **Match Funding Campaign to Support Vulnerable & Underrepresented Women & Girls (UK)**

UK-registered charities, or charities with tax-exempt status can apply for 1:1 match funding to raise £500 to £10,000 in public donations for work that improves the lives of vulnerable, disadvantaged or underrepresented women and girls in the UK or overseas. Funding can support both specific projects or core costs, with requests capped at 10% of the applicant's annual income. Priority is given to charities led by Black and minoritised women and girls, LGBTQI women and girls, and Disabled women and girls. Applications must be submitted through the charity portal by 5pm on 24 June 2026. The funding is being provided by Big Give through the Women and Girls Match Fund. Big Give is a UK charity that runs match-funding campaigns to help charities increase fundraising income and supporter engagement.

##### **SOCIAL FARMS & GARDENS, RHS AND HUBBUB FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GARDENING.**

Social Farms & Gardens has joined forces with the RHS and Hubbub for a programme that will invest £3.8 million in growing the UK's community gardening movement after a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund's Climate Action Fund.

The funding will help:

- 20,000 existing community gardens expand their reach and impact
- Inspire the nearly 15 million who want to garden in their community to get started
- Secure land for growing in areas with limited access

[New UK wide partnership to supercharge community gardening and benefit more people | Social Farms & Gardens](#)

##### **£5 Million Fund Opens for One Ambitious & Transformative Project (UK)**

Registered charities together with two to four partners can now apply for a single grant of up to £5 million for a large-scale, collaborative project addressing social challenges across the UK. The lead applicant must have an annual income of at least £5 million, while partners may include charities, universities, companies, local authorities, research

institutes and other not-for-profit organisations. Projects must align with one or more of the Postcode Trust themes, which include health, wellbeing, families, children, environmental conservation, biodiversity, wildlife and animals, culture and heritage, and run for one to five years. There is a three-stage application process, and the closing date for stage 1 applications is 31 July 2026. The funding is being provided by the Postcode Innovation Trust Dream Fund.

#### **Funding to Address Social Issues Facing Families (England, Scotland & Wales)**

Charitable organisations can now apply for up to £400 of funding for projects that directly impact families and solve significant social issues in communities across England, Scotland and Wales. The Warburtons Community Grant scheme will support a range of activities that support families, create communities that are safer, greener and more inclusive; and help families to gain useful skills for life and work. The funding is administered by the Charities Aid Foundation and can be used to cover specific costs associated with the activities (eg. buying equipment to support an employability project). Applications are considered every quarter. The next closing date for applications is 17 August 2026.

#### **Funding for School Geography Fieldwork (UK & Ireland)**

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. The closing date for applications is 30 November 2026.

#### **Small Charities Invited to Apply for Grants Supporting Disabled Children and Families (UK)**

Small UK-registered charities and community interest companies with annual income below £350,000 can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to support work with disabled children and young people aged 0 to 25, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families. Funding can be used for activities, equipment, and materials, including family, sibling, and bereavement support; respite; specialised play and leisure opportunities; hydrotherapy pool or sensory room improvements; and minibuses. Priority is given to organisations in areas of high deprivation. Applications are accepted at any time online and decisions expected within 12 weeks. The funding is being provided by The True Colours Trust through the UK Small Grants programme.

#### **Grants for the Planting of Trees, Hedges & Orchards (UK)**

Grants of £250 to £2,500 are available for community tree planting projects across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Eligible applicants include community groups, education institutions, Tree Warden Networks, parish and town councils, tenants' and residents' associations, community-funded nurseries or care homes, CICs limited by guarantee, and small registered charities. Applicants must have written permission for the planting site. Funding can cover trees, hedging, hedgerow trees, orchards and establishment items, but not normally professional labour, heavy equipment hire or peat-based products. Applications should demonstrate community involvement, value, local knowledge and aftercare plans by midnight on 19 July 2026. The funding is being provided by The Tree Council Branching Out Fund.

#### **Funding Available for Disabled Gardeners (UK)**

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 a Blue Parking Badge. The Trust offers various support measures, including adapting private gardens to meet the special needs of the disabled, making grants towards tools, raised beds, paving, and greenhouses. Preference will be given to keen gardeners who can no longer garden due to their physical disabilities. Further information on how to apply is available on the Gardening with Disabilities Trust website.

#### **Grants of up to £1 Million Available to Develop Veterans Centres (UK)**

Charities, Community Interest Companies and local government bodies can apply for grants of £200,000 to £1 million over three years to develop VALOUR Recognised Centres providing in-person support for veterans and the wider Armed Forces community. Funding will support place-based centres offering welcoming physical spaces with guidance, referral pathways and links to local services in areas including health, housing and employment. Applicants must demonstrate local knowledge, veteran support experience, governance, safeguarding and data protection arrangements, and centres must open at least four days a week. Expressions of Interest close at 12 noon on 15 June

2026, with invited full applications due by 12 noon on 26 August 2026; the funding is being provided by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust through the VALOUR Recognised Centres Development Fund.

### **Funding for Creative Projects Connecting Young People with Nature (Devon)**

Charities, social enterprises, and community groups in Devon can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to deliver creative projects that engage young people with environmental issues and inspire positive action. Eligible activities include environmental art, installations, exhibitions, theatre, music, storytelling, film, photography, digital media, creative education, youth-led campaigns, workshops, and community initiatives. Government-funded organisations and schools are not eligible to apply. The funding is provided by environmental charity the Naturesave Trust. The deadline for applications is 12pm on 25 June 2026.

## **EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **RICHARD DAVIES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

£1,000–£5,000 for local charitable projects benefiting communities in **Bristol, Dorset** and South **Gloucestershire**. Funding supports organisations working with children and young people, older people, and people with disabilities, and can cover both project costs and core costs. Applications may be submitted at any time. [RICHARD DAVIES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION - 279380](#)

### **WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. HERITAGE AND NATURE GRANTS**

Supports not-for-profit organisations, charities and community groups delivering projects that protect, enhance or celebrate Worcestershire's natural environment and local heritage. Funding typically supports activities such as habitat restoration, biodiversity projects, heritage conservation, community nature initiatives, environmental education and local heritage engagement. Small grants of £5,000 - £8,000 and one large grant of £15,000 - £18,000. This is a rolling programme. [Heritage and Nature Grants | Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation](#)

### **GRANTS OF UP TO £5,000 AVAILABLE FOR SMALL CHARITIES SUPPORTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE (UK)**

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 31 May 2026. Useful Links: Further Information Application Hints and Tips (AI Generated) [Back to Table of Contents https://wisemusicfoundation.com/](https://wisemusicfoundation.com/)

### **FUNDING FOR RURAL COMMUNITY & EDUCATION PROJECTS (UK)**

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust offers grants for initiatives that support charities in the UK working in agriculture and rural development. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives that meet the following criteria: • Advance the education of the public using research and dissemination of information about agriculture • Advance the education of young people within rural areas • Relieve poverty within rural areas • Promote the benefit and social welfare of rural community inhabitants by associating with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure. • Promote research into agriculture-associated activities • Advance the education of the public using research and dissemination of information in relation to insurance provided that the charity may also promote, facilitate and support any such other purposes as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales Grants range from £1,000 to £75,000. Larger grants are used to support organisations that significantly impact rural communities nationally. Projects funded in the past have ranged from City farms, Federations of Young Farmers Clubs and farming Community Networks. Ongoing application deadline dates. Useful Links: Recent Initiatives FAQs Application Hints and Tips (AI Generated) [Back to Table of Contents. NFU Mutual Charitable Trust: What do we do | NFU Mutual](#)

### **Grants for Environmental and Social Wellbeing Projects (UK)**

UK-registered charities can apply for grants to support projects that improve the environment, strengthen communities, or promote wellbeing. The funding is provided by the Calisen Impact Charitable Trust. The Trust supports community projects that encourage sustainable energy use and promote inclusive, safe, and diverse places to learn and work. Past projects include partnerships with Eco-Schools, which help schools gain Green Flag accreditation and engage children in environmental action. The Trust has also supported Youth Zones, which provide nutritious meals for disadvantaged young people. The Trust has not specified a total fund value or maximum grant amount. The next application deadline is 30 June 2026.

### **Funding for Community Projects that Benefit Local People (UK)**

Home care provider Caremark has launched a new funding competition to support local projects that make a positive difference to people's lives. Three grants of £3,000 will be awarded to projects that create a meaningful, lasting impact. This could include equipment for sports and activity groups, supplies for community gardens, improvements to community centres and village halls, and resources for food banks, support services, and early years settings. The competition is open to charities, community groups, schools, pre-schools, and community-run or local authority-run projects across the UK. Twelve projects will be shortlisted for a public vote, with the three receiving the highest number of votes each awarded a grant. The Community Care Fund closes to entries on 31 May 2026.

### **Biffa Award Opens 2026 Partnership Grants Scheme for Major Community and Environmental Projects (UK)**

Biffa Award has launched its 2026 Partnership Grants Scheme to support community and environmental projects across the UK. Grants between £250,000 and £1 million are available for Built Environment projects which improve facilities such as cultural, heritage, and visitor centres, and Natural Environment projects, which restore biodiversity and habitats. Charities and not-for-profit organisations located near Biffa landfill sites are eligible to apply. A Third Party Contributor must cover 10% of the application value, with all additional funding secured. Projects must start in February 2027, complete within a year, and provide at least 104 days of public access annually. Expressions of Interest close at 5pm on 29 May 2026, with final decisions announced in December 2026.

### **Funding for Arts, Health & Heritage Projects (UK)**

Grants are available to UK-registered charities for arts, creative health and heritage crafts projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged people. The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust typically awards grants of between £500 and £8,000 for project and core costs, with unrestricted funding available to charities with annual income below £250,000. Activities could include community music-making, arts-based health projects, short breaks for young carers, animal-assisted therapy, horticulture, and projects that use traditional craft skills to support training and employment. Large charities must submit a first-stage application by 8 May 2026. Small charities and shortlisted large charities must apply by 1 June 2026.

### **Grants of up to £1,000 to Support Local Good Causes (UK)**

Community groups across the UK can now apply for grants of up to £1,000 to support local projects and fundraising efforts through The Co-operative Bank's Customer Donation Fund. Open exclusively to the bank's Charity and Community Bank Account holders, the fund helps small organisations carry out initiatives that strengthen community ties and deliver social impact. Grants are awarded quarterly and can go toward anything from equipment purchases and venue hire to running events and outreach programmes. To be eligible, applicants must hold an active account with The Co-operative Bank and demonstrate how their project will benefit their local community. The fund is part of the bank's ongoing commitment to ethical banking and community support, offering practical backing to grassroots initiatives making a difference on the ground. The next funding round is now open. Applications received from 1 April to 30 September 2026 are entered into October's prize draw.

### **Funding for Charities Supporting Vulnerable People (UK)**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK-registered charities working to reduce disadvantage and improve quality of life for vulnerable people. Funding is available for projects across a range of priority areas, including poverty relief, disability inclusion, and health and wellbeing. It also supports work with children and young people, older people and veterans, as well as projects in the arts, heritage and environment. Eligible applicants include small and grassroots charities with an annual turnover below £500,000, as well as medical charities with an income below £15 million. Applications are made through a two-stage process, and the deadline for initial applications is 1 September 2026. The funding is provided by the Grocers' Charity through its Open Grants Programme.

### **THE SUMMERFIELD CHARITABLE TRUST**

Charities and other non-profit organisations working in Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stroud, Tewkesbury, Cotswolds and Forest of Dean. It funds a range of activity including the arts, museums and built heritage, environment and natural heritage, community work, education, sport and re creation, and support for vulnerable and disadvantaged people. Most grants are under £10,000, with only one or two larger grants awarded. Trustees meet three times a year, and application deadlines are typically Jan, May and Sep. In Apr 26, it has just announced a £1.3 million strategic investment to support a community-led, county-wide arts and culture programme. [Home - The Summerfield Charitable Trust](#)

### **Funding for Marine Conservation Projects (UK)**

Marine conservation charities and not for profit organisations (including schools) based and working in the UK can apply for grants of up to £2,500 towards projects that address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK, and increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation. The funding, which is being made available through the Sea-Changers Main Grants programme, seeks to support creative and innovative approaches which have lasting benefits and outcomes. Sea-Changers is particularly interested in grassroots projects which galvanise community action and in projects which increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation. Small grants of up to £500 are also available. Applications to the Small Grants programme can be made at any time. The next application deadline for the Main Grants programme is 30 September 2026.

### **Grassroot Grants of up to £2,000 Available to Tackle Local Issues (England)**

Small charities and community groups in England can apply now for grants of £500–£2,000 to support community-led projects tackling local issues. The Grassroots Grants programme, delivered by the environmental regeneration charity Groundwork, supports organisations with annual income under £25,000, prioritising those serving marginalised communities and areas in the top 15% of deprivation. Previous projects have ranged from youth clubs and food-growing schemes to mental health workshops and activities reducing isolation among older residents. Funding can cover staff or volunteer expenses, equipment and materials, core running costs like rent and utilities, training, and consultancy for organisational development. Applications can be submitted at any time between January and September 2026. Decisions will usually be made within 10 weeks of the application being submitted.

### **UK Community Foundations Launch Three-Year Funding for Youth-Led Community Initiatives (UK)**

Registered not-for-profit organisations that are community-based and working with young people, and operating in one of 27 eligible UK areas can apply for grants of up to £123,300 over three years to enhance the role played by young people in bringing about change. Funding can support activities including safe spaces, youth-led community action, skills development, mentoring, and digital literacy initiatives addressing misinformation. Projects must engage young people affected by local tensions and involve them in design and delivery, benefiting young people through leadership and opportunity development. The application process will begin with a short expression of interest. Selected organisations will then be invited to submit a full application in May. Each participating community foundation will award one or two grants, although most will award one. Final decisions are expected in late August.

### **£5 Million Fund Opens for one Ambitious and Transformative Project (UK)**

Registered charities together with two to four partners can now apply for a single grant of up to £5 million for a large-scale, collaborative project addressing social challenges across the UK. The lead applicant must have an annual income of at least £5 million, while partners may include charities, universities, companies, local authorities and other not-for-profit organisations. Projects must align with one or more of the Postcode Trust themes, which include health, wellbeing, families, children, environmental conservation, biodiversity, wildlife and animals, culture and heritage, and run for one to five years. There is a three stage application process, and the closing date for stage 1 applications is 31 July 2026. The funding is being provided by the Postcode Innovation Trust Dream Fund.

### **Funding for Charities Supporting the Armed Forces Community (UK)**

Armed forces charities can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to deliver projects that benefit the military community in the UK and overseas. Funding is available to organisations with an annual income below £1 million for initiatives that improve wellbeing, connection, and morale among serving personnel, reservists, veterans and their families. Eligible projects might include community events, creative activities, or services that strengthen mental health and reduce social isolation. Grants are mainly intended for capital costs, not salaries or training. Projects must begin after January 2027 and should demonstrate clear, measurable benefits within one year of funding. Applications close on 31 July 2026. Funding is provided through the British Forces Broadcasting Service Big Salute Grants Programme.

### **Funding to Improve Online Digital Presence for Small Charities (UK)**

UK charities can apply for funding of up to £2,500 to enhance their online digital presence. The funding is available to charities with an average annual income of less than £1,000,000 to support digital expenditures that other funders may not cover. The funding will help organisations build websites and apps, digitise services, and purchase digital products. The funding is being made available through the Fat Beehive Foundation, and trustees are particularly keen to support traditionally hard-to-fund organisations, such as those supporting prisoners, refugees, or disadvantaged youth. Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed at trustee meetings in April and October. The deadline for applications is the end of September for the October meeting and the end of March for the April meeting. The closing date for the next round of applications is 30 September 2026.

