

**Newsletter from Daphne Marston, Natural England (South West)**

**16th October 2024**

**News**

**FREE online PACC training session - Getting active in nature**

Physical Activity Clinical Champions ([PACC](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcentral.movingmedicine.ac.uk%2Fpacc%2F&data=05%7C02%7CDaphne.Marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cb57f5d17a8754f53d74008dcdca75b06%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638627858554713545%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dAAjn0ZQfnFvK7U8jYCyxl9NT41j9%2B%2B1xP3bPY6tz%2F4%3D&reserved=0)) is an initiative that offers FREE clinician to clinician training to professionals working in healthcare. The training increases the knowledge, skills and confidence of practicing health care professionals, enabling them to more effectively incorporate physical activity within their clinical care.

In this online PACC training session, midwife Toni Martin and GP Jessica Harris will discuss the prevention and management of long-term conditions using physical activity. They will be joined by Ellen Devine from Forestry England to discuss the benefits of getting active in nature and resources available to health care professionals and patients to help them connect with nature for their wellbeing.

**When:** Thursday 31st October, 13:00-14:30

**More information:** [PACC Events - Moving Medicine Central](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcentral.movingmedicine.ac.uk%2Fpacc-events%2F&data=05%7C02%7CDaphne.Marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cb57f5d17a8754f53d74008dcdca75b06%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638627858554728753%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JUcjz6ve%2FwrMGN94rgxm5Fy%2F8j3ZMWLz6%2BilzC8uobw%3D&reserved=0)

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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**

[**Grants of up to £100,000 Available for Community Facilities (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk%2Ffunds%2Ffcc-community-action-fund&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C92c1d9878ab843cc44b308dcdc6ffb6e%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638627620778486954%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LPjV3oEHze4Rlzb3oN4Vfj9uWJHMapjsFTtSArjYmX4%3D&reserved=0)Registered charities, churches, parish councils, local authorities and CASC-registered sports clubs can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 to provide, maintain or improve community facilities. This can include 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; nature reserves; public gardens, parks, country parks and woodlands with at least dawn to dusk access; and Museums. The funding is being made available through the FCC Community Action Fund and is available to projects within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment site. The next application closing date is 5pm on the 20th November 2024.

[**Funding to Empower Vulnerable, Disadvantaged & Under-Represented Communities (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcorporate.bentley%2Fen%2Fbentley-corporate%2Fsustainability%2Fsocial%2FCommunity-Investment_and-Corporate-Citizenship%2FCommunity-Grants.html&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C92c1d9878ab843cc44b308dcdc6ffb6e%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638627620778587800%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FEJUqwO0B1HqHXTZMurV0uZF658Z5YhkrzfM1v19BNA%3D&reserved=0)
Bentley Motors Ltd makes grants of up to £500 available to charitable organisations working with vulnerable, disadvantaged or under-represented communities. The Advancing Life Chances Small Grants Programme provides funding for communities within 20 miles of 19 Bentley retail locations across the UK. The programme aims to empower these communities by removing barriers and improving access to services, education and employability; helping people to develop life skills; safeguarding the environment and boosting community spirit; and helping people live healthier lives. The next closing date for applications is the 20th December 2024.

[**Society of Merchant Venturers Charity (South West)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.merchantventurers.com%2Four-impact%2Fcharitable-giving%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cdd5f3e14c8df4a4e371e08dcdeec299f%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638630353110854931%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9gw8Pw31q8BeLQ5xJvw6e9hVOpPJM4dARCH1RVbFTu8%3D&reserved=0)
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 and the next closing date for applications is 5pm on the 4th December 2024.

[**Funding for Green Social Housing Upgrades (England – Excluding Greater Manchester & West Midlands)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fwarm-homes-social-housing-fund-wave-3%23full-publication-update-history&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cdd5f3e14c8df4a4e371e08dcdeec299f%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638630353111199512%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=c%2FbriVyHFBtWvJps8yyhfjMidk4bn3KIXVedZIEBqvU%3D&reserved=0)
The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has announced that the Warm Homes: Social Housing Fund is to reopen for its third wave of applications. This fund offers grants to local authorities and social housing providers to support the installation of energy efficiency measures in social housing across England. These measures will help to deliver energy-efficient homes, reduce carbon emissions, tackle fuel poverty, support green jobs, develop the retrofit sector, and improve the comfort, health and well-being of social housing tenants. Funding is available through two routes: the Challenge Fund and Strategic Partnerships, which accept both individual and consortium applications. Applications open during the week beginning 30th September 2024 and will close on the 25th November 2024.

[**Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People and Offenders (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fweavers.org.uk%2Fcharity%2Fcharitable-grants%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ca219585bc9f14d688a2008dce3943d1a%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638635473053235348%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=w24vSZMtK18gKkVwImxHfSKFQbJfK47STcoynuWtNHI%3D&reserved=0)
Registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations, and in exceptional circumstances Community Interest Companies can apply for grants for projects that support offenders and ex-offenders as well as into work and helping specific less popular groups within the criminal justice sector. The funding is being made available through the Weavers' Company who are looking specifically to support projects helping offenders find work as well as projects that support marginalised groups. A secondary priority is given to projects aiding disadvantaged young people, including immigrants, in realising their potential and engaging in society. The Weavers' Company has two funding streams: a Small Grants Programme offering up to £5,000, and a Main Grants Programme with no maximum limit. Funding covers both project and core costs. Applicants must demonstrate efforts to secure other funding and future sustainability. The next application deadline is the 14th November 2024.

[**Funding for Activities to Improve People’s Lives (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdoylycartecharitabletrust.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ca219585bc9f14d688a2008dce3943d1a%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638635473053448100%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aK3MkDw1qOz2OvYzr%2FVaW%2Bfby8gWrfq1yZubRvyDfkQ%3D&reserved=0)
Grants are available for UK registered charities seeking to enhance and improve people’s lives through advancing the arts, health and medical welfare, and the environment. The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust typically awards grants of between £500 and £6,000 for projects and core costs, with a preference for small-scale, locally based initiatives. The services provided to communities could include promoting access to the arts, conservation activities, music and art therapy to improve mental health and wellbeing, and providing breaks for carers. There are three grant-making meetings held annually. Projects should have a start date of at least three months after the meeting date. The next deadline for applications is the 4th February 2025.