### **Grants for Projects Tackling Loneliness Amongst Older People and Adults with a Disability (England, Scotland and Wales)**

Grants of up to £2,600 are available to charitable organisations for projects that tackle loneliness amongst older people and adults with a disability. The funding which is being made available through the Barchester's Charitable Foundation offers these grants to support projects that connect or re-connect people with others in their local community. This could include activity projects, equipment and materials, member transport, and day trips. The foundation also offers grants of up to £1,500 to help individuals with mobility issues. Grants can be used to purchase wheelchairs, scooters, bikes, or car adaptations. The Foundation accepts group applications in January, April, July and October. There are no deadlines for individual applications which can be submitted at any time.

### **Funding to Support Children with Special Education Needs (UK)**

Charities and schools in England and Wales can apply for grants that improve learning opportunities for children and young adults, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds or with disabilities or special educational needs. Grants are available on a rolling basis at up to £5,000, up to £20,000, and £25,000 or more, for projects usually costing £10,000 to £5 million. Funding supports buildings, refurbishments, recreational spaces and essential vehicles, with a preference for capital rather than core costs. Applications are made online with accounts and project costings required. The funding is being provided through the Bernard Sunley Foundation Education grants programme.

### **New Charity Launched to Strengthen Communities (UK)**

A new independent charity has been launched to help strengthen communities across the UK. Established to mark the centenary of Queen Elizabeth II's birth, the Queen Elizabeth Trust will support the regeneration of shared local spaces that bring people of all ages and backgrounds together. This could include developing underused buildings, neighbourhood hubs and green spaces. Funding will also help communities develop the skills and confidence needed to run local events and activities. The Government has provided a one-off £40 million endowment to help launch the Trust, and the King will act as Royal Patron. Further information will be shared in the coming months.

### **Grants of Up to £20,000 to Support Local Climate Action (UK)**

Grants of up to £20,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations to tackle environmental challenges at the local level and will support community-led projects that help people engage with, care for, and protect nature and the local environment. Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund through its National Lottery Awards for All England – Environment programme the funding can be used for a wide range of activities, including creating community gardens, rewilding green spaces, tree planting, outdoor learning, repair and reuse sessions, food-growing initiatives, and energy-saving projects such as solar panel installation. Eligible applicants include charities, voluntary groups, CIOs, CICs, community benefit societies, schools (for community-focused work), and statutory bodies. Applications can be submitted at any time, provided they are made at least 16 weeks before the project is due to begin.

### **Funding Available for Large-Scale Projects to Reduce Food Insecurity (UK)**

Not-for-profit organisations working in partnership, such as charities, community interest companies (CICs), charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs), schools, universities, and public bodies can apply funding to help people access healthy, affordable food in environmentally sustainable ways. The National Lottery Community Fund is inviting applications to its Climate Action Fund – Food Systems, offering grants of between £2.5 million to £7 million for long-term projects that aim to improve the UK's food system and reduce food insecurity. Projects should address the root causes of food insecurity by making lasting changes to how food is produced, distributed, and accessed. Grants typically range from £3 million to £5 million, last between three and seven years, and can cover costs such as staff, transport, utilities, equipment, and community support. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

### **Grants for Healthy Food Projects in Schools and Communities (UK)**

Schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of £500, £1,000 or £1,500. The grants support projects that help children and young people access fresh fruit and vegetables. Funding can be used for the provision of healthy food and related activities. Examples include breakfast clubs, after-school and holiday clubs, sports clubs, growing projects, cooking classes, SEND provision, youth clubs, foodbanks, holiday hunger projects and family healthy eating activities. Projects are nominated through local Tesco stores. Shortlisted applicants then take part in an in-store customer vote, in which customers use blue tokens. Every shortlisted project receives a grant, with the amount determined by the number of votes it receives. The funding is provided by Tesco through the Tesco Fruit & Veg Grants programme.

### **Bursaries for Community Heritage Skills Development (UK)**

Bursaries of up to £1,000 are available for individuals across the UK who want to build their skills in community heritage work. Open to applicants at any stage of their career, the bursaries can support a wide range of professional development activities, including training, mentoring, workshops, travel, learning resources, and placements in galleries, libraries, archives, and museums. The bursaries are intended to support those who may not have had access to professional development opportunities before. Funding is provided by The National Archives through its Community Hub Skills Bursaries scheme. The next application deadline is 3 August 2026.

### **FUNDING FOR PROJECTS THAT HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES, PEOPLE OR THE ENVIRONMENT (UK)**

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 for people, their communities, and the environment. The Fund will share £15,000 between five shortlisted projects every three months, which will be voted for 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 receiving £2,000. As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation wants to hear from people with innovative ideas that need some funding to get their projects up and running. To be eligible, applicants must have had an income of 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 the 15 June 2026.

#### **GRANTS TO HELP GET PEOPLE BACK ON THEIR BIKES THIS SUMMER (ENGLAND)**

Local volunteer-led groups, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations across England are invited to apply for grants of up to £3,500 to deliver cycling events aimed at encouraging people to start or return to cycling this summer. These events should particularly engage individuals who face social, economic, or health deprivation, come from diverse backgrounds, or are dealing with complex personal challenges. The funding can be used flexibly to support a wide range of event-related costs, including staffing, promotional activities, equipment, consumables, and volunteer transport. Applications must be submitted by 1 June 2026. The funding is being made available through the Big Bike Revival Programme, funded by the Department for Transport.

#### **FUNDING FOR FINANCIAL RESILIENCE AND LOCAL CLIMATE PROJECTS (UK)**

Aviva has launched the Aviva Foundation, bringing together its existing charitable funds into a single programme to increase the impact of its funding across the UK. The Foundation will support initiatives that strengthen people's financial security and back climate projects led by local communities, while continuing to fund both local and national organisations. It operates through two funding streams: the Financial Futures Fund, which offers multi-year grants to larger organisations addressing financial insecurity, and the Communities Fund, which supports smaller charities through a matched-funding scheme that matches money they raise. The Communities Fund applications are open year-round.

#### **Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children (UK)**

Grants ranging from £500 to £3,000 are available for schools, youth groups, non-profit organisations, and charities to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of disadvantaged or disabled children 13 years old or younger. Applications from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK will be given priority. The grants can cover up to two-thirds of the total cost of a holiday or trip, lasting from one to seven days. The Henry Smith Charity is offering the funding, and applications must be submitted at least six weeks before the scheduled trip or holiday. Ongoing application dates. Applications must be made at least 6 weeks before the trip.

#### **Funding to Improve the Lives of the Elderly (UK)**

Community groups, grassroots organisations, small local and registered charities, and Community Interest Companies working with people aged 55 and over can apply for funding from the Home Instead Charities Grant Programme, delivered by Home Instead Charities. Grants are available for projects that enhance wellbeing or reduce social isolation, such as social clubs, day trips, exercise sessions, and community activities. Funding is aimed at small, local initiatives and cannot be used for salaries, core running costs, or capital projects. Applicants must demonstrate inclusivity and have a bank account in the organisation's name. There is no fixed maximum grant publicly specified, and applications are made via local Home Instead offices. There is no set closing date.

#### **GRANTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR DISADVANTAGED & VULNERABLE PEOPLE (UK)**

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. Useful Links: [Application Hints and Tips \(AI Generated\)](#) [Back to Table of Contents](#)  
<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/apply-now>

### **FREE SPORTS KITS AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH TEAMS (SCOTLAND, ENGLAND AND WALES)**

Arnold Clark, a major UK motor retailer that also operates a wider community fund supporting local organisations and grassroots activity, has announced that its Gear Up for Sport programme will reopen for applications in April. The programme offers free sports kits to young people's teams across Scotland, England and Wales. The programme is open to one team per club, with eligible teams having up to 30 members aged 4 to 15. Applications must be submitted by a member of the coaching or management team, such as a coach, treasurer or secretary, rather than by a parent. A wide range of sports is covered, including football, rugby, netball, basketball, cricket, swimming, gymnastics and athletics, etc. Support is provided as an in-kind award rather than a cash grant. Successful applicants receive free branded kit and training wear, which may include match strips, tracksuits, hoodies and other sports clothing supplied through Arnold Clark's partner, Millers. The scheme is designed to help reduce the cost of kits for local youth teams and community clubs. Applications are made through Grants Connect. Arnold Clark advises applicants to review the eligibility criteria and terms in advance. Decisions are typically issued within four weeks, and successful teams then have six weeks to place their order. Further details, including the exact reopening date in April, are expected to be confirmed on the Arnold Clark Community Fund timeline. Useful Links: [Application Hints and Tips \(AI-Generated\)](#) [Back to Table of Contents](#)  
<https://www.arnoldclark.com/gear-up-for-sport>

### **£6.3 Million Investment to Improve Men's Health (England)**

At least £6.3 million will be invested in community and grassroots organisations working to improve the health of men and older boys in England's most deprived areas. Delivered by the People's Health Trust in partnership with the UK Government and Movember, the Men's Health Community Fund aims to address the underlying causes of poor health. Grants will support projects that reach underserved men and boys aged 16 and over, particularly during key moments in their lives such as the transition to fatherhood, job loss or retirement. Funding will help organisations respond to challenges including mental health, debt, housing, family relationships and low income. Applications open in summer 2026, with grants due to be awarded later in the year.

### **GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY (UK)**

Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations that directly support the armed forces community can apply for funding from the Veterans' Foundation. The grants support serving and former armed forces personnel, operationally qualified seafarers, and their immediate families.

Funding is available for projects that address social care needs, including homelessness, employment support, financial hardship, disability, welfare issues, mental health, and support for older people.

The Foundation offers Small Grants: £500–£5,000 (rolling applications)

Applications to the small grants programme can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links: [Application Hints and Tips \(AI-Generated\)](#) [Back to Table of Contents](#)

<https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

### **Funding for School Climate & Biodiversity Projects (UK)**

UK primary and secondary schools can apply for grants 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, 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. The next application deadline is 30 December 2026.

### **Grants of Up to £100,000 Available to Set up Electrical Recycling Pilots (UK)**

Community sector organisations, including registered charities and local authorities can apply for grants of up to £100,000 to run one year pilot projects that make it easier for households to recycle small unwanted electricals. A total of £1 million is available to support activities such as installing on-street bring banks, creating indoor community drop-off points in places like libraries and community buildings, and refurbishing existing recycling banks. The fund can also cover related costs including containers, installation, vehicle rental, staffing, events, battery safety equipment and promotion. Grants are worth up to £0.50 per household served, and projects must show long-term potential beyond the funded period. The funding is made available through the Material Focus Electricals Recycling Fund 2026 and closing date for applications is 31 May 2026.

### **Funding to Help People with Parkinson's to Become & Stay Active (UK)**

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 funding supports new activities that encourage people affected by Parkinson's, particularly those from marginalised or underrepresented communities, to participate in physical activity and sports. Activities could include walking groups, dance classes, or more accessible initiatives such as arts-based programmes or gardening activities. The funding is delivered through the Parkinson's UK Physical Activity Grants Programme and can be used to cover costs such as equipment, facility hire, coaching fees, training, and equipment maintenance. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all funding has been allocated.

### **Funding to Tackle Hunger Amongst Young People (UK)**

Schools and not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £1,500 to support projects that give children across the UK a stronger start in life, with priority for initiatives that improve access to healthy, nutritious food. The funding helps provide nutritious meals, activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing such as breakfast clubs, snacks, or equipment for healthy pursuits. The funding is awarded through the blue-token customer vote held every three months in Tesco stores, where three locally nominated projects are shortlisted and funded according to the number of votes received. The programme is delivered through the Tesco Stronger Starts initiative, managed by Groundwork across the UK in partnership with greenspace scotland for applicants in Scotland. Applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Grassroot Grants of up to £2,000 Available to Tackle Local Issues (England)**

Small charities and community groups in England can apply now for grants of £500–£2,000 to support community-led projects tackling local issues. The Grassroots Grants programme, delivered by the environmental regeneration charity Groundwork, supports organisations with annual income under £25,000, prioritising those serving marginalised communities and areas in the top 15% of deprivation. Previous projects have ranged from youth clubs and food-growing schemes to mental health workshops and activities reducing isolation among older residents. Funding can cover staff or volunteer expenses, equipment and materials, core running costs like rent and utilities, training, and consultancy for organisational development. Applications can be submitted at any time between January and September 2026. Decisions will usually be made within 10 weeks of the application being submitted.

### **GRANTS FOR WELFARE AND ART PROJECTS (SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND)**

Grants are available to not for profit organisations and schools in the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset in the South West of England through the Elmgrant Trust. The Trust will consider applications: • from the South West area of England, especially Devon and Cornwall • projects which help to improve the quality of local life and welfare • art projects which help to improve the quality of local life • from individuals who are further educating themselves to improve their job prospects with a clear compassionate need. The Elmgrant Trust also provides grants to individuals who are further educating

themselves to improve their job prospects with a clear compassionate need. Average grants are in the region of £550 for organisations, and possibly up to £1000 for individuals under 18, and up to £3000 for individuals over 18 yrs of age. The board of trustees meets three times a year, usually on the last Saturday of February, June and October. Applications need to be submitted one clear month prior to the meeting date. The next closing date is the 30 May 2026. Useful Links: [How to Apply Testimonials Application Hints and Tips \(AI-Generated\)](#) [Back to Table of Contents](#) <http://elmgrant.org.uk/>

### **Grants of Up to £20,000 to Support Local Climate Action (UK)**

Grants of up to £20,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations to tackle environmental challenges at the local level and will support community-led projects that help people engage with, care for, and protect nature and the local environment. Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund through its National Lottery Awards for All England – Environment programme the funding can be used for a wide range of activities, including creating community gardens, rewilding green spaces, tree planting, outdoor learning, repair and reuse sessions, food-growing initiatives, and energy-saving projects such as solar panel installation. Eligible applicants include charities, voluntary groups, CIOs, CICs, community benefit societies, schools (for community-focused work), and statutory bodies. Applications can be submitted at any time, provided they are made at least 16 weeks before the project is due to begin.

### **Grants of up to £20 Million Available for Large Scale Community Projects (England)**

Community organisations in England, such as voluntary groups, registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations, and community interest companies, can apply for grants from £20,001 to £20 million. The funding is available through the National Lottery Community Fund's Reaching Communities programme. The programme supports projects that help communities and improve people's lives. This can include work that addresses poverty, disadvantage, or discrimination; supports children and young people; reduces health inequalities; promotes environmental sustainability; or creates inclusive, community-led spaces and services. Most grants are under £500,000. There is no fixed deadline, and applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Funding to support eligible school travel to RHS Garden educational visits**

Schools across England can apply to Travel Bursary funding to contribute towards their coach travel to an RHS Garden visit with their pupils. Eligible schools can get up to 100% of their coach travel covered when attending a free visit to an RHS garden, including a free (funded by the RHS) learning experience. Open to both Primary and Secondary schools, eligibility varies per garden but encompasses a mix of distance (12-25 mile radius) and FSM% (25-40%+ depending on area). RHS Rosemoor also offers a separate £100 grant to every school visiting to support with the cost of travel (no eligibility criteria apply). [School visits to RHS Gardens / RHS](#)

### **Veterans Foundation Major Grants Programme Re-opens for Applications (UK)**

The Veterans' Foundation has confirmed that its Major Grants Programme will re-open on 2 March 2026 and close on 20 April 2026. Registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations with appropriate governance arrangements may apply for grants typically ranging from £100,000 to £200,000 for projects delivered over one to three years. Funding supports activities that provide direct benefit to serving and former members of the UK armed forces, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families, including mental health and wellbeing services, housing and homelessness prevention, employability and training programmes, welfare advice and community integration initiatives. Applicants must complete an online eligibility check before submitting a full application.

### **Schroder Charity Trust To Re-open for Applications (UK)**

The Schroder Charity Trust has announced that its grants programme will reopen for applications from 1 March to 30 April 2026. The programme is open to UK-registered charities with annual incomes between £150,000 and £1,000,000 whose work supports children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to succeed in education and employment, or strengthens communities by improving

wellbeing and life outcomes for vulnerable groups. Funding of up to £5,000 is available, typically as a one-year grant, and may be used for core organisational costs or specific project costs. Previous awards have supported literacy initiatives, youth employability projects, community wellbeing services, and activities addressing social isolation. Decisions are normally issued within four months of the closing date.

### **£1 Billion Investment for Community Clean Energy Schemes (UK)**

The UK government and Great British Energy have announced a £1 billion investment to support community-owned renewable energy projects as part of a new Local Power Plan. The funding will help communities develop and manage their own clean energy schemes, such as installing solar panels on local buildings including libraries, leisure centres, social clubs and places of worship. Funding will be provided through grants, loans and capacity-building support to help organisations at every stage — from early feasibility studies to construction and long-term management. Led by communities and local authorities, the programme aims to support around 1,000 locally owned projects by 2030, helping to reduce energy bills and generate income for typically underserved communities. Further details are expected later in 2026.

### **GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR CHARITIES SUPPORTING BREAST CANCER RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING (UK)**

The Pink Ribbon Foundation has announced that it is currently accepting applications to its grant making programme for 2025.

Grants of up to £6,000 are available to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations working on practical projects and initiatives to improve the physical and mental health of individuals with or recovering from breast cancer.

This year, priority will be given to supporting organisations with limited financial resources to deliver their services.

Higher grants may be awarded in exceptional cases.

The closing date for applications is the 31st May 2026.

Useful Links: FAQs Application Hints and Tips (AI-Generated)

<https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/getsupport-apply>

### **UP TO £15,000 AVAILABLE FOR WATER-BASED PROJECTS SUPPORTING DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN (UK)**

The Children's Alliance has introduced a grant to enhance children's physical and mental well-being through water-based activities.

Non-profit organisations, including schools, registered charities, community interest companies, and community groups, are invited to apply for funding up to £15,000, with most grants awarded being under £10,000.

The grant aims to support grassroots initiatives that provide disadvantaged children under 18 with access to water environments, fostering essential life skills and confidence.

Eligible projects may include swimming lessons, hydrotherapy sessions, surf therapy, and the provision of swimwear or transport to aquatic activities. Applications can be made twice per year in September and March.

Interested organisations should complete the grant application form available on the Children's Alliance website (link below) and submit it to [info@childrensalliance.org.uk](mailto:info@childrensalliance.org.uk).

Applicants must demonstrate clear, measurable outcomes related to children's development and ensure their projects align with the grant's objectives. A safeguarding or child protection policy is also required as part of the application process.

Useful Links: Application Hints and Tips (AI Generated) [Back to Table of Contents](#)

<https://childrensalliance.org.uk/our-work/community/>

### **UP TO £5 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR ORGANISATIONS TACKLING INEQUALITY (ENGLAND)**

Organisations in England that work to address the underlying causes of poverty, discrimination and disadvantage can apply for long-term funding through The Solidarity Fund from The National Lottery Community Fund.

Grants range from £1 million to £5 million and can last between five and ten years. The funding is flexible and can be used for everyday running costs and project work.

The Solidarity Fund expects to award around £50 million per year until 2030

The fund supports ambitious projects that aim to change how systems work. These projects should be led by and accountable to people with direct experience of inequality.

Eligible applicants include formally established voluntary and community organisations, registered charities and CIOs, not-for-profit companies limited by guarantee, Community Interest Companies (CICs), community benefit societies, and established partnerships.

Priority will be given to projects that go beyond short-term services and instead tackle the deeper causes of inequality, strengthen communities, and share lessons that can help improve wider policies and systems.

Because the grants are large, applications will go through a detailed assessment process. Before applying, organisations should make sure their leadership structures, financial management, and long-term plans are strong enough to manage this level of funding.

There is no deadline to apply. Decisions are made on a quarterly basis.

Useful Links: [Application Hints and Tips \(Ai-Generated\)](#) [Back to Table of Contents](#)

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/the-solidarity-fund>

### **Grants to Support Early Years Development for Deaf Children (UK)**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, charities, and not-for-profit organisations that support deaf children and their families. The funding is offered through the National Deaf Children's Society's Community Grants Programme and is intended for projects that support the development of deaf children in their early years (ages 0–5). Early childhood is a vital stage of development, especially for deaf children who may experience difficulties with language, communication, and social skills without appropriate support. Funded projects can include families, professionals, and older deaf children, as long as their involvement clearly supports early years development. The grant can be used to cover a range of costs, including venue hire, transport, promotional materials, sessional staff wages, interpreters, language tutors, and equipment. Applications can be submitted at any time, and they are reviewed at scheduled assessment points throughout the year.

### **Funding Available for Large-Scale Projects to Reduce Food Insecurity (UK)**

Not-for-profit organisations working in partnership, such as charities, community interest companies (CICs), charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs), schools, universities, and public bodies can apply funding to help people access healthy, affordable food in environmentally sustainable ways. The National Lottery Community Fund is inviting applications to its Climate Action Fund – Food Systems, offering grants of between £2.5 million to £7 million for long-term projects that aim to improve the UK's food system and reduce food insecurity. Projects should address the root causes of food insecurity by making lasting changes to how food is produced, distributed, and accessed. Grants typically range from £3 million to £5 million, last between three and seven years, and can cover costs such as staff, transport, utilities, equipment, and community support. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

### **THE BUTCOMBE GROUP**

A pub and brewing business headquartered in **Bristol (BS40)**. With over 120 managed pubs it spans numerous counties across the South of England—including **Somerset, Bristol, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, West Sussex, Hampshire, Berkshire, Dorset, Wiltshire and London**, as well as the **Channel Islands**. During their Community Week 2025, they raised £40,540 (a £20,000 increase on 2024), while contributing hundreds of volunteer hours to charities, foodbanks, hospices, tree planting, gardening, beach litter picking and support for community centres. They also have Butcombe's Big Table Talk to help combat loneliness, encourage connections and bring people together - a weekly invitation to those who may be looking for company. They don't seem to have a charity page - the link is to the one for the 2025 week.  
[Community Week 2025 - Butcombe Group](#)

### **COLLECTIVELY DIVERSE**

Providing inclusive, evidence-based training, in-person and online, primarily in Torquay and the wider region - schools, community groups, sports clubs, families, and businesses, including Champions for Difference – Neurodiversity CPD-certified training and Ofqual-approved First Aid for Mental Health (Levels 1, 2, 3, and Young People) to help build neuro-inclusive cultures, improve mental health literacy, and better support staff, volunteers and beneficiaries. [Homepage for Collectively Diverse, a website promoting inclusion and wellbeing for neurodiverse individuals](#)

### **THE MABEL COOPER CHARITABLE TRUST SMALL GRANTS**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to UK registered charities for a wide range of charitable causes.

During its last financial year, the Charity awarded grants against the headings of

- animal welfare
- employment and training
- the environment
- health and wellbeing
- homelessness

The Mabel Cooper Charity is an established grant-making organisation that usually awards grants totalling between £100,000 and £200,000 annually. Individual grant awards are normally for up to £10,000 to charities based and working in the UK. However, the fact that the Charity is based in Somerset has meant that in the past it is more likely to fund charities in South West England.

Further information about the Charity can be found on the Charity Commission website.

Applications may be made at any time in writing.

The trustees, who have stated that they intend to maintain current levels of grant-making, meet regularly to consider requests for grant support.

### **£46 Million Investment to Revive Historic Buildings (England)**

The Architectural Heritage Fund has announced further investment in the Heritage Revival Fund to support community-led organisations across England in repurposing neglected historic buildings. This additional funding will increase total capital investment in the programme to £46 million over the next four years. The programme aims to bring disused heritage buildings, particularly those in town centres, back into community use, creating sustainable new uses such as community hubs, cultural venues, workspaces or affordable housing. Support is available for projects at all stages of development, from early feasibility and project planning through to capital works. The fund is delivered in partnership with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and Historic England. Further information will be made available in due course.

### **Funding to Tackle Digital Exclusion (UK)**

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. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and must 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.

### **Rowing Foundation Grants Programme (UK)**

Organisations, clubs, and schools involved in rowing can apply for grants of between £500 and £4,000 (up to 50% of the project's overall cost) from the Rowing Foundation to support junior & student rowers, as well as adaptive rowing for all ages. This funding, targeted at groups ineligible for larger grants or with smaller needs, helps purchase equipment such as boats, sculls, ergs, oars, and safety gear, aiming to increase participation in rowing among young people, individuals with disabilities, and those in education. The Foundation offers two programmes: Equipment grants, with applications due by noon on 1 June 2026, and Refurbishment grants, accepting applications year-round

### **Funding for Community Health & Wellbeing Projects (UK)**

To celebrate its 20th anniversary, Laughology is giving away £20,000 through its Happiness Fund in 2026. The fund supports neighbourhood-based community projects that help build happy, strong, and resilient communities across the UK. Funding is available to small not-for-profit organisations to set up new groups or activities that improve mental health and wellbeing, promote inclusion, and support learning and skills development in local communities. Applicants must demonstrate how their project will become financially sustainable in the long term, either by continuing independently or by securing funding from other sources. The programme will run over two funding cycles. Each cycle will award two grants of £5,000.

### **Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Promote Horticulture and Public Gardens (UK)**

Organisations involved in horticulture, gardening, or botany can apply for grants of up to £5,000 from the Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust. Established in 1970, the Trust has awarded over £3.2 million to more than a thousand recipients, supporting projects that promote horticulture, conserve the environment through biodiversity, develop public gardens, and advance horticultural education. Eligible projects include the restoration of historic gardens, creation of new public garden spaces, horticultural research, publications, and plant study expeditions. Applications are currently open, and the next application deadline is the 15th August 2026.

### **GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS (SOUTH OF ENGLAND)**

Community and voluntary organisations are being invited to apply for grants of up to £3,000 through the Abri Community Fund, which supports projects that strengthen local communities and improve wellbeing. Abri is a housing provider managing more than 50,000 homes across the south of England, committed to investing in the communities where its residents live.

The fund is open to grassroots groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations delivering positive social impact, particularly initiatives that bring people together, respond to local needs, and help address cost-of-living challenges in areas where Abri operates.

Recent grant recipients have included Lockleaze Green Gym in Bristol, where volunteers work collectively on conservation and wellbeing activities; support for youth cafés and summer camps for young people, including those with learning differences; Woodgate Community Shop initiatives to create local amenity space; and development of a sensory community garden in Gosport. Other funded projects have helped local gardening groups improve community spaces and supported baby banks providing essential items to families in need.

Applications are accepted during four funding rounds each year, with funding decisions typically made within four weeks of the closing date. Successful projects can use the funding to support a wide range of community-led activities that create lasting local benefits.

Rolling application dates.

Useful Links: [Guidance Abri Operational Area Application Hints and Tips \(AI Generated\)](https://www.abri.co.uk/what-we-do/community-funding) [Back to Table of Contents](#) <https://www.abri.co.uk/what-we-do/community-funding>

### **Grants of up to £500 for Outdoor Activity Projects (UK)**

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 Alpkite Foundation, which aims to break down barriers to outdoor participation by supporting projects that promote diversity and inclusion in the outdoors, as well as participation, education, conservation and protection of the natural environment, and health and wellbeing. The grants aim to provide some level of support rather than fully funding 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.

### **GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR WALKING, WHEELING AND CYCLING.**

Councils across England are to receive more than £626m in government funding from the Department of Transport to deliver active travel schemes, supporting the Government's Plan for Change missions on public health, safer streets and economic renewal. 4 Funding supports local transport authorities with developing and constructing walking, wheeling and cycling facilities. The revenue funding will support network planning and early scheme design plus community engagement and training activities. This funding will supersede the Consolidated Active Travel Fund provided in financial year 2026/27. Local authority name CDEL per year over four years RDEL per year over 3 years Total over 4 years Devon County Council £2,706,944 £849,325 £13,375,751 (CDEL – Capital Department Expenditure Limit. RDEL - Resource Departmental Expenditure Limit) Active Travel England publishes local authority capability rankings 1 – 4 based on how effective authorities are at delivering the changes needed to support the objectives set out in the Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy. They focus primarily on three areas: • local leadership and organisational capability • network planning • delivery. Devon is rated 2 - Strong local leadership and organisational capability, with clear plans that form the basis of an emerging network with a few elements already in place. Only 11 authorities are at level 3 and none at level 4. More on England's councils given £626m for walking, wheeling and cycling schemes [England's councils given £626m for walking, wheeling and cycling schemes](#)

### **I RECRUIT4 CHARITY LINKED RECRUITMENT SCHEME FUNDING**

A recruitment company based in Royal Wootton Bassett, **Wiltshire**, operating a “charity-linked recruitment scheme” where they donate a portion of placement fees to charities nominated by clients and candidates. In 2025, they donated £6,082 to various causes. They don't have a charity web page [iRecruit4](#)

### **NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND: NEW CLIMATE ACTION FUND STRAND ON STRENGTHENING FOOD SYSTEMS**

Food sits at the heart of our health, our communities and our environment. But too often, food insecurity, environmental damage and inequality are tackled separately. The National Lottery Community Fund's Climate Action Fund strand on food is looking for ambitious, long-term projects that strengthen food systems, tackle the root causes of food insecurity and work with nature to create lasting change. Now looking for partnerships and organisations that already have the skills, relationships and infrastructure to work at scale to lead transition to food systems that are fairer, more resilient and better for people, climate and nature.

- Grant minimum of £2.5m over 3 years
- Available UK wide
- Focused on long term, systems level change

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/climate-action-fund-food-systems> or email [climateactionfund@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:climateactionfund@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

### **Grants of up to £5,000 for Marine Conservation Projects (UK)**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for marine conservation projects from environmental charity Naturesave Trust. Funding supports work that protects and restores marine environments, including habitat restoration, species protection, marine litter prevention, responsible coastal management, volunteering, and education that helps people better understand the ocean. The Trust also welcomes new or innovative projects that protect the seas or strengthen people's connection to the ocean. Charities, voluntary organisations, and businesses are eligible to apply. The grants are funded through income from Naturesave Insurance, which supports environmental projects across the UK. Applications - ongoing funding.

### **Funding for Charities Tackling Inequality & Poverty (England, Scotland & Wales)**

Charities and community organisations will soon be able to apply for grants of up to £50,000 to support projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged and marginalised people across England, Scotland and Wales. Funded by players of the People's Postcode Lottery, the People's Postcode Lottery Trusts supports

hundreds of good causes that help reduce poverty, support marginalised groups, tackle inequality, and improve mental health. Grants are awarded over three years, and applications are made through one of six regional Trusts, each covering a specific area of the country and operating its own application deadlines. Priority will be given to smaller organisations with an annual income under £250,000 and those working in deprived or marginalised communities.