[**Funding for Activities to Improve the Lives of the Elderly (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.homeinstead.co.uk%2Fcharities%2Fhow-we-do-it%2Fapply-for-a-grant%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ca219585bc9f14d688a2008dce3943d1a%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638635473053515989%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=iQAdCgtwv%2B4Yt%2FEVjjhBuUq3Yucmq5YAOSDan03UqZc%3D&reserved=0)
Small grants are available to fund projects to improve the lives of the elderly across the UK. Home Instead Charities awards grants of up to £1,500 to small, local registered charities and up to £500 to grassroots organisations for well-being events, activities or pastimes that prevent social isolation and loneliness amongst adults over 55. Eligible projects may include regular events such as a cinema club, knitting group, or lunch club; one-off activities like a day trip or Christmas lunch; or other initiatives such as yoga classes or guest speaker sessions. The Fund accepts applications four times a year, with the next window opening in October 2024. All applications submitted during this period will be processed and awarded in November.

[**Funding for School Sensory Equipment (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.twinkl.co.uk%2Fgiveaway%2Foctobercommunitycollection&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ce6e713af92c041bc762f08dce76cd8fb%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638639701914416987%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aTtJOujUUCREjmYPjhU07XScjXy%2B2Ja4kfBJox%2BgWtU%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of up to £500 are available to schools and educational organisations across the UK seeking funding to kickstart projects that will benefit their students. This month, the Twinkl Community Collection Prize Draw will be giving away a total of £4,000 in funding to provide essential sensory equipment to as many education settings as possible. This could include anything from lights and bubble tubes for sensory spaces to sensory gardens and outdoor equipment. Applications should be submitted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team on behalf of the school. Prize winners will be chosen randomly from all qualifying entries within thirty days following the closing date. One or more winners will be drawn in each draw. The closing date for entries is the 31st October 2024.

[**Grants to Support Outdoor Learning for Secondary School Children (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fernestcooktrust.org.uk%2Fwhat-we-do%2Feverything-outdoors%2Foutdoor-essentials-grant%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ce6e713af92c041bc762f08dce76cd8fb%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638639701914536610%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QTXPFLrv9SOqYo1NO2qDUAH%2Bi6Fl%2F8uYBzKhzx5wgNg%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of £1,000 are available to UK state-funded secondary schools, including special schools that work with secondary-age children, to support outdoor learning opportunities for their pupils. The grants can be used to improve school grounds, purchase outdoor learning resources that engage young people with the environment, support travel expenses to outdoor learning centres, and purchase outdoor clothing. Priority will be given to schools with above-average free school meal eligibility, in high deprivation areas, or within the Trust's hub postcodes. The funding is being made available through the Ernest Cook Trust’s Outdoor Essentials Grant scheme which will close to applications when a sufficient number of applications have been received.

[**£15 Million Fund to Improve Access to Green Spaces in Urban Areas (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.heritagefund.org.uk%2Ffunding%2Fstrategic-initiatives&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ce6e713af92c041bc762f08dce76cd8fb%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638639701914551893%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Hcpb0KkRPoPTwMrHcvlOHf5osrO9qFOwK6RTOqlXkHU%3D&reserved=0)
Local authorities and community partners across the UK are invited to apply for grants ranging from £250,000 to £1 million to improve access to nature and green spaces in urban areas. “Nature Towns and Cities” is a new initiative set up by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, National Trust and Natural England, offering a total of £15 million in funding to support at least 100 towns and cities. The initiative aims to bring organisations together to improve the quality of, and access to, historic parks and urban green spaces while supporting new ways to engage local communities and generate greater investment. Projects can last for up to 3 years. The closing date for expressions of interest is the 12th November 2024.

[**Grants of up to £18,000 available to Social Entrepreneurs (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.unltd.org.uk%2Fawards%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C1066b4b899954004473708dce9208221%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638641573056610811%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wvgSDaLFJwJeaNb6DwI2Edau64fVvkuOXKjrjSJE378%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of up to £18,000 plus business support are available to social entrepreneurs looking to start or grow an existing social venture. The funding is being made available through the UnLtd, the leading provider of support to social entrepreneurs in and around the UK. UnLtd is committed to providing 50% of its awards to Black, Asian and minority ethnic and/or disabled social entrepreneurs. To be eligible, applicants need to be aged 16 or over, live in the UK, and be looking to fulfil a clear social need and demand. The closing date for this funding round is the 31st December 2024.

[**Grants to Improve the Lives of Older People (Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Bath, North East Somerset & North Somerset)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.stmonicatrust.org.uk%2Fcharitable-foundation%2Four-grants%2Ffunding-in-our-community%2Fvolunteering-and-employment-for-older-people-fund&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ca9ed6e94f18b4d7730af08dce9d573f4%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638642350258062942%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LVA53V4Q1S0oEV4zM8fnZG96X2%2BRegHFxsvo%2BmqmUSw%3D&reserved=0)
Charities and not-for-profit organisations in Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Bath, North East Somerset, and North Somerset can apply for grants of up to £30,000 to support projects that help older people live fulfilling lives. The St Monica Trust's Volunteering and Employment for Older People Fund aims to promote positive perceptions of ageing and enhance the employability and volunteer opportunities available to older individuals in the community. The fund offers grants to initiatives that challenge stereotypes, encourage older adults to participate in both paid and unpaid work, foster community integration, and support healthy, meaningful ageing. The fund covers both core and delivery costs. The deadline for expressions of interest is 12pm on the 1st November 2024.

[**Comic Relief Community Fund Re-Opens for Applications (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.groundwork.org.uk%2Fcomic-relief%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cbb50cec18d494df1183208dcecf11573%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638645767446116423%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wQXlZtplieJVawfnFvVfx1kLU8yrdDe80oKoxH%2Bw3SM%3D&reserved=0)
Grassroots, community-led organisations in England can apply for grants of up to £5,000 through the Comic Relief Community Fund to support services that benefit local communities. Funding is available for organisations with an income under £250,000, and applications must focus on one of four areas: tackling the immediate impacts of hardship (e.g., foodbanks, shelters, financial advice), building long-term resilience to poverty (e.g., skills training, mental resilience), supporting equity and inclusion (e.g., addressing inequalities related to gender, race, or ability), or promoting climate justice (e.g., environmental education, resilience to climate change). Grants can be used for core costs, project-related costs, or both. Comic Relief expect to award around 140 grants. The fund's application deadline is 8th November 2024, and it is managed by the charity Groundwork.

[**Funding of up to £200,000 Available for Community & Environmental Projects (East Midland, West Midlands, South West England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.stwater.co.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fsevern-trent-community-fund%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cbb50cec18d494df1183208dcecf11573%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638645767446179708%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9U7PkpAGrZktAWTKY%2BQprNrJ%2BPJPY1jfIHN2GjEsH4c%3D&reserved=0)
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. The next closing date for applications of between £10,001 and £200,000 is the 10th November 2024. The next closing date for applications of up to £10,000 is the 12th January 2025.