### **GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONNECT WITH NATURE (GLOUCESTERSHIRE, SWINDON & BRISTOL)**

Charities and not-for-profit organisations in Gloucestershire, Swindon, and Bristol can apply for grants of £500 to support projects that encourage young people aged 11 to 19 (or up to 25 for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) from underserved communities to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature. The grants can be used to:

- create outdoor learning spaces and enhance biodiversity locally through projects like wildflower meadows, raised beds, allotment gardens, ponds, woodland areas, or sensory gardens
- purchase outdoor learning resources that engage young people with the environment such as bird boxes, nature ID charts and natural craft equipment and materials
- support travel and transport costs to outdoor learning resources
- fund outdoor clothing to enable young people to learn outdoors

The funding is made available through the Ernest Cook Trust's Communities Grant scheme, which will close to applications when a sufficient number have been received. Early applications are encouraged. Useful Links: [Application Hints and Tips \(AI Generated\)](#) [Back to Table of Contents](#)

<https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/everything-outdoors/communities-grant/>

### **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – UPDATED INFORMATION**

At BBC Children in Need, they believe that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be, however many children experience challenges that affect their quality of life and wellbeing. Challenges can include growing up in poverty, mental health issues, being ill or disabled, family challenges, and social injustice.

Their ambition is to create positive and lasting change across the UK for the children who need BBC Children in Need the most. They do this by investing in positive relationships that strengthen children's wellbeing and help them navigate the challenges in their lives. Positive relationships are crucial for children as they grow, develop a sense of who they are and experience challenges in their lives. These relationships foster a sense of belonging and help them learn important life skills, build coping strategies, and access valuable resources and opportunities.

They offer [Core](#) and [Project](#) funding with no application deadlines, so you can apply at any time. Available grants range from £1,000 to £40,000 per year and can be awarded for up to three years.

In addition, our [Emergency Essentials](#) programme supports individual children living in poverty.

Details of how to apply for funding, guidance on the grant, the work they do and grant making strategy can be found at [Grants - BBC Children in Need](#)

### **COTSWOLD NATIONAL LANDSCAPE. CARING FOR THE COTSWOLDS FUND**

Provides awards from £500 to £5,000 for UK registered charities, CICs, schools, and community groups delivering projects within the **Cotswolds** National Landscape. Eligible initiatives must fit one of three themes: nature, communities or climate. Funding is restricted to project costs and can cover equipment, materials, or activity delivery and does not cover 100% of the project costs. Applications are considered four times per year. [How to apply for Caring for the Cotswolds - Cotswolds National Landscape](#)

### **£100,000 Fund to Help Angling Clubs & Fisheries Protect Waters from Invasive Species & Diseases (England)**

Angling organisations across England can now apply for grants of up to £5,000 to help stop the spread of invasive non-native species and boost biosecurity at fishing venues. The funding is part of the Angling Improvement Fund, administered by the Angling Trust and funded by the Environment Agency using income from fishing rod licence sales. A total of £100,000 is available to support projects that protect fisheries and aquatic habitats from harmful species and diseases. 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. Applications are invited from angling clubs, commercial fisheries, local authorities, and other community organisations. The fund will remain open until all funding has been allocated.

#### **Funding for Transformative IT Projects (UK)**

Registered charities, educational establishments, community interest companies, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £15,000 for IT projects that benefit communities and people across the UK. The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists makes the funding available through their IT4Good Grant Programme, which aims to support innovative projects and activities that use information technology (IT) to create positive impact through education, digital inclusion, charitable, and public engagement initiatives. This could include developing and delivering innovative new services, solutions, training, apps, analytics, AI, robotics, or accessibility features/hardware. Larger grants may be made in exceptional circumstances. Applications can be anytime.

#### **Funding for Projects Making a Positive Impact on People's Lives (UK - Various Locations)**

Charities, social enterprises and community groups can apply for grants of up to £8,000 to deliver projects that make a positive difference to people's lives. The funding is provided by the Focus Foundation — the charitable arm of Focus Group, a provider of essential business technology — to support projects that focus on underprivileged children and young adults, mental health, and community initiatives that are located close to one of its regional UK offices. To be eligible, projects should demonstrate clear and measurable benefits to their communities. Applications are accepted year-round, with submissions closing four weeks before the next committee meeting.

#### **Funding for Projects that Teach Children about the Countryside (England and Wales)**

Charities, not-for-profit organisations, and schools can apply for grants of up to £5,000 from the CLA Charitable Trust to support projects that help children and young people connect with nature and the countryside. Funding is available for initiatives that improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people who are disabled or disadvantaged, including those who are financially, physically, or mentally disadvantaged, or who live in areas of deprivation. Applications are particularly encouraged for projects involving children and young people from these backgrounds. Previous grants have supported initiatives such as outdoor classrooms, forest school provisions, and horticultural areas within school grounds. Applications can be submitted at any time.

#### **GRANTS OF UP TO £100,000 AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS (ENGLAND)**

The FCC Community Action Fund, run by FCC Communities Foundation and funded through the Landfill Communities Fund tax-credit scheme, is accepting applications for its next round of funding. Supported through the Landfill Communities Fund, the fund offers grants between £10,000 and £100,000 for projects that enhance public amenities, conservation and biodiversity costing up to £500,000, including VAT. The funding is available for the following: • Village Halls and Community Centres • Public Play Areas • Publicly available Multi use games areas, skate parks and BMX tracks • Sport and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access • Churches – community spaces only which are available for hire • Nature Reserves • Public gardens, parks, country parks and woodlands with at least dawn to dusk access • Museums Work must be situated at a single amenity/site only within 10 miles of an FCC Environment site. Eligible applicants include registered charities, churches or parochial church councils, parish and town councils, local authorities, management committees, and Community Amateur Sports Clubs. Projects must be on land owned, leased, or managed by the applicant with at least five years remaining on the agreement. The FCC Communities Foundation also administers the Severn Waste Services Community Action Fund. This fund provides grants of £2,000 to £20,000 to not-for-profit organisations for amenity projects eligible under Object D (public amenities) and Object DA (conservation and biodiversity) of the Landfill Communities Fund. Only projects in Herefordshire or Worcestershire, located within 10 miles of eligible Severn Waste Services facilities, are considered. Rolling application dates during 2026. Useful Links: FCC Community Fund Application Guidelines Severn Waste Services Community Action Fund

### **Funding for School Breakfast Programmes (England)**

Schools across England can still apply for the National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP), which provides a 75% subsidy towards food and delivery costs to help offer pupils a healthy start to the day. Aimed at schools in disadvantaged areas where 40% or more of pupils are from income-deprived communities, the programme supports learning, concentration, and wellbeing through access to nutritious breakfasts. Participating schools also gain practical support, including an online ordering portal, delivery services, and a peer network. The current funding runs until the end of the 2025/26 academic year. Schools already supported by Magic Breakfast or Greggs are not eligible to apply.

### **Screwfix Foundation (UK)**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to local charities and not-for-profit organisations (including specialist not-for-profit schools) to fund projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities for those in need in the UK. The funding is being made available through Screwfix Foundations, and the grants are available for a wide range of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities. Applications are reviewed every quarter.

### **Grants for Community & Environmental Projects (England & Scotland)**

Not-for-profit organisations 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 is £50,000 for projects in England and £20,000 in Scotland. Projects need to be located in a funding zone surrounding a qualifying site owned by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK. Funding typically covers materials, equipment, and contractors for improvement work. Four funding rounds each year.

### **Ofwat launches Water Breakthrough Challenge Fund to Drive Innovation in the Water Sector (England & Wales)**

Ofwat, the regulator for water services in England and Wales, has launched the sixth Water Breakthrough Challenge, releasing £400 million to fund innovation through 2030. The scheme, part of its Innovation Fund, supports regulated water companies and partners from industry, academia, and the voluntary sector. Projects are expected to cut carbon, boost efficiency, and deliver benefits for customers, communities, and the environment. Chief Executive David Black said the programme aims to inspire “fresh thinking and practical solutions” as the sector faces growing pressures. Since 2020, the fund has backed projects from smart leakage detection to nature-based flood management. The latest round will scale up these successes, helping the sector tackle climate change, water scarcity, and long-term resilience.

### **CLARK’S COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS**

The company has 300+ stores. Its Foundation funds capital projects, equipment and ‘start ups’. It awards around £400,000 pa to some 60+ organisations in places where they have significant numbers of people. It supports education, health, recreation, leisure and social welfare in **Somerset**, Plymouth or Barnstaple (**Devon**) or Kendal (Cumbria) – or it can be submitted by a members of staff from a store **elsewhere in the UK**. They award ‘small’ grants (up to £1,000) all year round, For over £1,000, the grants committee meets in Mar, Jun, Sep and Dec annually. The application deadline is the 15th of the month before the meeting. They have a **global partner** and their ShoeShare shoe takeback scheme has raised £1.6m for partners such as UNICEF. [Store locator](#).

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### **Grants of up to £20,000 for Early-Stage Ideas Driving Social Change (UK)**

Grants of up to £20,000 will soon be available to support individuals, groups, and small organisations in the UK who want to explore new ideas for social change. The Paul Hamlyn Foundation's Ideas and Pioneers Fund provides funding and tailored support to help early-stage innovators test, research, and develop new approaches with the potential for long-term social impact. The Foundation is particularly keen to welcome first time applicants, people aged 18 to 30, and those most affected by systemic oppression and/or discrimination. Funding can be used for research, evidence gathering, campaigning, testing new approaches, or working with communities who have relevant experience to better understand the issues they face. Recent examples include supporting initiatives like the Museum of Homelessness, led by individuals with firsthand experience, and POMOC, which explores models to support Polish migrants. Further information will be made in due course.

### **Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups (UK)**

Schools, clubs and community groups across the UK can now apply for free tree packs from the Woodland Trust to encourage nature recovery and community wellbeing. Eligible applicants include schools, sports clubs, faith groups, Scouts and Guides, local councils and residents' associations, with packs of 15, 30, 105 or 420 saplings available for delivery in March 2026. Trees are UK- and Ireland-sourced, and guidance on planting and aftercare is provided, though sapling protection is not included. Applicants must secure landowner permission and provide a six-digit grid reference of the planting site. The funding is being made available through the Woodland Trust's Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups programme. Applications are expected to close in August 2026.

### **Funding Available to Help Young People to Train or Start Work (UK)**

Young people aged 16 to 30 who are unemployed, working fewer than 16 hours a week, or studying less than 14 hours weekly can now access free funding to help them move into training, education, or employment. Grants between £10 and £500 are available to cover costs such as accredited course fees, tools, uniforms, equipment, or transport. To apply, applicants are required to provide supporting documents like a course offer or interview letter. The funding is provided by The King's Trust through its Development Awards which are designed to remove barriers to opportunity. Applications can be submitted at any time.

### **FUNDING FINDER – WEST OF ENGLAND (BATH, NORTH EAST SOMERSET, BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET & SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE)**

Funding Finder is updated every week, so you can login weekly to find all the latest funders using the Latest Additions category. Open to most non profits in the West of England, which includes Bath & North-East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire, that meet a local need and seek to improve the lives of local people who are most in need of support. Priority to those with income under £500k pa. Grants up to £4,000. [Funding Finder - Free Charity Grant Finder](#)

### **Funding to Support Youth Organisations (UK)**

Not for profit youth organisations supporting disadvantaged young people (aged 14 – 25) can apply for grants of up to £150,000 spread over three years to assist young people who face complex transitions to adulthood. The purpose of the fund is to aid youth organisations to sustain or expand their work. The Foundation provides core funding to organisations that aim for sustainability, growth, and impact. The funding is being made available through the Paul Hamlyn Foundation Youth Fund. The Foundation will prioritise work that takes place outside of London. There are no deadlines, and applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Funding for Local Community Projects (UK)**

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 benefit local communities across the UK. Moto in The Community Trust will fund various projects that directly benefit the communities where it

operates or has a significant staff presence. The average grant awarded is £1,000, however, larger grants may be agreed. Please note that any application 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 to approval process can take up to 8 weeks to complete.

### **Grants of up to £5 Million Available to Foster Stronger Community Connections (UK)**

Voluntary and community organisations, 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

Only 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.

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<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/the-uk-fund#section-1>

### **Grants of up to £15,000 Available for Projects that Help Disadvantaged Young People (UK - Various Locations)**

The Hays Travel Foundation offers grants ranging from £2,000 to £15,000 to registered charities operating in areas where Hays Travel has branches. These grants support projects that aid disadvantaged young people aged 18 to 25 in education, poverty prevention, health, arts, culture, or sports. Charities outside Hays Travel areas must demonstrate the impact of their project on a community with a Hays Travel branch. Match funding is encouraged to increase the likelihood of receiving a grant. Since 2015, the Foundation has awarded over £1 million in grants. Additionally, individual Hays Travel branches have budgets for local good causes. Ongoing funding programme.

### **Grants Available for Disabled Individuals and Groups to Play Tennis (UK)**

Disabled individuals, as well as disability groups, tennis clubs, schools, and associations across the UK that work with people with disabilities, can apply for grants from the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust to support participation in tennis. Individuals may receive up to £600, while groups, clubs, or projects can obtain up to £1,600. The grants can be used for coaching with LTA-licensed coaches, court hire, tennis wheelchairs, and equipment like rackets. Applicants seeking sports wheelchairs may be required to make a personal contribution. The Trust holds four funding meetings annually.

### **WILTSHIRE WILDLIFE COMMUNITY ENERGY**

A community energy enterprise that gives surplus profits to a pot earmarked for supporting local schemes in Wiltshire, which has donated £170,000+ to the fund. They fund all sorts of initiatives that share their objectives – demonstrating a focus on wildlife conservation, climate change mitigation, reducing carbon emissions, or tackling fuel poverty. All applications must be received at least two weeks prior if they are to be considered. Grants between £500 and £5,000. They welcome applications at any time with 3 funding

rounds annually. Applications must be received at least two weeks prior. [Community - Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy | Biodiversity | Community Fund](#)

#### **TALBOT VILLAGE TRUST**

Three priorities: climate change awareness, mental health support and educational exclusion but they fund a wide range of activities. Projects can be any size but must support local residents within the **Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP Council) area**. They support charities, faith-based groups, schools, universities and non-profits. They provide capital and revenue funding and will consider core costs in exceptional circumstances. In Jul 24, they awarded £571,098 to 36 organisations, with grants ranging from £1000 to £60,000. Deadlines are midnight on 31 Jul and 31 January. [Talbot Village Trust | Grant Giving Charity - South East Dorset](#)

#### **Financial Support Available for Schools and Youth Groups to Access Outdoor Learning (UK)**

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. Outward Bound encourages early applications, as funding is limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **Henry Smith Charity Announces New Five-Year Strategic Plan (UK)**

The Henry Smith Charity, now known as the Henry Smith Foundation, has announced its new five-year strategy which offers flexible, long-term funding to support not-for-profit organisations dedicated to making social change across the UK. 'Elevate Your Impact (2025-2030)' will focus on three core priority areas: Getting Started (supporting families with young children), Building Independence (helping young people move into adulthood), and Safer Futures (supporting people to rebuild their lives after abuse, displacement or prison.) In addition, there is also the new Opportunity Fund to support early-stage ideas, test bold approaches, strengthen leadership and boost inclusion across the voluntary and community sector. Webinars will be held in July and August to provide additional information for applicants.

#### **VINEHILL TRUST GRANTS - EMPOWERING MUSIC, HERITAGE AND HEALTH PROJECTS (UK)**

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 up to 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 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](mailto:info@vinehilltrust.uk)

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### **Funding for Projects that Strengthen Local Communities (England, Scotland & Wales)**

Grants of £1,000 - £5,000 are available for local projects that help strengthen communities across England, Scotland and Wales. The Delamere Dairy Foundation will support charities, community groups, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations delivering projects that benefit communities through the advancement of agriculture and environmental protection, improving the lives of young people, promoting education, and alleviating financial hardship and sickness. Applications will be considered at regularly scheduled panel meetings.

### **Grants to Promote Mental Health & Wellbeing for Young People (UK)**

Registered charities focused on mental health-related matters can apply for funding to support the mental health and well-being of children and young adults in the UK. The funding is made available by the Pixel Fund, which awards grants of between £2,500 and £5,000 for specific projects that will provide a measurable difference to children and young adults under 26 years old. Potential applicants must attend a Pixel Fund Q&A Drop-in Meeting to apply. This will enable potential applicants to access the application process. There are no application deadlines.

### **Grants of up to £7,500 Available for Community Projects (London, the South & South West of England)**

Housing association Sovereign is inviting applications to its Thriving Communities Fund – Strengthening Place, to support projects that benefit its residents and communities in London, the South, and the South West of England. Charities, community groups and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £7,500 to deliver projects and activities that promote community cohesion, sustainability, safety, health, wellbeing, and social inclusion. Priority will be given to initiatives that complement existing local services, address identified gaps, and encourage collaboration. This includes those supporting diverse, marginalised, underrepresented, or vulnerable groups, as well as projects focused on young people or ageing well. Applications are reviewed quarterly.

### **Grants of up to £5 Million Available for Projects Addressing Inequality (England)**

Charities and not-for-profit organisations in England can apply for grants of between £1 million and £5 million for projects tackling poverty, disadvantage, and discrimination. and lasting between 5 and 10 years. The funding is being made available through the National Lottery Community Fund's Solidarity Fund and will support work that empowers communities, fosters collaboration, and amplifies community voices to influence public understanding of inequality. To be eligible, organisations must be led by, and accountable to, people with lived experience of the issues you're trying to change. The Fund expecting to support 10 organisations in its first year. Eligible costs include staff wages, training, governance improvements, IT upgrades, transport, utilities, volunteer expenses, evaluation, equipment, minor capital works, and translation services for non-English speakers. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with no fixed deadlines.

### **Grants of up to £15,000 Available to Help Sports Clubs become More Environmentally Friendly (England)**

A new £16 million fund has been launched to help community sports organisations become more environmentally sustainable. The fund offers grants ranging from £300 to £15,000 for eco-friendly projects including reducing carbon emissions, reducing waste, enhancing biodiversity and adapting to climate change and extreme weather events. The funding is being made available from Sport England's £160 million Movement Fund. The funding is called the Green Sport Initiatives strand of the Movement Fund. Local not-for-profits and physical-activity organisations can apply with priority given to initiatives supporting people on low incomes, disabled people, older adults, diverse and marginalised groups, parents with young children, girls aged 5–16, LGBTQ+ communities, and those in foster care, or in high-need areas. Applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Grants of up to £3,000 for School Science Projects (UK)**

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). Activities funded aim to enhance science education by encouraging collaboration between schools and professional scientists or engineers. Eligible applicants include primary and secondary school teachers and practising scientists or engineers. Projects must involve students between the ages of 5 and 18. Additionally, the scheme includes an extension called "To tomorrow's Climate Scientists," which funds research on climate change and biodiversity. The Partnership Grants scheme is an annual funding round. There is a two-stage application process. The application process opens in February (23rd February 2026) each year, with three possible submission deadlines.

### **John Ellerman Foundation Launches New Funding Strategy Focusing on Social Justice and the Environment (UK)**

UK charities with annual incomes between £100,000 and £10 million can apply for grants of up to £180,000 from the John Ellerman Foundation, which has launched a new funding strategy for 2025–2030 that offers multi-year support for work with national relevance. The Foundation now funds projects addressing the triple planetary crisis—climate, pollution, and nature—while also fostering trust and connection to reduce polarisation and increase political participation, advancing economic models that benefit both people and the planet, and promoting equity and justice for marginalised communities. Funding is available for core costs over up to five years, with rolling applications and a two-stage process: a brief initial proposal is followed by a more detailed submission for shortlisted applicants, with final decisions made at regular board meetings.

### **Grants & Loans to Support Black & Racially Minoritised Organisations (England)**

Black and Racially Minoritised charities and social enterprises in England can now benefit from £4 million of funding and support via the Social Investment Business. Delivered in partnership with the Ubele Initiative and Create Equity, the Flexible Finance Fund will support the growth and long-term resilience of up to twenty-five organisations working to improve people's lives or the environment they live in. Flexible loans of between £50,000 to £1.5 million are available with up to 100% of this amount as a grant (capped at £200,000), with terms of between 1 to 6 years at a fixed rate of 7.9% per annum. Eligible applicants must have been operating for at least two years and have a minimum turnover of £200,000. Applications are accepted at any time.

### **Funding to Address Social Issues Facing Communities (England, Scotland & Wales)**

Charitable organisations can now apply for up to £400 of funding for projects that directly impact families and solve significant social issues in communities across England, Scotland and Wales. The Warburtons Community Grant scheme will support a range of activities that support families, create communities that are safer, greener and more inclusive; and help families to gain useful skills for life and work. The funding is administered by the Charities Aid Foundation and can be used to cover specific costs associated with the activities (eg. buying equipment to support an employability project). Applications are considered every quarter.

### **Funding to Improve the Lives of Vulnerable People in Disadvantaged Communities (UK)**

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation is inviting applications to its Small and Major Grants programmes, which support UK charities tackling deprivation in urban and rural communities. Small Grants range from £2,000 to £10,000 for organisations with an income under £250,000, and must support community-focused projects in areas within the bottom 15% (urban) or 50% (rural) on the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Applicants must cover 50% of project costs from other sources. Major Grants offer up to £50,000 for one year or £100,000 over three years for charities with incomes up to £500,000, and support family-related initiatives such as early intervention and help for families dealing with addiction or imprisonment. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with Small Grants decisions made within eight weeks and Major Grants requiring a two-stage process assessed quarterly. Applicants must complete an online eligibility quiz before submitting an application through the Trusthouse website.

### **Funding to Provide Wheelchairs for Children with Disabilities (England, Wales & Scotland)**

Parents, Teachers, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, and any Healthcare Professionals of a child or young person under the age of 19 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 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 in England, Wales & Scotland. 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.

### **Grants of Up to £5,000 to Support Sports for the Disabled (South West England and Wales)**

Organisations that help people who are physically disabled or visually impaired in South West England or Wales can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to help pay towards sporting activities, training courses, sporting equipment, or costs towards achieving a physical challenge. The funding is being made available through the Sports Foundation for the Disabled and is open for applications from both to groups supporting disabled individuals and disabled individuals. To be eligible to apply organisations must be engaged in or propose to provide sporting activities for people with physical disabilities or visual impairments. Applications must be submitted at least six weeks before the start date of any activity/equipment purchase.

### **Funding for Recreational Facilities for Disadvantaged Young People (England)**

Grants of up to £1,500 are available for affiliated sports clubs and organisations in England to provide recreational facilities for disadvantaged children and young people under the age of 21. The funding, which is made available by the Central Social and Recreational Trust, 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. The Trust will consider applications for larger amounts in exceptional circumstances. Applications may be submitted at any time.

### **Funding Available for Disabled Gardeners (UK)**

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 a Blue Parking Badge. The Trust offers various support measures, including adapting private gardens to meet the special needs of the disabled, making grants towards tools, raised beds, paving, and greenhouses. 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.

### **Dorset Council Local Alliance Group Funding**

Project for children, young people and families. Up to £5000 for individual groups/schools, or funding up to £20,000 for consortium applications from a group of settings (such as schools, individuals or organisations). Each LAG has its own priorities. The areas are: Dorchester, East **Dorset**, North Dorset, Purbeck, Portland, West Dorset, and Weymouth. No application deadline given  
Local Alliance Group funding for projects 2025 to 2026 - Dorset Council

### **Funding Available to Improve Grass Football Pitches (England)**

Community football clubs in England can apply for funding to improve their 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 Football Foundation has developed an app called 'PitchPower'. This online tool empowers community football clubs and organisations to conduct their own grass pitch inspections. Once these inspections are completed and identified through the app, clubs and facilities become eligible to apply for funding for both grass pitch maintenance machinery and equipment, as well as the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund.

### **Clare Milne Trust. Transforming lives in Devon and Cornwall**

Open to Registered charities but they will occasionally consider applications from CICs and other not-for-profit organisations. The minimum grant is £2,500. There is no upper limit for a registered charity. A CIC or not-for-profit organisation can apply for up to £14,999. All projects must benefit children, young people or adults with a disability who live in **Devon or Cornwall**. This includes physical, learning, mental and sensory disabilities. They fund a wide range of projects. The trustees review applications four times per year. [The Clare Milne Trust - Grants for Disability Charities throughout Devon & Cornwall](#)

### **Match Funding of up to £5,000 Available for Projects with Social or Environmental Benefits (UK)**

Registered charities and Community Interest Companies in the UK can apply for up to £5,000 in matched funding for projects that deliver clear social or environmental benefits, particularly around health, wellbeing, environmental protection, or poverty alleviation. The grants is offered by the Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation in partnership with Crowdfunder. A total of £100,000 is available, with funding awarded on a 3:1 match basis—up to 75% of the project target. Eligible All initiatives must run in 2025 or 2026 and be based in the UK. Applicants must be sponsored by a Mortgage Advice Bureau staff member, customer, or approved business partner. At least 10 unique donations are required for match eligibility. Applications are open on a rolling basis.

### **Social Investment Business Opens New Loans Programme (England, Scotland & Wales)**

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 guarantee scheme – Growth Guarantee Scheme.

Applications are accepted at any time.

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<https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/community-builders-fund/>

### **Funding for Community Energy Projects (UK)**

Community energy groups across the UK are invited to register their interest for funding to support projects that deliver positive social and environmental outcomes within local communities. Funded by Younity in partnership with Your Co-op Energy, the Powering Communities Fund aims to help groups and organisations deliver social impact projects, such as creating community resources, running events for young people, or starting a community garden. Grants of up to £3,750 can be used to cover the costs of equipment, local events or workshops, staff, volunteer training, or developing a local service or venue. To be eligible, organisations must have a current or upcoming Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Younity or have utilised their Kickstart Loan facility.

### **Funding to Support Local Transport Schemes (North Somerset)**

Grants of between £20 and £500 are available to support local transport schemes in North Somerset which are typically run by local volunteers to provide accessible, efficient and affordable transport for residents with limited mobility. The Quartet Community Foundation will support two types of community transport scheme: community transport groups who provide fully accessible minibuses for a wide range of regular shopping trips, dial-a-ride, group hire and day trips; and car schemes run by volunteer drivers in their own vehicles, which primarily provide access to medical appointments. The North Somerset Community Transport Grant will fund items such as insurance, unplanned vehicle maintenance, and any other

unexpected expenditure. Applications that can demonstrate match funding will be looked upon favourably. Applications can be made at any time.

### **Society of Merchant Venturers Charity (South West)**

Registered charities and organisations with a charitable purpose within the greater Bristol area can apply for grants of up to £5,000 through the Society of Merchant Venturers Charity. The primary areas supported are social needs; youth; education; environment; social enterprise; health care; culture and the arts; and projects that will benefit greater Bristol and its economic development. The charity meets four times a year, typically in January, April, July and October, to consider applications for funding. The charity also provides administrative support to the Edmonds and Coles Scholarships Charity, an education charity that provides grants and scholarships to young people. The Edmonds and Coles Scholarships Charity makes financial grants, usually between £100 and £1,000 for any educational purpose approved by the charity's governors. Grants might cover the purchase of books or equipment needed for education or training, or help with travel costs. Ongoing application deadlines.

### **Funding for Projects that Have a Positive Impact on Communities, People or the Environment (UK)**

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 for people, their communities, and the environment. The Fund will share £15,000 between five shortlisted projects every three months, which will be voted for 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 receiving £2,000. As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation wants to hear from people with innovative ideas that need some funding to get their projects up and running. To be eligible, applicants must have had an income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months. Funding is awarded every three months.

### **£100 Million Funding to Enhance Grassroots Sports (UK)**

The UK Government has announced a £100 million investment aimed at upgrading local grassroots sports facilities across the UK. 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. This initiative is part of the Government's 'Plan for Change', aiming to break down barriers to opportunity and address persistent health inequalities through preventive measures. The upgraded facilities are intended to foster community cohesion, provide young people with opportunities to develop essential skills, and instil a sense of pride in local areas. Applications need to be submitted via the UK nations Football Foundations.

### **Grants to Improve the Quality of Life for Disadvantaged & Vulnerable People (UK)**

Small-to-mid-size registered charities helping improve the quality of life of people in the UK, particularly those disadvantaged and vulnerable, can apply for grants of up to £5,000. The funding is being made available through the Hedley Foundation. Each year, the Foundation makes around 250 grants 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. Rolling programme of applications.

### **Grants to Improve the Quality of Grass Football Pitches (England)**

The Football Foundation's Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund offers six-year tapered grants to eligible grassroots football organisations aiming to enhance or sustain their grass pitches to the 'Good' standard set by the Grounds Management Association (GMA). Funding is allocated annually, decreasing over time; for example, an 11-a-side pitch 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. Eligible applicants include grassroots football clubs, leagues,

charities, educational institutions with community access, and certain National League System and Women's Football Pyramid clubs. Applicants must have appropriate security of tenure and a PitchPower Pitch Assessment Report. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and there is no application deadline.

### **Grants of up to £15,000 Available to People to Get Active (England)**

Sports clubs, charities, local authorities, schools, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £15,000 to tackle inequalities in accessing sport and help get more people active. The funding is being made available through Sport England's £160 million Movement Fund which, which aims to enhance physical activity opportunities for communities in greatest need. Eligible projects may receive funding to cover a wide range of costs aimed at delivering positive change, particularly for individuals facing barriers to activity, such as those living on low incomes, disabled individuals, older adults, culturally diverse communities, pregnant women, etc. The Movement Fund accepts applications on a rolling basis and can be submitted at any time.

### **Up to £15,000 Available for Water-Based Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Children (UK)**

Non-profit organisations, including schools and registered charities, can apply for grants up to £15,000 to support water-based projects for disadvantaged children under 18. These initiatives aim to enhance physical and mental well-being by providing access to aquatic environments and addressing concerns that over a million pupils may leave school unable to swim 25 metres unaided. The grant, offered by the Children's Alliance, seeks to fund grassroots projects such as swimming lessons, hydrotherapy sessions, provision of swim wear and surf therapy, etc. Applications are accepted twice annually, in September and March.

### **PENNON ANNOUNCES £5 MILLION 'BETTER FUTURES' PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

Pennon has announced the launch of a new £5M programme designed to go even further towards providing support for those who need it most. Better Futures will support water customers and communities across Devon, Cornwall, Bristol, Bournemouth, Isles of Scilly and Sutton and East Surrey. The programme is divided into two main components, Hardship funding and Community funding. The £5m 'Better Futures' programme will provide:

**Hardship Funding:** A helping hand in the form of a small grants programme to support individuals and families who suddenly find themselves in difficult financial circumstances.