**Freshwater Community Grant Fund (north Devon)**

The National Trust team in North Devon is inviting applications from community groups as part of the Freshwater Community Grant Fund - grants of £500 to £5,000 are available for initiatives that create, look after or improve local freshwater habitats and provide opportunities for people to connect with nature.

The application window for funding is now open. Community groups are invited to suggest projects that will boost biodiversity and create opportunities to connect with nature at freshwater sites. We also want to build skills within communities, so they can look after these special habitats and species long term.

Join the North Devon team at one of two drop in online webinars on **Monday 21st October at 9:00am or Wednesday 23rd October at 2:30pm** to find out more about the sorts of projects we can support through this funding and ask any questions you may have. Please email Sophie (Volunteering & Community Manager, North Devon) to book onto one of these sessions Sophie.mccormack@nationaltrust.org.uk

Please [download the application form](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnt.global.ssl.fastly.net%2Fbinaries%2Fcontent%2Fassets%2Fwebsite%2Fnational%2Fpdf%2Ffreshwater-community-grant-fund-application-form-4.docx&data=05%7C02%7CDaphne.Marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C422d296e83da468d4f5508dce6e25874%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638639107529308883%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=N3wZKu0VWJ8L88nTuNcmP12WNXGnU6enOU6w7Goya7k%3D&reserved=0) and follow the instructions to complete and submit your application. Full information about how to apply and what you can get funding for can be found here – [Freshwater Community Grant Fund UK | National Trust](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nationaltrust.org.uk%2Four-cause%2Fnature-climate%2Fnature-conservation%2Ffreshwater-community-grant-fund%23rt-frequently-asked-questions&data=05%7C02%7CDaphne.Marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C422d296e83da468d4f5508dce6e25874%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638639107529330321%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Uq9rgvM1phNkMeJumSNzmUHy10AMpv21KSJxUJR4g%2BA%3D&reserved=0)

If you require an alternative format for the application and guidance documents, please email us at Freshwatercommunitygrant@nationaltrust.org.uk and we'll aim to provide this for you.

The Freshwater Community Grant Fund supports community initiatives to restore freshwater habitats at five locations in England, including projects within a 20 mile radius around Arlington Court, North Devon. In partnership with Defra's Species Survival Fund, the scheme aims to award a total of £75,000 to local initiatives by 31st December 2025.

**Existing opportunities**

[**Schools Can Apply for £500 of Free Equipment to Deliver Outdoor Learning (England, Scotland & Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnaturegrants.ltl.org.uk%2Fguidance.php&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C13f0667ce5ef467a932f08dcd3291a15%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638617420708329992%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C80000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Fc%2BLGevmQfR4i53Gd2%2BezdCRfCHDbjs%2FHSx1%2Bn8uyXc%3D&reserved=0)
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. The next closing date for applications is the 8th November 2024.

[**Funding of up to £5,000 Available to Tackle Problems within Families (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fkfct.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C30b2cd7a02914a54d14208dcd3d22e6e%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638618146889842407%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tIBFHXRGLQCFShklau%2B2X4jh27gJaTwOoIm6q5WdlJo%3D&reserved=0)
Registered charities that work to tackle family problems or problems facing one or more of its members can apply for grants of up to £5,000. Funding is available for both capital and revenue grants as well as grants for core funding and projects-based grants. The funding is being made available through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust which actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established. The trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered. Grants are awarded twice a year; the next application closing date is the 1st March 2025.

[**Funding to Support Science Activities in Colleges, Schools and Nurseries (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.britishscienceweek.org%2Fgrants%2Fkick-start-grant-scheme%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf3268fb00a6a4866ce0f08dcd713315d%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638621724654567330%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JHiNesx%2Bnnsjpu545dM4uu07n7Lwil4%2F4RokhtnMJ80%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of £400 are available to schools, colleges, Ofsted-registered Early Years nurseries, and preschools in the UK to support science activities during British Science Week. The British Science Association, supported by UK Research and Innovation, administers the Kick Start Grant scheme to encourage science engagement activities and events among underrepresented groups. The types of activities supported include field trips to local science centres, museums or university science departments; mini science festivals; and student led projects such as schools gardens, community labs or pond using parents and volunteers; etc. The closing date for applications is 4.59 pm on the 5th November 2024.

[**Asda Foundation Re-opens Several of its Grant Making Programmes (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fasdafoundation.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf3268fb00a6a4866ce0f08dcd713315d%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638621724654642411%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lGAif6FobznWvcRpdYl8j4bstlEW10EG0oaWJcHbQqc%3D&reserved=0)
The Asda Foundation, which supports local communities through initiatives like children's welfare, local empowerment, and economic relief, has reopened several of its grant programmes for applications. The Under 18 Better Starts Grant provides up to £2,000 for community groups working on initiatives that focus on the inclusion, poverty reduction, and well-being of young people. The Empowering Local Communities Grant is aimed at grassroots organisations striving to improve community life by bringing people together and improving local amenities. Additionally, the Cost of Living Grant offers financial assistance ranging from £400 to £2,000 for projects that address the immediate challenges caused by rising living costs, helping to provide essential services such as food provisions and utility bill aid. The deadline for applications is the 8th November 2024. Applicants must contact the Community and Customer Champion at their local Asda store to discuss funding needs. Applications require the endorsement of an Asda Community and Customer Champion, who are based in Asda’s largest stores throughout the UK.

[**Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk%2Fgetsupport-apply&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2a32158cb7a045ede93308dcd959ec90%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638624227450565195%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=d7%2BKySQK8G%2FdX8qreAil9y%2FZ14%2FlaSGWmfgcAwXqspI%3D&reserved=0)
The Pink Ribbon Foundation is offering grants of up to £6,000 to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations working on practical projects and initiatives aimed at improving the physical and mental health of individuals with or recovering from breast cancer. Grants above £6,000.00 may be granted at the discretion of the Foundation. The deadline for applications is the 30th May 2025.

[**Grants of up to £1,000 Available for Community Safety Projects (Avon and Somerset)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.avonandsomerset.police.uk%2Fapply%2Fpolice-community-trust%2Fpolice-community-trust-general-fund%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2a32158cb7a045ede93308dcd959ec90%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638624227450595673%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4fqw39gPug4LBj9jMLmNSuKFGOIq%2BQ7BFyOeoADvXNY%3D&reserved=0)
The Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust is currently accepting applications through its General Fund. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to local community and voluntary groups in the Avon and Somerset police force area for projects that improve community safety. These can include protecting local people and property from crime, reducing anti-social behaviour, etc. The next closing date for applications is 1st December 2024.