**Community funding:** Funding of community groups which inspire physical activities, education, health and wellbeing and positive environmental outcomes - supporting the lives of people and places they love for generations to come.

The 'Better Futures' programme will not only provide financial support to groups who are able to reach those who find themselves in difficult situations, but it will also open doors to opportunities people may not have had access to in the past. [Pennon Announces £5 Million 'Better Futures' Programme to Support Local Communities | Pennon Group PLC](#)

### **Grants of up to £150,000 Available to Protect Water and Land Environments (UK)**

UK charities and non-profit organisations working to protect, restore, or sustainably manage the natural world are eligible to apply for grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 per year, for up to three years from the John Ellerman Foundation's People and Planet funding scheme. Launched to promote a healthier environment for both people and nature, the scheme prioritises projects that enhance ocean health through stronger marine protected areas, community engagement, and reduced overfishing; build healthier ecosystems on land and in freshwater through sustainable management, habitat restoration, and landscape-scale conservation; and address the impact of human activities like climate change and pollution on air, land, and water. The focus is on the UK and UK waters. However, the Foundation is also keen to support land and marine-based work in the UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs). There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Grants of up to £10,000 Available to Address Local Skill Shortages (UK)**

Registered charities, social enterprises, colleges, further education providers, and other City & Guilds clients can apply for grants of up to £10,000 for community-led projects addressing local skills shortages across the UK. The City & Guilds Foundation's Local Community Skills Fund aims to support innovative initiatives that may not qualify for traditional funding, focusing on areas with limited access to training and development opportunities. Eligible projects should assist individuals aged 16 and above who face barriers to employment, fostering skill development to enhance job prospects. Applicant organisations must have a voluntary income of less than £1 million annually. Individuals and community groups may also apply if partnered with a qualifying organisation willing to receive funds on their behalf. The fund operates on a rolling basis with applications reviewed monthly.

### **Funding to Buy Books for School Libraries (England)**

UK schools and early years' settings can apply for grants of up to £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. Any grant awarded will be made in the form of credit to be spent within six months on the LoveReading4Kids online bookstore. Applications can be submitted at any time, with decisions taking up to three months.

### **Grants of up to £3,000 Available to Help Children Facing Food Insecurity (UK)**

Charities, schools, community groups, and organisations that support children affected by poverty can apply for grants of up to £3,000 to provide support for children and young people up to 18 years old who face food insecurity and lack access to activities during school holidays. Cash for Kids, a grant-giving charity supporting disadvantaged children, is offering the Holiday Hunger Grant Fund to help address child poverty through funding nutritious meals, activities, staffing costs, and equipment. There is no application deadline given.

### **Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Charities Supporting Vulnerable & Disadvantaged People (UK)**

The Leathersellers' Company has announced that its next application round for the Small Grants Programme will reopen for applications on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025. This funding is available to small charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) that provide essential services for vulnerable people in deprived communities across the UK. The Small Grants Programme awards grants of up to £5,000 to organisations with an annual income of less than £200,000. The number of applications will be capped, and submissions will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis; specifically, the first 45 applications received after each round opens will be considered. There are eight application windows throughout the year, and each window will close once 45 applications have been received. The application process is extremely competitive.

### **Funding for Projects Making a Positive Impact on Peoples Lives (UK - Various Locations)**

The Focus Foundation, the charitable arm of Focus Group, a provider of essential business technology, offers grants of up to £8,000 to charities and community groups that deliver projects that positively impact people's lives. The Foundation's Rapid Response Grant Scheme will support projects focused on mental health, underprivileged children and young adults, and local community initiatives that are located close to one of the Foundation's regional offices in Turo, Exeter, Portsmouth, Shoreham, Basingstoke, Bristol, Merthyr Tydfil, Witney, Milton Keynes, Norwich, Birmingham, Manchester, Derby, Carlisle, Melrose, Glasgow and Inverness. To be eligible, projects should demonstrate clear, measurable benefits to their communities. Applications are accepted year-round, but will close for assessment four weeks prior to the next committee meeting.

### **Funding to Support Families in Need (UK)**

Voluntary sector organisations in the UK working on the frontlines of family support can apply for grants of £10,000-£100,000 for a period of one to three years. These funds, made available through the Trusthouse

Charitable Foundation, can be used for core costs, salaries, running expenses, and project costs. The programme prioritises organisations with an annual income up to £500,000 located in, or serving of high deprivation. Focus areas include family support in deprived communities, with particular interest in early intervention programmes, families coping with addiction, and assistance for prisoners' families. Applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Wiltshire CF - Community Grants**

Support people and communities in need in **Wiltshire and Swindon**, with up to £5,000 pa for up to three years. They are particularly interested in projects and activities that tackle poverty and inequality and its effects, prevent or alleviate poor mental health, support children and young people.

### **The HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust**

Grants are available to support registered charities that are concerned with the preservation of wildlife and the environment. The Trust has three funds:

- General Grants: supports smaller charities with general charitable activities across a range of issues as well as charities focusing on the conservation of wildlife and the environment.
- Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust grants: supports the conservation and maintenance - for the benefit of the public - of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna with particular reference to the conservation and maintenance of the character and amenity of rural areas.
- Large Grants: supports activities pertaining to environmental and wildlife issues only. (These grants are offered in fixed seven-year cycles, of which only two years are open to external applications.)

Small grants

- £500–£2,000 to general charities, which are small enough in size or are applying for support for a modest project such that the charity will benefit substantially from a donation.
- £1,000–£2,000 (though occasionally up to £5,000) to wildlife and conservation charities.

### **BANISTER CHARITABLE TRUST**

Grants are available to charitable organisations that are working to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the UK. The funding is for work that meets the charity's objects which are to:

- Promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the UK.
- Further such other purpose or purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales in such manner as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.

Grants tend to be in the £5,000 to £50,000 range, with a few lower or higher grants awarded. Applications will be considered from UK registered charities whose core purposes meet the Trust's objectives which are the promotion, conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the UK.

The funding is intended to be used for charitable projects that promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the UK.

Groups should write or call the Trust for further details on how and when to apply. Trustee Department, Banister Charitable Trust, Ludlow Trust Co Ltd, Tower Wharf, Cheese Lane, BRISTOL BS2 0JJ Tel: 0117 313 8200 E-Mail: [charitabletrusts@ludlowtrust.com](mailto:charitabletrusts@ludlowtrust.com)

### **Grants to Support Disadvantaged Children & Vulnerable Older People (England & Wales)**

Funding is available for registered charities that are working to support disadvantaged children and young people, as well as vulnerable older people and their carers in England and Wales. The Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity Grants programme awards small grants of between £1,000 and £5,000, and large grants of between £10,000 and £60,000 to support projects that are focusing on: children affected by domestic abuse; early years; children with special educational needs and disabilities; and people with dementia and

their carers. Applicants are invited to submit an expression of interest, and if successful, will be invited to complete a full application. EOIs can be submitted at any time.

#### **Funding to Tackle Hunger Amongst Young People (UK)**

Schools and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £1,500 for projects and activities that help children across the UK have a stronger start in life. Priority is given to initiatives that provide food and support to young people. These grants assist schools and organisations in offering nutritious food, healthy activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing—such as breakfast clubs or snacks—and equipment for healthy pursuits. Every three months, three local good causes or projects are selected for the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK, with grants awarded based on the number of votes each project receives. The funding is being made available through the Tesco Stronger Starts Programme, which is managed by Groundwork across the UK and is working with greenspace Scotland to support applicants in Scotland. Applications can be made at any time.

#### **THE ERNEST COOK COMMUNITIES TRUST. COMMUNITY GRANT (BRISTOL, SWINDON AND GLOUCESTER)**

The Communities Grant is a new pilot award aimed at supporting charities and non-profit organisations who encourage young people aged from 11-19 years (or up to 25 years old for Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) from underserved communities to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature. This current round of funding is a place-based offer focusing on specific geographical areas defined by postcodes. The Communities Grant is therefore only available to organisations located within the following postcode prefixes:Glos/Swindon/Bristol: GL/SN/BS

An award of £500 is offered. The Application window for this Grant is now open

For more information visit [Communities Grant – The Ernest Cook Trust](#)

#### **Funding for Projects that Promote a Better Understanding of the Environment and Countryside (UK)**

UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. Whilst the Trust does not specify a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years. Previous projects supported include Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and St Joseph's Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion. Applications can be submitted at any time.

#### **Grants of up to £15,000 Available to Sports Facilities Affected by Flooding (England)**

Grants of up to £15,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations, including community clubs, charities, and public bodies, to restore sports facilities damaged by Storms Bert and Conall. The grants are being made available through the Sport England Movement Fund and aims to assist in the swift restoration of sports facilities and activities. The type of costs the funding can be used for include: skip hire to remove sediment and rubbish; minor electrical works to restore power; decontamination works or clearing of blocked drains; cleaning work to get showers and changing rooms back up and running; and securing buildings. There is no application deadline given.

#### **Dormant Assets Scheme to Allocate £350 Million (England)**

The UK Government's Dormant Assets Scheme is set to allocate £350 million to various initiatives in England between 2024 and 2028. This funding comes from assets like bank accounts that have been inactive for many years and whose owners cannot be traced. The scheme aims to support social and environmental initiatives. The allocation of this £350 million will be evenly distributed across four primary areas:

- Youth services and opportunities, receiving £87.5 million to enhance facilities and services for young individuals.
- Financial inclusion also allocated £87.5 million, to improve individuals' ability to manage finances and

access financial services.

- Social investment wholesalers, which will receive £87.5 million to facilitate investments in social enterprises.
- Community wealth funds, receiving £87.5 million to empower local communities to improve their areas and invest in local priorities.

These funds aim to address societal issues like youth unemployment, financial exclusion, and community development, with further details on the specific allocations to be outlined in an upcoming Dormant Assets Strategy. The scheme is overseen by Reclaim Fund Ltd, which manages the funds ensuring enough reserves to cover any claims while distributing the surplus to initiatives through The National Lottery Community Fund

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dormant-assets-scheme-allocating-350-million-for-england>

### **Rowing Foundation Grants Programme (UK)**

Organisations, clubs, and schools involved in rowing can apply for grants of between £500 and £4,000 (up to 50% of the project's overall cost) from the Rowing Foundation to support junior & student rowers and adaptive rowing for all ages. This funding, targeted towards groups ineligible for larger grants or with smaller needs, helps purchase equipment like boats, sculls, ergos, oars, and safety gear, aiming to increase participation in rowing among young people, disabled individuals, and those in education. The Foundation offers two programs: Refurbishment grants, accepting applications year-round

### **National Lottery Community Fund Announces £3 Billion of Community Powered Funding (England)**

The National Lottery Community Fund has announced a commitment to allocate at least £3 billion in funding for England by 2030 that will have a strong emphasis on community power and control. This decision comes amid survey findings showing that while 55% of UK adults are proud of their local area, 45% feel residents lack sufficient input in local improvements. The initiative includes a £275 million investment in community-led change. This includes a £100 million Community Power Fund, a £50 million community leaders programme, and a new You Decide funding stream allowing communities to allocate at least 5% of all funding. Additionally, over £4 million will be available for development phases of these projects. The Fund is also dedicating at least £135 million annually through 2030 for its Awards for All programme. This approach aims to empower local communities in decision-making and resource allocation.

### **Crowdfunding Platform Launches Foundation (UK)**

Crowfunder UK has announced the launch of the Crowfunder Foundation, aimed at helping philanthropists, high-net-worth individuals, trusts and foundations maximise their charitable contributions through crowdfunding. The foundation will support community-driven projects through matched crowdfunding, with a focus on social, environmental, and community initiatives. Special emphasis will be placed on local initiatives that tackle key social issues, such as poverty alleviation, nature recovery and regeneration, and supporting the growth of social enterprises. In addition to assisting individual donors, the Foundation invites charities to increase their impact by using their funds to support a wider range of organisations in their communities.

### **£5 Million Fund for Grassroots Cricket Pitch Improvements (England & Wales)**

The England and Wales Cricket Board, in partnership with Sport England, has launched a new fund to help cricket to tackle inequalities in access to cricket 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. The fund will prioritise improving unsafe or inadequate pitches to support Women's and Girls' cricket, cricket in diverse communities, disability cricket

and cricket in lower socio-economic areas. Grant amounts will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The fund will run until March 2027, or whenever funding is fully allocated, whichever is sooner.

### **Grants for School Trips in Disadvantaged Areas (Cornwall and Blackpool)**

The Clore Duffield Foundation has announced the launch of its School Trip Grant programme. In year one, the programme aims to support state-funded primary and secondary schools in Cornwall and Blackpool by facilitating trips to museums, galleries, heritage sites, and other cultural venues. The programme aims to make cultural experiences more accessible to students who might otherwise miss out due to financial constraints. The programme is open to state-funded primary and secondary schools in England. It provides 100% funding. Primary schools are expected to offer six trips per year, with over £6,000 per class available annually, while secondary schools must commit to three trips per year, with funding exceeding £3,000 per class. There is currently no application closing date indicated.

### **Grants to Promote Wellbeing & Reduce Social Isolation (England)**

Charities, community groups and social enterprises in England can apply for up to £2,500 in seed funding to support initiatives aimed at reducing social isolation and enhancing wellbeing for vulnerable people in their local areas. The funding is provided by health and social care organisation Turning Point, through its Community Innovation Fund. Eligible activities should focus on promoting physical activity, fostering social connections, learning new skills, encouraging volunteering, and practicing mindfulness. Previously funded projects include a community crafting club, a sensory garden, a pottery course, and a storytelling club for men recovering from addiction. Groups can apply through nominations from Turning Point teams in the areas where Turning Point operates. Applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Help Finder - Free Stuff and Charity Raffle Prize Donations**

Charity Help Finder finds free stuff for charities, including UK companies that donate, freebies for raffle prizes and donations for charity events. With 1,300+ providers and 28 search categories, Help Finder can find almost anything for free, including companies that donate, charity raffle prizes and donations for events. It also finds fundraising and marketing support, free laptops and computers, office and event spaces, office furniture, mentoring and consultancy, gift match and training and lots more. Here's the [demo video](#) (2 mins) and our [guide to raffle prize donations](#) and another for [company donations](#). To Find raffle prizes and auction items use the Raffle & Auction Item Prizes search category. As at Oct 24, there were 140+ providers listed.

It's 1 of 3 finder directories and huge range support we've created to support charities finding the funding and help they need. [Funding Finder](#) and [Data Finder](#), plus [100+downloadable funder lists](#), 40 policies and 8 online health checks. [Charity Help Finder - Donations & Free Stuff for Raffles, Events](#)

### **Funding of up to £200,000 Available for Community & Environmental Projects (East Midland, West Midlands, South West England)**

Local charities, volunteer and community groups, schools, colleges and local authority or parish councils in the Severn Trent Water region can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £200,000 to support new local community projects. The funding is being made available through the Severn Trent Water Community Fund. It will support projects that help people lead healthier lifestyles, gain new skills, create better places to live in and use, and protect the natural environment. Match funding is required for applications over £10,000.