[**Grants to Encourage Participation in the Arts (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.artscouncil.org.uk%2Fcreative-people-and-places-0%2Fnational-portfolio-creative-people-and-places-funding-2026-29%23t-in-page-nav-1&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2a32158cb7a045ede93308dcd959ec90%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638624227450641663%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6hYAOtVsgsn562cixGM9h2Rb5LaDEQwbJA8bKUDAtSE%3D&reserved=0)
The Arts Council England has launched a new round of their Creative People and Places National Portfolio Fund. The Fund aims to support arts projects in places where involvement in the arts is significantly below the national average. Grants of between £750,000 and £1 million are available to bring creative opportunities to communities in 142 eligible locations not currently engaging with the arts. The Arts Council is keen to encourage long-term collaborations between local communities and arts organisations, museums, libraries and local authorities. Match funding of 15% is required. Activities must be delivered over three years and start on the 1st April 2026. The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 16th January 2025.

[**Public Engagement Spark Awards Opens to Applications (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ukri.org%2Fopportunity%2Fpublic-engagement-spark-awards-2024b%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2a32158cb7a045ede93308dcd959ec90%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638624227450672653%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QTcbrsJQf7b0VnJi12OA%2FxKfKqnkDADbmht%2FXReQ%2BwA%3D&reserved=0)
The Science and Technology Facilities Council’s (STFC) Public Engagement Spark Awards has re-opened for applications. Awards of up to £20,000 are available to schools as well as scientists and engineers, museums, science communicators, and amateur astronomy groups, etc to deliver high-quality public engagement activities that inspire and involve target audiences. Activities should focus around the remit of the STFC science programme which includes astronomy, solar and planetary science, particle physics, particle astrophysics, computational science, nuclear physics and accelerator science. A total of £120,000 in funding is available in this round. The deadline for applications is 4pm on the 28th November 2024.

[**Funding to Support Families Caring for Wounded, Sick or Injured Serving Personnel & Veterans (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcovenantfund.org.uk%2Fprogramme%2Ffamily-focus-programme-2024-25%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2a32158cb7a045ede93308dcd959ec90%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638624227450721210%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TbbNQZcfFrC3910KS%2BpDCTgBL7vC7tITYKGSb3TJ%2FTM%3D&reserved=0)
Grants between £50,000 and £100,000 are available for projects supporting family members who care for wounded, injured or sick serving personnel and Veterans. The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust's Family Focus Programme provides funding for projects lasting up to eighteen months, aimed at enhancing the quality of life for these families. This includes improving access to support, providing targeted assistance that addresses their evolving needs over time, and building resilience for those with a caring role. Applications from UK-registered charities, Community Interest Companies, local authorities and other statutory organisations will be accepted until 12pm on the 18th December 2024.

[**Funding to Support Veterans Negatively Affected by Military Service (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcovenantfund.org.uk%2Fprogramme%2Ffulfilling-futures-programme-2024-25%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2a32158cb7a045ede93308dcd959ec90%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638624227450736810%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VrIllMjYm74YsUndFKg5VOwpygwJW5KRAXeWP3sxIEI%3D&reserved=0)
The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has launched a new funding programme to improve the quality of life for veterans negatively impacted by issues related to their military service and which has created a barrier to, or compromised, their ability to have a fulfilling life after Service. The Fulfilling Futures programme offers grants of between £50,000 and £100,000 for projects lasting 12 to 18 months, and up to £300,000 for projects lasting three to four years. Projects should aim to achieve one or more of the following outcomes: acknowledge and understand veterans' experiences to aid their recovery; reduce veterans' isolation and improve their quality of life by providing effective support; and help veterans build positive connections with the wider Armed Forces community. Applications are open to UK-registered charities, community interest companies, local authorities, and other statutory organisations until 12pm on the 4th December 2024.

**Funding for Community Garden Projects (England, Wales & Northern Ireland)**

Charities, community groups, and community interest companies can apply for funding for community gardening projects in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to create a community garden, park, or allotment with a horticultural focus for the benefit of the local community.

Eligible costs could include:

* plants and containers
* materials for flower or vegetable beds and other hard landscaping
* greenhouses, polytunnels and sheds
* seating
* hand tools and certain garden power tools (eg. strimmer’s)
* materials for providing refreshments

Projects encouraging biodiversity and wildlife are encouraged.

The funding is available through the National Garden Scheme Community Gardens Grants programme, which closes to applications at 12 p.m. on October 28th, 2024.

**Useful Links:**

[Guidelines](https://ngs.org.uk/app/uploads/2024/08/CGG-Application-Guidelines-2024-25.pdf)

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[**Funding to Support Disabled & Disadvantaged Children (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.toytrust.co.uk%2Fapply%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C7623298f27cf41dedfe308dcc74694f9%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638604353163442547%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gy8yffvYmrLUJHZca%2Bc0vimddmuPRX93OM3U23el4ls%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to fund equipment and services to support disabled and disadvantaged children under 13 across the UK. The Toy Trust fund helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering; support children through awful experiences; encourage achievement through adversity; purchase vital equipment; provide care; bolster existing initiatives; initiate brand new projects; and satisfy basic needs. Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply. The next deadline to apply is mid-November 2024 for the December meeting of Trustees.

**Historic England's Everyday Heritage grants programme.**

Historic England is funding new projects to explore untold stories and celebrate the people and places at the heart of our history focusing on buildings or places in rural and coastal locations. From the Essex seaside to the West Pennine moors, grants will be available to fund community-led and people-focused projects that aim to further the nation’s collective understanding of the past. They will need to focus on heritage that links people to overlooked historic places, with a particular interest in recognising and celebrating working-class histories. So far, the [Everyday Heritage grant programme](https://historicengland.org.uk/campaigns/help-write-history/everyday-heritage-grants/) has funded extraordinary projects, from the history of roller-skating in Birmingham to rhubarb farming in Leeds. Now Historic England is inviting groups to explore some of the hidden histories of rural locations such as villages, hamlets, farmland, and moors, alongside coastal locations including the seaside, docks, piers and cliffs. This programme is all about funding community-led projects that will recognise and celebrate the lives of ordinary people.