### **Schools Can Apply for £500 of Free Equipment to Deliver Outdoor Learning (England, Scotland & Wales)**

Early Years, Infant, Primary and Secondary school settings in England, Scotland and Wales can apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor resources and two hours of professional outdoor training to deliver outdoor learning and play. The funding is being made available through the Learning through Landscapes' Local School Nature Grant Programme and is funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery. It is a rolling programme of funding.

### **Funding to Tackle Loneliness & Isolation Among Blind & Partially Sighted People (UK)**

Fight for Sight, a UK-based charity dedicated to funding pioneering research to prevent sight loss and treat eye disease, has announced that the next round of its Social Change Fund will open to applications on the 1st September 2024. Grants of up to £30,000 will be available to sight loss organisations supporting blind and vision impaired people. This funding round focuses on projects designed to reduce loneliness and/or isolation experienced by blind and partially sighted people throughout the UK. The Charity is keen to fund sustainable projects that positively impact blind or vision impaired people, and build partnerships that improve the resilience of community organisations serving this group. Additionally, the funding will support research that explores the experiences and challenges of being blind or vision impaired.

### **Grants to Support Disadvantaged Young People through Educational & Sporting Activities (UK)**

UK charities, Schools and Further Education Colleges as well as 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 fulfill their potential and improve their wellbeing, self-esteem, and independence through educational and sporting activities. This could include initiatives that improve academic engagement and attainment, develop skills to aid future employment, improve life skills, and ensure sport is accessible. There is no minimum or maximum grant amount. Applications can be made at any time.

### **National Lottery Heritage Fund Announces Strategic Initiatives to Address Heritage Challenges (UK)**

As part of its Heritage 2033 strategy, the National Lottery Heritage Fund has launched three strategic initiatives offering targeted funding to address long-standing heritage issues across the UK. Through collaborative projects with local partners and organisations, the Heritage Places initiative will support projects that improve or transform nine identified heritage locations. The Landscape Connections initiative will invest in around 20 long-term projects to boost nature recovery and connect more people to Protected Landscapes and other world-class landscapes. For details about the application process for these initiatives, please refer to the Heritage Fund's website. In partnership with others, the Nature Cities and Towns initiative will support cities and towns in delivering urban nature recovery through thriving historic parks and green spaces. This initiative is expected to launch in the second half of 2024.

### **Grants of up to £5 Million Available to Foster Stronger Community Connections (UK)**

Charities and other not-for-profit organisations that want to help communities come together and make the UK a better-connected society can apply for grants of between £500,000 and £5 million through the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) — UK Fund.

The fund is open to UK-based registered charities, community interest companies, charitable incorporated organisations, community benefit societies, co-operative societies, constituted voluntary or community organisations, statutory bodies, companies limited by guarantee, and partnerships of organisations.

The fund will fund up to 20 organisations annually for projects that can run for up to 10 years.

The fund is looking to support projects that:

- **Improve relationships between people with different life experiences.** For example, bring together people from different backgrounds, generations, or places.
- **help people and communities who find it difficult to meet face-to-face to make meaningful connections online** - For example, because of physical or mental health or poor transport links. Or because they live far apart from other people who have a shared identity or experience to them.
- **help people from all backgrounds influence the future of their communities, such as** by setting up ways for communities to influence decisions that affect them.
- **Help children and young people facing specific challenges change the systems that affect them** by making their voices heard and acted on.
- **Help more organisations involve and listen to children and young people**, using what they say to improve their communities and the systems and services they rely on.

The funding can be used for:

- staff costs, including sessional workers

- development work (testing new ways of working, staff training and development, developing governance, tech or IT upgrades and purchases, sharing learning)
- transport
- utilities and running costs
- volunteer expenses
- learning and evaluation
- equipment
- capital costs (we can consider funding capital costs but do not expect these costs to be a significant amount of the proposed budget)
- costs associated with delivering your project in other languages – for example, in Welsh.

Projects must demonstrate that they have the potential to benefit communities across the UK, scale their impact, and focus on equity.

There is no deadline and applications can be submitted at any time.

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<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/the-uk-fund#section-1>

### **Funding to Support the Core Costs of Organisations Working with Disadvantaged Children (UK, Isle of Man & Channel Islands)**

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, made available through the BBC Children in Need, 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.

#### **Useful Links:**

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<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/core-costs/>

### **Funding for Community-led Environmental & Sustainability Projects (UK)**

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, schools and colleges in transforming their local communities through projects that tackle climate change, reduce carbon emissions, or protect and enhance the environment. The fund aims to help educate communities on how they can make a difference, by giving support to diverse projects and initiatives making a positive change. Organisations are invited to specify the level of funding they require in their application. No application deadline given.

#### **THE ANDREW ANDERSON TRUST**

A wide range of charitable causes based in Bristol, including Education/Training, Health, Disability, Poverty and Religion

CONTACT: 079833559127

#### **THE FRANCIS WINHAM FOUNDATION**

Grants are available for organisations undertaking welfare projects for elderly people in England and Wales. Grants of between £5000 and £40000 are available.

CONTACT: email [francinetrust@outlook.com](mailto:francinetrust@outlook.com) Telephone: 02077951261

#### **THE LINNET TRUST**

Supports charities operating in the south west of England that are innovative, cost effective, administratively efficient and well respected in the field. They target disadvantaged groups with mental, physical or behavioural problems, often a consequence of poverty. The trust will not support individuals, religious organisations, animal or art charities. Grants range from £5000 to £40000

CONTACT: Rose Cottage, Bristol Road, West Harptree, Bristol BS40 6HQ Telephone: 01761 221178

#### **THE NORMAN FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST**

Registered charities and other non-profit organisations for projects in Devon, Cornwall and part of Somerset (TA postcode area only). It particularly prioritises Exeter and East Devon. Wide range of projects, particularly children/education. Use online application form to apply for funding at regular grant committee meetings

CONTACT: [Home - Norman Family Charitable Trust \(nfct.org\)](http://Home - Norman Family Charitable Trust (nfct.org))

#### **THE PEOPLE HEALTH TRUST**

Fund projects led by and for people living in neighbourhoods experiencing the highest levels of social and financial disadvantage, and groups of people in society that are most affected by health inequalities.

CONTACT: [Funding | People's Health Trust \(peopleshealthtrust.org.uk\)](http://Funding | People's Health Trust (peopleshealthtrust.org.uk))

#### **THE POPEL CHARITABLE TRUST**

Assists children to receive high calibre educational training and provide appropriate facilities. Help is also given for the provision of facilities for needy elderly persons as well as children. Further, support is provided for the maintenance of heritage and listed buildings. The charity makes grants in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

CONTACT: [poplecharitabletrust@gmail.com](mailto:poplecharitabletrust@gmail.com) Telephone: 01179744471

#### **ROWAN BENTALL CHARITABLE TRUST**

The trustees support charities in Southern England, assisting medical, churches, children, elderly, special needs, education, environmental, national disasters and animal welfare.

CONTACT: [rowanbentallcharitabletrust@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rowanbentallcharitabletrust@hotmail.co.uk) Telephone: 02920264388

#### **SCOULUDI FOUNDATION**

Provides annual donations to charities based in England for health, disability, arts/culture, environment, relief of poverty and overseas aid.

CONTACT: Haysmacintyre, Thames Exchange, 10 Queen Street Place, London EC4R 1AG Telephone 02079695500 Email: [pholden@haysmacintyre.com](mailto:pholden@haysmacintyre.com)

#### **SOMERSET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Building stronger communities and helping passionate people in Somerset change the world on their doorstep by funding local causes. General Funding, Small Charities & Community Groups, Funding Finder, Social Welfare & Poverty.

CONTACT [Home - Somerset Community Foundation \(somersetcf.org.uk\)](http://Home - Somerset Community Foundation (somersetcf.org.uk))

#### **SUNRISE FOUNDATION**

Grassroots charities/groups and CICs and individuals that work with disadvantaged individuals; health, young people and social inclusion. Donations will be made to organisations or individuals who present evidence of their identified need within their community and a well considered plan of how they will deliver their services to meet that need in an inclusive and non discriminatory way, where possible using a local workforce. Voluntary, Community or Charity organisations are also known as 'third sector' organisations, as they are separate from the public and private sectors. They are value-led organisations

established for social purposes rather than the pursuit of profit and they reinvest surpluses to help tackle issues facing people and the planet. It includes NHS Trusts.

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#### **SKIPTON BUILDING SOCIETY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

Registered UK charities based in the **UK**. Up to £3000. It will consider charities that: benefit children under 16 through their education and /or welfare. Provide youth schemes and projects supporting those in their late teens / early 20s in socially deprived areas with literacy, numeracy and employment. Support the elderly by reducing isolation, helping reduce the effects of dementia and Alzheimer's. The types of items and activities it supports include sensory toys and equipment for children with special needs, and social interaction activities for the vulnerable and/or isolated. The trustees meet at the beginning of March, June, September and December. Application deadline dates are the 1st of the month prior to each meeting

[Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation](#)

#### **RIX-THOMPSON-ROTHENBURG FOUNDATION**

Funds registered charities benefiting people with a learning disability and their carers, with special emphasis on enhancing opportunity and lifestyle. They focus on projects connected with the care, education, training, development and leisure activities. Previous grants have ranged between £2,000 and £6,500.

[Rix-Thompson-Rothenberg Foundation](#)

#### **Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas (UK / International)**

Grants are available to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational projects with children and young people under the age of 25 in marginalised communities within the UK and internationally. The British & Foreign Schools Society normally makes grants totalling about £900,000 in any one year. For UK projects, the focus is on improving the educational outcomes and life chances of care experienced young people. For international projects, the focus is on improving the quality, sustainability, and access to education for young people in marginalised and deprived communities. Grants for UK projects range between £30,000 and £90,000, and for international projects up to £60,000. There is a two-stage application process. Stage 1 applications can be submitted at any time. Applications shortlisted at this stage will be invited to submit a Stage 2 proposal.

#### **Grant Finder - Grantscape Grantscape**

A useful site for checking Grants by county

#### **Funding to Support Local Community Projects (England, Scotland & Wales)**

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, and 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.

#### **Funding for Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities (UK)**

UK charities, voluntary organisations, and schools can apply for grants to help both children and adults suffering from severe learning difficulties, together with autism. The funding is being made available through the Baily Thomas General grants programme, and can be used to purchase equipment, support capital works as well as cover project and core costs. Previous grants have been used to support capital 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; support for families, including respite schemes; independent living schemes; support in the community schemes; and Snoezelen rooms. The applications are made on a rolling programme basis.

### **Grants of up to £10,000 Available for Projects that Support Disadvantage People (UK / International)**

UK-based registered charities can apply for grants from Green Hall Foundation of between £1,000 to £10,000 to enhance the lives of people facing social and economic challenges, particularly amongst the sick, elderly, disabled, and other disadvantaged groups in the UK. Grants will be awarded to fund special projects or purchase specific equipment, rather than funding general operating costs or salaries of the charity. The Foundation also considers supporting overseas projects, provided the applicant charity is UK-registered. Previous grants awarded include funding for education programmes for individuals with disabilities, support for the elderly through the provision of daily nutritious meals, and mental health support for young people facing poverty, social isolation, and unemployment. Trustees meet in May and November each year to consider applications.

### **Funding Available to Support Social Businesses Raise Finance through Community Share Issues (England)**

Community businesses in England that are looking to launch or in the early stage of launching a community share issue can apply for grants and equity match funding of up to £100,000. The funding is being made available through the Power to Change Community Shares Booster Fund. A number of funding streams are available. These include pre-grant support- which provides a few days of support for early-stage activity to get community businesses started. Development grants – averaging £5,000 are available to prepare a community share offer and Equity match investment of up to £100,000 providing the minimum share offer target is achieved. Initially, applicants need to submit an Expression of Interest. Those successful at this stage will be invited to submit a full application. Expression of Interest can be submitted at any time.

### **£7.5 Million in Funding for Sports Clubs Crowdfunding Campaigns (England)**

£7.5 million of National Lottery funding is available to support clubs and community organisations to set up and run their own crowdfunding campaigns to help improve their sustainability.

Sport England's Active Together Fund is a crowdfunding initiative that can match fund successful Crowdfunder campaigns by up to £10,000.

- To be eligible to apply, organisations must be:
- local sports clubs
- charities, community, voluntary and social enterprise sector organisations that deliver sport and/or physical activity in their local community
- town or parish councils delivering activity within their community
- education establishments that provide access for their whole community

The initiative will support organisations impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as the emerging energy, cost of living or other local crises, to cover additional costs such as:

- facility refurbishments, maintenance or improvements
- adapting facilities to ensure a safe return to play
- running new activity to meet demand, post-pandemic, helping the community to recover
- unforeseen events continuing to impact on finances – fire, theft, vandalism or adverse weather
- the emerging energy crisis – changing facilities to lower energy consumption

Applications can be made at any time.

#### **Useful Links:**

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<https://www.sportengland.org/funds-and-campaigns/our-funds/active-together>

### **Equipment Grants for Disabled and Disadvantaged Young People (UK)**

Schools, charities and not for profit organisations in the UK can apply for funding for equipment that helps mentally, physical and socially disadvantaged children. The funding is made available through the Wooden Spoon Society's Grants programme and has in the past provided funding for sensory rooms and gardens; playgrounds and outdoor spaces; specialist equipment and facilities; and projects that promote health and wellbeing. 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. Applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Big Issue Invest Opens New Loans Programme (England)**

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. Flexible loans of between £20,000 to £400,000 are available with up to 20% of this amount as a grant, with terms of between 1 to 8 years and an interest rate of between 7.5%-8.5%. There is potential for up to 12 months of initial interest-only period and no early repayment charges. 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.

### **“I’ve got an Idea” Fund (UK)**

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 school children can also apply if the idea is technically inventive and novel and delivers 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 diverse technical ideas and experimenting to see if they might work. Some of his ideas worked and some of them didn’t but they all left our world a better and more interesting place. The fund is looking for ideas that are based on a technical idea or innovation; that could deliver a social or environmental benefit; and that are intriguing, inventive and have an element of fun. Applications can be submitted at any time and applicants will be informed within 4 weeks of submission if their application has been successful.

### **Grants Available for Projects Benefiting Disadvantaged People (UK)**

The Clothworkers Foundation awards grants to UK registered charities, CICs, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools).

Grants are awarded towards capital projects and may cover the cost of:

- Buildings: Purchase, construction, renovation or refurbishment.
- Fittings, Fixtures, and Equipment: Including (but is not limited to) office equipment/furniture, sports/gym equipment, digital/audio visual equipment, garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment.
- Vehicles: Including a minibus, car, caravan, people-carrier, or 4X4 (new vehicles are unlikely to be funded).

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the work of the organisation fits within one or more of the Foundations programme areas which are:

- Alcohol & substance misuse
- Disadvantaged minority communities
- Disadvantaged young people
- Domestic & sexual abuse
- Homelessness
- Older people
- People with disabilities
- Prisoners & ex-offenders
- Visual impairment

At least 50% of service users benefiting from the capital project must be from one or more of these groups. [Application Guidance](#) and a list of [exclusions](#) can be found on the website.

Applications can be made at any time. The Foundation aim to make a decision within eight weeks for grants and projects less than £10,000 or within six months for grants over £10,000.

### **Useful Links:**

[FAQs](#)

[Guidance Document](#)

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<https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/what-we-fund/#open>

### **New Fund to Help Organisations Grow their Social Impact (UK)**

The Charities Aid Foundation has announced the launch of a new £10 million fund to help charities and social enterprises grow their social impact. A mixture of unsecured loans and grants will be available to social organisations operating across the UK, including those with international projects. The funds will be unrestricted, allowing organisations to invest in infrastructure and capacity building, which are often not covered by grant funding. The Foundation aims to increase the size of the fund to £20 million. Organisations are encouraged to register their interest in the first instance. The fund will be open for applications on an ongoing basis.