[**The Royal Countryside Fund Announces New Grant Scheme for 2025 (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.royalcountrysidefund.org.uk%2Fhow-we-help%2Frural-communities%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C7623298f27cf41dedfe308dcc74694f9%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638604353163629950%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=P4DQhdcFXgr8XWRjd5RzIpH8a%2FHLOh65UPnZzRtzsY4%3D&reserved=0)
The Royal Countryside Fund has announced that it will launch a new grant scheme in January 2025 to extend its support for farming and rural communities across the UK. The programme will support organisations to deliver transformative, community-led initiatives that enhance skills training and job opportunities for young people, and promote economic benefits for rural communities. Additionally, the programme will aim to increase environmental sustainability, and build community resilience through innovative initiatives that address climate change and extreme weather events. Not-for-profit and community organisations with an annual turnover of less than £500,000 will be eligible to apply for grants of up to £25,000 to deliver projects lasting up to two years. Further details will be made available in due course.

[**Community Partnership Programme to Tackle Food Poverty & Support the Elderly (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.onestop.co.uk%2Fcommunity-partnership-page%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C5c86ddd50c4c4fac7f0d08dcd1989eea%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638615702989405123%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C80000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VMVpMkCG%2BpAQ%2BHv5UTHHzb5%2BW58SEjgmJAOHdBEDsqE%3D&reserved=0)
Community groups and other not for profit organisations within a two mile radius of a One Stop shop can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the One Stop Community Partnership programme. The programme, administered by the environmental charity Groundwork, will support projects and activities tackling food poverty, supporting the vulnerable, supporting the elderly, supporting low-income families, and supporting a healthier lifestyle. Applications will be welcomed from various organisations, including voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, and Community Interest Companies. The next closing date for applications is the 25th October 2024. Applicants are encouraged to visit their local One Stop store for more information.

[**Funding Available for Disabled Gardeners (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gardeningwithdisabilitiestrust.org.uk%2Fapply-for-a-grant%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C5c86ddd50c4c4fac7f0d08dcd1989eea%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638615702989478319%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C80000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5z08EmBlk5qyaCLksM327CvjohTi1mhTIIJjwP%2FPcdQ%3D&reserved=0)
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. The closing date for applications is the 30th November 2024.

[**Grants to Help Children & Young People Make, Learn & Earn in Music (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyouthmusic.org.uk%2Ftrailblazer-fund&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2a213e67c6c04a69868408dcc8cd843d%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638606032230656806%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=u1Z9V2Q%2F1KbmXYlMnoP2s5XBijpNZeWE8Q9bHkgURno%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of up to £30,000 are available to organisations in England for projects that support disadvantaged and disabled children and young people in making, learning, and earning in music. This funding is provided through the Youth Music Trailblazer fund, which supports organisations looking to trial new work, test innovative methods, or challenge the status quo. Eligible projects could, for example, include a new community organisation exploring different ways to integrate music-making into nursery activities or an established youth centre introducing music activities for the first time. Organisations under one year old can apply for up to £15,000. A minimum of 10% match funding is required. The application deadline is the 22nd November 2024 for projects starting between April and June 2025.

[**Grants Available for Community Energy Projects (South West)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.swnetzerohub.org.uk%2Fwhat-we-do%2Fcommunity-energy%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2a213e67c6c04a69868408dcc8cd843d%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638606032230687734%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Bm3tT1qPtlmjk4NYxC9EwNLHQuhJZG2HIrcoMJVgaeg%3D&reserved=0)
The Community Energy Fund, managed by the South West Net Zero Hub, offers grants to support urban and rural community-driven energy projects. This is part of a national £10m grant scheme for communities to develop energy services to benefit their local area. Organisations can apply for up to £40,000 for feasibility studies and up to £100,000 for feasible projects. Eligible applicants include charitable organisations, social enterprises, community interest companies, and town councils, etc in the South West region of England. The next funding round will open on the 10th September until the 4th November 2024.

[**Funding to Tackle Loneliness & Isolation Among Blind & Partially Sighted People (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fightforsight.org.uk%2Fapply-for-funding%2Fsocial-change-funding%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2a213e67c6c04a69868408dcc8cd843d%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638606032230694837%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZvJDBuplQSv13mlmx9XvwYXcltfqQPLamocZoMAgcqg%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**Funding for School Science Projects (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.armourershall.co.uk%2Findex.php%2Ffunding-grants%2Fsupport-science-schools&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2a213e67c6c04a69868408dcc8cd843d%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638606032230711223%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4cKLNkMi03ZbLsV7t1dkshbc4DgCogp24YYntvxDoIs%3D&reserved=0)
Primary and secondary schools in the UK can apply for funding to purchase equipment so that students can enjoy practical science, to run science enrichment projects in schools, or to enable students to participate in science events and competitions. Primary schools can apply for grants of up to £600 and Secondary schools up to £1,000. The funding is being made available through the Armourers and Brasiers' Gauntlet Trust, which is one of the leading charities in the UK supporting metallurgy and materials science education from primary school to postgraduate levels. Funds are finite and will be allocated on a first come first served basis ending on the 31st March 2025 or until all the funds are exhausted.

[**Grants to Increase the Energy Efficiency of Buildings (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.naturesave.co.uk%2Fnaturesave-trust%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C7741279bba914c25a13e08dccda3b41d%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638611350631936209%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CAHg0bm5J0uc1BzNKerpGibGc%2BC0lZFbtVPOVfnEgOk%3D&reserved=0)
The Naturesave Trust, an environmental charity, has opened its September-October 2024 funding round, focusing on energy efficiency. This round aims to support charities, voluntary organisations, and businesses in enhancing building energy efficiency to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants and conserve water. The Trust, which allocates a portion of its income from Naturesave Insurance to environmental and conservation projects across the UK, offers grants of up to £5,000 for eligible initiatives.

[**Funding for Community-Led Tree Planting Projects (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.internationaltreefoundation.org%2Fuk-grants&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C8395c0a562da447ce40a08dccc1d081f%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638609673216617243%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dmwPVmZ959wt28B2gbkRRQMRyXRquzTqvTzFfBWR1qg%3D&reserved=0)
Schools, community groups, and other non-profit organisations in the UK can apply for grants through the International Tree Foundation’s UK Community Tree Planting Programme. This funding supports community-led projects that enhance biodiversity, increase tree cover, and engage communities in conservation. There are two funding streams: Community Woodlands/Hedging for planting 100-25,000 trees per year with funding up to £1.95 per tree plus maintenance grants, and Community Orchards for planting up to 30 trees per year. Eligible uses include purchasing trees and materials, organising events, and educational activities. The application process has two stages, with final applications due by 12 pm on 13th December 2024.