### **Heart of the Community Awards 2024 (UK)**

Nisa's Making a Difference Locally (MADL) charity has launched a new round of their Heart of the Community Awards. The awards will be supporting food pantries across the UK, with a total of £50,000 in funding available for Nisa retailers to nominate a local group, charity or good cause. The donations of up to £1,000 per store will help food pantries provide essential food and other supplies to people in need. 50 winning causes will be selected by a panel of judges. To apply for a donation, interested food pantries should visit their nearest Nisa affiliated retailer to discuss a nomination. [Our Community | Nisa Locally](#)

### **Football Foundation funding**

Grassroots football clubs, charities, community and voluntary groups, local authorities and other not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to apply for funding to improve the facilities of grassroots football clubs in England. The Football Foundation, supported by funding from the Premier League, The FA, and the Government, provides grants of up to £25,000 for everything from new goalposts, to changing pavilions, grass pitches that can be used all year round, and community spaces. Other opportunities include a defibrillator fund, an energy support funding programme, and the Premier League Stadium Fund, which awards capital grants to clubs to support improvement of their stadium facilities for players, supporters and officials. Please refer to the Funders website for further information. [What we fund | Football Foundation](#)

### **Esmée Fairbairn funding**

UK charities and non-profit organisations working to protect, restore, or sustainably manage the natural world are eligible to apply for grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 per year, for up to three years from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation's People and Planet funding scheme. Launched to promote a healthier environment for both people and nature, the scheme prioritises projects that enhance ocean health through stronger marine protected areas, community engagement, and reduced overfishing; build healthier ecosystems on land and in freshwater through sustainable management, habitat restoration, and landscape-scale conservation; and address the impact of human activities like climate change and pollution on air, land, and water. The focus is on the UK and UK waters. However, the Foundation is also keen to support land and marine-based work in the UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs). There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time. [Grants | Esmée Fairbairn Foundation](#)

### **Austin & Hope Pilkington Trust Announce Funding Themes for 2024 (UK)**

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust has announced its new funding themes for 2024. The Trust awards grants to UK registered charities that are working to support those in society who face the greatest challenges and whose opportunities are most limited. In 2024, the first two rounds will focus on projects that support and improve employment and training for disabled people. The third and fourth rounds will address food poverty by supporting projects that provide nutritious meals, food education, cooking skills, and help to eliminate food waste.

### **Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People (UK – excl Greater London)**

Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available to charities and not-for-profit organisations working with young people aged 12-21 who are socially excluded or marginalised, and who may have experienced significant issues within their lives. The grants from the Allen Lane Foundation can be used to support a range of activities, including core costs, project work, and capital expenditure. To maximise the impact of its grants, the Foundation will only fund smaller organisations. Organisations that work across a local area, such as a village, estate, or town, must have an annual income of less than £100,000 to be eligible. Organisations that work across the entire UK must have an annual income of less than £250,000 to be eligible. Applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Funding for Leisure Activities for Children with Additional Needs (UK)**

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. Activities include family day trips, and family holiday breaks. Applications can be submitted by parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers. Groups that work with special needs children, including SEN schools and women's refuges, are also eligible to apply for funding for either a day trip, theatre visit, or a group activity holiday. Applications can be made at any time.

### **Funding to Develop and Improve Local Community Partnerships (England)**

Not for profit organisations such as community organisations, charities, schools, and social enterprises in England can apply for grants of over £10,000 to help develop and grow partnerships with other organisations to improve their local communities. The funding will support the development of new and existing partnerships, and help organisations address pressing issues such as the cost-of-living crisis and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants can be used for project activities, operating costs, organisational development, and capital costs, and support the fund's priorities of bringing people together, improving community spaces, and helping individuals reach their full potential. Applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Funding Available to Support Social Businesses Raise Finance through Community Share Issues (England)**

Community businesses in England that are looking to launch or in the early stage of launching a community share issue can apply for grants and equity match funding of up to £25,000. The funding is being made available through the Power to Change Community Shares Booster Fund. Three funding streams are available. Pre-grant support- which provides a few days of support for early-stage activity to get community businesses started. Development grants – averaging £5,000 are available to prepare a community share offer and Equity match investment of up to £100,000 providing the minimum share offer target is achieved. Initially, applicants need to submit an Expression of Interest. Those successful at this stage will be invited to submit a full application. Expression of Interest can be submitted at any time.

### **Funding to Improve Homes & Community Spaces (UK)**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities for projects that improve community spaces for those most in need, such as those experiencing homelessness, financial hardship, poor health, disability, or other disadvantage or distress. The funding is made available by the B&Q Foundation to decorate, renovate, or create spaces, both indoors and outdoors, where people can feel at home and have a sense of belonging. Projects could include creating community gardens, redecorating properties, installing new boilers, and creating new buildings or rooms. Larger funding amounts are occasionally awarded depending on the strength of the application and project. The application process is open, and interested charities should submit an expression of interest in the first instance. This is intended to be a quick measure of whether the applicant organisation is eligible for a grant. Organisations that are eligible will receive an email from Neighbourly inviting them to submit a full application via the Neighbourly platform.

### **Funding to Support Disadvantaged & Disabled People (UK)**

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 the spring and autumn.

### **Funding for Projects that Support the Education and Development of Children and Young People (England)**

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to support the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other projects. Of particular interests are projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people. In most cases grants will be made on a relatively small scale. Many grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000. The funding provided by the BlueSpark Foundation and can be for physical assets (such as iPads, sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions) or for services or facilities (such as sports coaching or music or drama tuition) or simply for the provision of experiences (such as theatre visits). These examples are intended to be illustrative and not restrictive as to the funding which BlueSpark may provide to support projects. Applications can be submitted at any time and must be made online on BlueSpark Foundation's standard application Form.

### **Funding to Improve the Lives of Vulnerable Young People (UK)**

Grants of up to £2,400 are available to support the needs of vulnerable children and young people who have experienced a recent crisis or change in life that has had a significant impact on their social and emotional wellbeing and their education. The funding is being made available through the Buttle UK's Chances for Children Grants. Support might include items and activities to support learning and development such as laptops, books, wi-fi, educational toys, tuition, etc; clothing and school uniforms; and social, sporting and leisure activities; and items for children/young people's bedrooms. Buttle UK will only accept applications from frontline professionals (from a registered charity, housing association or public sector organisation). Applications can be made at any time.

### **Funding to Support Animal Protection, Environmental & Social Justice (UK / International)**

Grants of ranging from £100 to £10,000 are available to organisations working in the areas of animal protection, environmentalism, and social justice. The grants are funded by Lush, the British cosmetics company, and are made possible by sales of the Charity Pot hand and body lotion. The grants can be used to fund a wide range of projects, such as animal rescue and rehabilitation; environmental conservation, social justice initiatives; and educational programmes. Since its inception in 2007, the Charity Pot grant has funded over 13,000 projects in 37 countries. Applications for funding can be submitted at any time.

### **Funding to Support Youth Organisations (UK)**

Not for profit youth organisations supporting disadvantaged young people (aged 14 – 25) can apply for grants of up to £150,000 spread over three years to assist young people who face complex transitions to adulthood. The purpose of the fund is to aid youth organisations to sustain or expand their work. The Foundation provides core funding to organisations that aim for sustainability, growth, and impact. The funding is being made available through the Paul Hamlyn Foundation Youth Fund. The Foundation will prioritise work that takes place outside of London. There are no deadlines, and applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Funding to Tackle Injustice and Structural Inequalities (UK)**

Registered charities and other charitable organisations can apply for grants of £30,000 and above for projects that create a more inclusive society. The funding is being made available through the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation's 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. There are no application deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Funding for Projects that Benefit the Lives of Young Deaf People (UK)**

Young deaf people can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to create projects that make positive changes for themselves and other young deaf people across the UK.

The funding, which is made available through the National Deaf Children's Society's Make a Change Fund, will support projects that benefit the lives of deaf young people aged 8 to 25, such as improving their local area, addressing an issue they face, or pushing for greater inclusion.

Creative projects involving art, drama, music, film etc, and projects that tie their ideas in with school projects or youth group activities will also be considered. A youth worker or an organisation such as a school or youth group must be involved to support and manage the funds.

Applicants should register their interest in the first instance.

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<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/our-services/services-for-families/apply-for-a-grant/make-a-change-fund/>

### **Grants to Help Disabled Young People to Compete in Sporting Events (UK)**

Disabled children and young people across the UK can apply for funding to help them participate in disability sports. 'Get Kids Going!' provides young people up to 26 years with all disabilities and from all backgrounds with funding for specialist sports wheelchairs to help them compete in sporting events such as marathons, triathlons, tennis, athletics, skiing, rugby, basketball etc. The charity also inspires disabled youngsters, from beginners to paralympic level, by awarding sports grants to help with the cost of training, physiotherapy, sports psychology, travel, competition fees and the design and development of sports equipment. To apply, e-mail [info@getkidsgoing.com](mailto:info@getkidsgoing.com) for an application form.

### **Wiltshire Community Foundation**

Our Cost of Living Response Grants programme supports voluntary groups in Wiltshire and Swindon who are meeting the needs of those most impacted by the increased cost of living. Grants can be used to:

1. Meet people's physical needs, ie provide food or warmth
2. Address other issues related to the increased cost of living eg provide debt or benefits advice, transport
3. Help with increased running costs for local voluntary organisations who support people on a low income

Applications for priorities 1 and 2 will be processed promptly and you will receive a decision within a couple of weeks.

Applications for priority 3 will be dealt with second and a decision may take several weeks.

If your organisation is facing immediate closure due to increased costs, please let us know.

[Cost of Living Response Grants | Wiltshire Community Foundation \(wiltshirecf.org.uk\)](#)

### **Grants Available to Celebrate Important National Events (England)**

The National Lottery has announced that this year, funding will also be available through the Awards for All England scheme to help communities celebrate important national events such as the Coronation of His Majesty the King, the Eurovision Song Contest and the 75th anniversary of Windrush. Awards for All will also continue to make grants of between £300 and £10,000 for up to one year to local community and voluntary organisations for existing or new projects, events, and activities that aim to build strong relationships, improve community spaces, support personal potential, and assist with challenges caused by the cost-of-living crisis and the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications can be submitted at any time.

### **Grants to Support the Armed Forces Community During the Cost-of-Living Crisis (UK)**

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 through the Royal British Legion's Everyday Needs Grants Programme 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 five days of submission.

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<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/financial-and-employment-support/finance/grants/cost-of-living-grants>

### **Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme re-opens for Applications (UK)**

The Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme has reopened for applications. The programme offers grants of up to £1,000 to primary and secondary schools in the UK to set up Breakfast clubs for those children in most need. To qualify for the programme the breakfast club must be based in a school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland and priority will be given to schools that have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding and / or eligible for free school meals or 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. Only one grant per school in each academic year will be available.

### **National School Breakfast Programme (England)**

The Department for Education has announced that Schools in disadvantaged can apply for a 75% subsidy for breakfast club provision until July 2025. To be eligible to participate in the National School Breakfast Programme, schools will have 40% or more pupils in bands A-F of the income deprivation affecting children index (IDACI). This can include state-funded primary, secondary, special schools and alternative provision. The contract for the programme will be delivered through Family Action, who will source and deliver breakfast food products to participating schools. All breakfast products offered through the programme meet the school food standards. Schools will be able to choose and order the food products and quantities they need for their pupils.

### **Funding for School Breakfast Clubs (UK)**

Schools in deprived areas across the UK are invited to apply for funding to start or improve their breakfast clubs. For a school in England to be eligible, at least 35% of pupils should be recorded as eligible for Pupil Premium. A Primary School in Scotland qualifies for support when at least 55% of pupils are in SIMD Deciles 1 to 4 and/or at least 35% are eligible for FSM. A Secondary School in Scotland qualifies for support when at least 40% of pupils are in SIMD Deciles 1 to 4. The funding is being made available through the Magic Breakfast, a charity that aims to end hunger as a barrier to education in UK schools. Magic Breakfast are planning to expand to Northern Ireland and Wales soon so welcome applications from all UK schools. Schools are required to submit an expression of interest in the first instance and, as funds are limited, early application is recommended.

### **Greggs Foundation Expands Breakfast Club Programme (UK)**

The Greggs Foundation has launched the 'Feeding Brighter Futures' programme, aiming to support UK primary schools in providing breakfast, after-school, and holiday clubs. This initiative seeks to offer children a safe space to eat, socialise, and engage in enriching activities, thereby enhancing their overall school experience. Schools also gain access to a hardship programme, distributing over £1 million annually in grants for essentials like food, clothing, and home appliances. This initiative addresses the increasing issue of food insecurity among children, promoting a supportive educational environment. Currently, the programme is conducting pilot sessions for after-school and holiday clubs, with broader funding applications expected to open in 2026.

### **Funding and Support for School Breakfast Clubs (UK)**

Schools in England and Scotland are being invited to apply for support to tackle child hunger through Magic Breakfast, a charity dedicated to ending hunger as a barrier to learning. Magic Breakfast offers schools access to free healthy food and expert guidance in setting up or expanding Breakfast Clubs. To qualify, schools in England must have at least 35% of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium, while Scottish schools must have at least 35% of pupils in SIMD Decile 1-4. Participating schools receive a £250 start-up grant, regular deliveries of cereals, bakery items, porridge and beans, and ongoing support, though they must pay a small membership fee and provide staff to run the breakfast service. Expressions of Interest are accepted year-round, and if a school qualifies, its details will be kept on file with support offered once sufficient resources are available through the Magic Breakfast programme.

### **Grants to Support Individuals & Families in Need (UK)**

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 Grants 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

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

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<https://www.cosaraf.org/apply-for-funding/hardship-grants/>

### **Funding to Increase Youth Participation in Volunteering, Fundraising, & Campaigning (England)**

UK Community Foundations has announced the latest round of the #iwill Fund which aims to inspire young people to get involved in social action in their communities. With investment from the National Lottery Community Fund and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, the Fund will support projects that engage young people in volunteering, fundraising, campaigning and other activities that both benefit their communities and develop their skills. Sixteen community foundations will award grants of up to £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations in England for projects lasting up to a year, focusing particularly on the 10 to 14 age range.

They include:

- The Community Foundation for Tyne & Wear and Northumberland
- Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
- Cornwall Community Foundation
- County Durham Community Foundation
- Dorset Community Foundation
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation
- Cheshire Community Foundation
- One Community (Kirklees)
- Two Ridings Community Foundation

- Worcestershire Community Foundation
- The Community Foundation for Staffordshire
- Northamptonshire Community Foundation
- Berkshire Community Foundation
- Community Foundation for Calderdale
- Wiltshire Community Foundation
- Herefordshire

Community foundations will use match funding to double the resources available leading to total funding of more than £1.4m for the programme.

Groups should visit their local Community Foundation website for more information.

**Useful Links:**

[Find your local Community Foundation](#)

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<https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/news/uk-community-foundations-celebrates-launch-of-new-programme-of-funding-for-youth-social-action>

**£5 Million Fund Launched to Support Youth Organisations Facing Higher Costs (UK)**

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. Applications can be made at any time until all funding has been allocated.