[**Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.woodlandtrust.org.uk%2Fplant-trees%2Fschools-and-communities%2F%3Fgclid%3DCj0KCQjwpv2TBhDoARIsALBnVnl4mX3ME2YPKMkKZu_l0kI5ujcVNuUrw9IhbLoocKo68CjWepkrLXQaAhtJEALw_wcB%26gclsrc%3Daw.ds&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C8395c0a562da447ce40a08dccc1d081f%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638609673216624433%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1N5uKmfc4fN%2FhMhN5ZEUA24TErstzSF4nblu2SCJn4Q%3D&reserved=0)
Hundreds of thousands of trees are being given away to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. Schools, nurseries, colleges, universities, outdoor learning centres, and other groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts and guides from across the UK are among the organisations eligible to apply for up to 420 saplings to improve their local environment. Tree packs include hedging, copse, wild harvest, year-round colour, working wood, wild wood, wildlife, and urban trees. Applications are expected to close in January 2025 or sooner depending on stock availability.

[**Grants for the Planting and Care of Trees, Hedges & Orchards (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftreecouncil.org.uk%2Ftake-action%2Fgrants-for-trees%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C7ded4a916baf4307cf7c08dcb83fce07%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638587831829960456%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2aL9YG9G%2Frm7ffoO81tbpJYVg%2BGYHcz1UlPqcCTDjo4%3D&reserved=0)
The Tree Council is inviting applications through the Branching Out fund. Through the Fund, schools, community groups, parish and town councils, and tree warden networks within the UK, etc can apply for grants of between £250 and £2,500 to get communities and young people up to the age of 21 involved in planting and caring for trees, hedges and orchards. The funding will cover the cost of trees, hedges and fruit trees; reasonable costs of non-plastic protection and supports, as well as peat-free compost and/or soil improvers. The closing date for applications is midnight on the 1st December 2024.

[**Funding for Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bailythomas.org.uk%2Fgrants%2Fgeneral-programme&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C7ded4a916baf4307cf7c08dcb83fce07%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638587831829981502%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ugiwRkbyHAWydIknBP6CRLZfCjt79osXjMJnbsTl7pY%3D&reserved=0)
UK charities, voluntary organisations, and schools can apply for grants to help children and adults suffering from severe learning difficulties and 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 and 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 next deadline for applications seeking funding over £9,000 is the 1st December 2024. Applications for £9,000 and below can be submitted at any time.

[**Screwfix Foundation (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.screwfix.com%2Fhelp%2Fscrewfixfoundation%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ce2fdf57b9d8741c4d2b308dcbb8d5db1%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638591463050340087%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TFykHx2Fp4fBdva2uEmJmuowallbu1xbjao%2FfoYVETM%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of up to £5,000 are available to local charities and not-for-profit organisations for 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 the Screwfix Foundations, and the grants are available for all kinds 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. The next closing date for applications is the 10th November 2024.

[**Youth Hostel Offers Bursary Scheme for Towards Residential Stays (England & Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.yha.org.uk%2Fsupport-programmes&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ce2fdf57b9d8741c4d2b308dcbb8d5db1%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638591463050354338%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=59jOrCcuzCpvpCSDzYD9nVZADeMD05pstiVK7W1qbw8%3D&reserved=0)
Schools and colleges in areas of high deprivation in England and Wales can apply for support towards the cost of a residential stay at a YHA-owned hostel. The funding is made available through the Youth Hostel Association’s Bursary scheme. The scheme is open to primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, and schools offering alternative provisions or colleges based in areas of high social deprivation with high numbers (upwards of 20%) of children receiving pupil premium or free school meals. The bursary can be used towards payment for a school residential with an overnight stay (with or without catering and activities) at any available YHA-owned hostel. No school can access more than one bursary per residential stay. The bursary support is valid for stays on the following dates: 4 November 2024 - 4 March 2025 and 2 November 2025 - 28 February 2026.

[**Grants to Support Disadvantaged Young People through Educational & Sporting Activities (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thehargreavesfoundation.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ce2fdf57b9d8741c4d2b308dcbb8d5db1%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638591463050361236%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Z8kDptKf%2B7t7Fcn5DuLiYfg7bX6eyMyG9pYJirYkHvE%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**Grants to Encourage Participation in the Arts (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.artscouncil.org.uk%2Fcreative-people-and-places-0%2Fnational-portfolio-creative-people-and-places-funding-2026-29&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ce2fdf57b9d8741c4d2b308dcbb8d5db1%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638591463050389317%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=joGeAR11vxaTMhsCPYt%2BSnwbWVZtJptrsnsQUZjqNMY%3D&reserved=0)
The Arts Council England will launch a new round of their Creative People and Places National Portfolio Fund on the 12th September 2024. The aim of the Fund is to support arts projects in places where involvement in the arts is significantly below the national average. Grants of between £750,000 and £1 million will be available to bring creative opportunities to communities in 142 eligible locations not currently engaging with the arts. The Arts Council is keen to encourage long-term collaborations between local communities and arts organisations, museums, libraries and local authorities. Match funding of 15% is required. The closing date for applications is the 16th January 2025.

[**Co-operative Bank - Customer Donation Fund (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.co-operativebank.co.uk%2Fbusiness%2Fcommunity%2Fcustomer-donation-fund&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C761c436e9b6e499237e108dcbd1306f4%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638593136615551894%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8%2BFOQcW0Bh3O7MeBu18PWy6Bo%2BW8xxlogtoBHD2gS2s%3D&reserved=0)
Organisations with a Community Directplus account at the Co-operative Bank, such as registered charities, co-operatives, and credit unions, can apply for grants of up to £1,000 from the Customer Donation Fund. Since 2003, the Co-operative Bank Donation Fund has donated over £1,000,000 to more than 1,100 local causes. The funds can support special projects and fundraising activities and all Community Directplus account holders are eligible to apply. Previous projects supported include Digital Life Skills CIC which works to give children and young people a better digital future by empowering them to navigate the growing online world: and funding for a non-profit organisation to purchase new tools, boots, hard hats, and high-visibility jackets for their workers. Applications can be submitted in March and September each year and will be assessed in April and October.

[**Funding of £100,000 in Funding Available for Health and Well-being Projects (South West)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.livewellfoundation.org.uk%2Fapply_for_funding_-_charities_third_sector.aspx&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C761c436e9b6e499237e108dcbd1306f4%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638593136615570869%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Zy3%2FhFjFXwszmQTbvvFXJ9c6UN%2B8l2gZdfhPsEtnfpU%3D&reserved=0)
Not for profit organisations working in communities in Plymouth and South West Devon can apply for grants of up to £10,000 through the Livewell Foundation'. The Foundation supports projects and initiatives that can transform these communities and aims to improve people's lives. The Foundation's current funding priorities include projects that improve health and wellbeing, reduce mental and physical ill-health, and reduce social isolation, and can be addressed individually or in combination. The funding can be used for various expenses such as staff salaries, project activities, running costs, small-scale refurbishment, equipment, organisational development, and core costs. The funding is available through two grant-making programmes. Small grants of up to £1,000 and large grants of up to £10,000. Applications to the small grants programme can be submitted at any time. Applications to the large grants programme are currently closed but will re-open in the autumn.

[**Grants Available for Projects that bring about Social Change (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fthelinderfoundation.org.uk%2Fwhat-we-fund%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C761c436e9b6e499237e108dcbd1306f4%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638593136615599072%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=d3MlcoRG1gFl952oOx%2FTDiQJswM8tScPU3CvtytkjM4%3D&reserved=0)
Charities across the UK are invited to apply for funding to deliver projects that bring about genuine social change in their communities. The funding is made available by the Linder Foundation, which supports projects that aim to improve outcomes for vulnerable young people, protect and enhance the natural world, and support and champion the arts. Previously supported projects have included Youth on the Move, which provides recreational activities to disadvantaged young people; the V&A Illustration Awards, which celebrates the work of talented artists; and LEAF, which supports nature-based solutions to climate change. No funding amount is given. The closing date for applications is the 31st October 2024.

[**Funding for Christmas Activities for Older People (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmccarthystonefoundation.org%2Four-grant-programmes%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C1eb335b18c0a48596f4308dcbdeebfed%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638594080351120763%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HEMNH7M49P5KmiQvzFIJTgB2MCveAWr7BGsOrMMECQY%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of up to £1,000 will be available to charities and community groups organising Christmas events for people aged 65 and over. At least 30 grants will be awarded to support a variety of activities, including Christmas Day meals, group social events, and support for day care centres or community spaces operating over the festive period. Priority will be given to organisations connecting older people between the 24th December and the 2nd January, but events planned for earlier in December will also be considered. Organisations with an annual income under £250,000 will be eligible to apply. The funding is provided by the McCarthy Stone Foundation through their Christmas Connections Fund, which opens to applications on the 1st September 2024.

[**Grants for Community & Environmental Projects (England & Scotland)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgrantscape.org.uk%2Ffund%2Fsuez-communities-fund%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C5463447bbaec49c892d708dcc1b1fbe0%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638598217423223394%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C80000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2elhwZ5nU4V7dhFifMVE4eI5yjtXcLBNJFJhWGllrYU%3D&reserved=0)
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 £25,000 in Scotland. Funding typically covers materials, equipment, and contractors for improvement work. The application deadline is the 20th November for applications in both Scotland and England.

[**Funding to Support the Mental Health of UK Armed Forces (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcovenantfund.org.uk%2Fprogramme%2Fhidden-voices-programme-2024-25%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf00614f835fb4c7e6d2a08dcad618a22%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638575881659311805%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9dCTeofrnXfisRK1FPiHqFJj8uu7FxEGjsLinskpQjg%3D&reserved=0)
UK-based registered charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs) with significant recent experience supporting Armed Forces communities can apply for grants of up to £20,000 to support the mental health and well-being needs of marginalised groups within Armed Forces communities. The funding is available through the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust’s Hidden Voices Programme 2024/25. The programme aims to identify and fill gaps in service provision and foster collaborative partnerships between Armed Forces organisations and specialist non-armed Forces organisations. The programme supports projects lasting up to 12 months. Applications must be submitted by 12 noon on the 8th January 2025, to receive a decision by the end of April 2025.

[**Funding to Reduce Litter and Improve Recycling in Public Open Spaces (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fneatstreets.org.uk%2Fneat-streets-grant-fund&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf00614f835fb4c7e6d2a08dcad618a22%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638575881659318827%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tpGFMD5fL2G%2BBC23AY1S3rNUi3Ap8YE8l6z05XqexLs%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of up to £10,000 are available to local authorities or organisations responsible for managing public spaces in the UK to reduce litter and improving recycling in diverse public areas such as high streets, parks, and beaches, ensuring widespread benefits. The Neat Streets grant fund provided by Hubbub, a UK-based environmental charity, and backed by McDonald’s aims to address environmental challenges through established campaign models. The grants can be used to purchase new bins and signage, organising events, and developing comprehensive campaigns. Five grants will be given out over the next 12 months, with 1 – 2 grants, allocated every 3 months. The closing date for the first round of applications is the 13th September 2024 and there are subsequent rounds planned to open in October 2024.

[**£5 Million Fund for Grassroots Cricket Pitch Improvements (England & Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ecb.co.uk%2Fplay%2Fclub-support%2Fclub-funding%2Fgrass-pitch-improvement-fund&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf00614f835fb4c7e6d2a08dcad618a22%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638575881659332916%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YOERjKGrhUKwPNhJNO%2FTag%2F%2F5u0cJSeQbpXop25vQJI%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**National Lottery Heritage Fund Announces Strategic Initiatives to Address Heritage Challenges (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.heritagefund.org.uk%2Ffunding%2Fstrategic-initiatives&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf00614f835fb4c7e6d2a08dcad618a22%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638575881659297961%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JvCMseK%2FQhUGtcz6m0QnbRWIv7kaLl7oR5qfTPj1Rtg%3D&reserved=0)
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:**

[Cymraeg/Welsh](https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grantiau/gwnewch-gais-am-grant/ffrwd-ariannu-costau-sefydliadol-craidd/)

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

[**Funding to Enable Disadvantaged Young People Reach their Potential (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ironmongers.org%2Fhelping-charitable-organisations&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C314536f06d68486f9eab08dcb229f8fd%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638581140577612540%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EQ9dT%2FI5rYI0mNSe5khHVP8Hsb0rcrTUrVAznfeNbqU%3D&reserved=0)
Registered charities (including Schools registered as charities for young people with disabilities) that work with disadvantaged children under 25 can apply for funding of up to £10,000. Of particular interest are projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential and educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills. Projects could, for example, support special educational needs, address behavioural problems, promote citizenship, parenting, or life skills. Preference will be given to projects piloting new approaches to disseminate the outcomes to a wider audience. The funding is being made available through the Ironmongers Company's grants programme. The next closing date for applications is the The next deadline for applications is the 15th December 2024.

[**Funding for Projects that Strengthen Local Communities (England, Scotland & Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdelameredairyfoundation.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C314536f06d68486f9eab08dcb229f8fd%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638581140577637821%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bbomkBFwhcr7X2CclEbpX95afRCPDVf%2F3jSOoxYzj9I%3D&reserved=0)
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 by improving the lives of young people and education and relieving financial hardship and sickness. Applications will be considered at panel meetings, which will be held regularly.

[**Funding of up to £200,000 Available for Community & Environmental Projects (East Midland, West Midlands, South West England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.stwater.co.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fsevern-trent-community-fund%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C314536f06d68486f9eab08dcb229f8fd%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638581140577652593%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VMm4rofiHLOHaogSFf7ZXW4apeh5jIsusP2HslsEtsI%3D&reserved=0)
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. The next closing date for applications of between £10,001 and £200,000 is the 10th November 2024. The next closing date for applications of up to £10,000 is the 13th October 2024.

[**Grants to Improve the Lives of Disadvantaged People (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.skiptoncharitablefoundation.co.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C314536f06d68486f9eab08dcb229f8fd%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638581140577660258%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2B2%2FQXftbOsFCYt42cP2YavUsGGmVXdIDyBuRzt63Ijs%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of up to £6,000 are available to registered charities working to improve the wellbeing, welfare and education of children and adults in communities throughout the UK. The funding, made available by the Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation, will support initiatives that benefit communities by reducing poverty and homelessness, improving access to education, and enhancing the well-being of the elderly. This includes combating isolation, managing Dementia and Alzheimer's, and providing later life/palliative care. Applications should be made by the 31st October 2024 for the next trustees meeting in December.

[**Funding for Community-led Environmental & Sustainability Projects (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feddiestobart.com%2Fthe-stobart-sustainability-fund%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C0746f41499af48cfff3a08dcb5eb1183%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638585268442497045%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HDUCHuqJutgMBf0J%2B5EoP5hB56STh7KfRIhXWAdpnyg%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.henrysmithcharity.org.uk%2Fexplore-our-grants-and-apply%2Fholiday-grants-for-children%2Fholiday-grants-for-children-overview%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C3e123cf9b2224a17d00108dcab03c593%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638573280179652805%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HyQKfhKn9gymmXtWrEDRg3l%2FJRmHMZPvxEMc7SZBNXE%3D&reserved=0)Grants ranging from £500 to £2,750 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. Applications for trips between the 1st of September and the 31st of December 2024 will be considered until the 19th of November 2024.

[**Funding for Rural Community and Education Projects (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nfumutual.co.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fcharitable-trust%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2a32158cb7a045ede93308dcd959ec90%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638624227450549641%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=agoRvKGq%2FRcf8fjhPAZqN%2F98iBeeqBfOhpMpFDTaP0Y%3D&reserved=0)
Charities supporting rural development, particularly young people's education and poverty relief within rural areas, can apply for funding through the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust. The funding focuses on supporting larger initiatives that would significantly impact rural communities. Grants available are for £1,000 - 50,000.  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. The next closing date for applications is the 25th October 2024.

[**Grants to Help Disabled & Disadvantaged People Connect with Nature (England & Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cla.org.uk%2Fabout-cla%2Fcharitable-trust%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C3e123cf9b2224a17d00108dcab03c593%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638573280179678085%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UCmiOkgOKFHvR5yh%2FU3EaOIZXe63aLqozapAAbzbodo%3D&reserved=0)Charities and not-for-profit organisations in England and Wales can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects that help disabled or disadvantaged people connect with nature and the countryside. The funding, made available through the CLA Charitable Trust, supports projects that improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people who are disabled or disadvantaged by helping them to visit and participate in recreational and educational opportunities in the countryside. Applications are particularly welcomed for projects for children and young people who are disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation. Funding can be used to support projects, capital works and running costs. Organisations must complete an expression of interest form available on the CLA Charitable Trust website to start the application process.

[**Grants of up to £5 Million Available to Foster Stronger Community Connections (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk%2Ffunding%2Fprogrammes%2Fthe-uk-fund%23section-1&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C3e123cf9b2224a17d00108dcab03c593%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638573280179685087%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=keJopEp7GvNzYxeY2tFfzvYGILkpjZOuRZASkgCT9E4%3D&reserved=0)Charities and other not-for-profit organisations that aim to bring communities together and enhance connectivity across the UK can apply for grants ranging from £500,000 to £5 million through the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF). The fund supports up to 20 projects annually for up to 10 years. Projects should improve relationships among diverse groups, facilitate online connections for isolated communities, empower community influence, amplify children's and young people's voices, and involve youth in community improvement efforts. Funding covers various costs, including staff, development, transport, utilities, volunteer expenses, equipment, and language services. Projects must demonstrate the potential to benefit communities across the UK, scale their impact, and focus on equity. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**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 Telephone: 02077951261

**The John and Diana Kemp-Welch Charitable Trust**

The trust makes donations to local and national registered charities operating in the following fields; care and welfare of children, the care and welfare of the elderly, educational establishments, arts and culture, wildlife and the environment, parochial church councils and medical research. Application can be made any time.

CONTACT: Write to Sir John Kemp-Welch, Flat 74, Melton Court, Onslow Crescent, London SW7 3JH

**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)](https://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)](https://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/funding)

**The Pople 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 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 Telephone: 02920264388

**Scouloudi 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

**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)](https://www.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, wherever 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.

[About Us | Sunrise Foundation CIO](https://sunrisefoundation.org.uk/about-us/)

**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](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr1.technology-trust-news.org%2Fc%2FAQim7hIQv4llGN7_yYMBIJim_BUMjQcbw27biv5mPbYvUL9OkgFoKoG_eOa948ebpEkKrA&data=05%7C02%7Ckaren.jones1%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C23594190b4b44983d12b08dc637417d5%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638494597535088806%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=h%2FjzY3rlWilkj3cHalsTyZGgUtgCyxq%2B4gi9VtDn1D4%3D&reserved=0)

**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](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr1.technology-trust-news.org%2Fc%2FAQim7hIQv4llGN7_yYMBIIi3xBbm2IumVWbO7g2w5KPEWXBn8psAkaxVhGwMqP3I_J6TXg&data=05%7C02%7Ckaren.jones1%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C23594190b4b44983d12b08dc637417d5%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638494597534980926%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dgWib69arwLjMzswquIw0COKfdJKaGPBwgncJ8j%2FmCY%3D&reserved=0)

[**Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas (UK / International)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbfss.org.uk%2Fhome%2Fgrants%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C3fa88d7eaf344f0b3f5208dc5a04d8b5%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638484224059382808%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RX%2FQmDjqOEMu8xBdU0rqszw4zkJ38DGvuuZsOYCxGbg%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**Funding to Help Tackle Growing Household Electrical Waste (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.materialfocus.org.uk%2Fpartnerships-with-material-focus%2Felectricals-recycling-fund%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C3fa88d7eaf344f0b3f5208dc5a04d8b5%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638484224059397943%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oDpTeIOfLSNIVLYmylGROslbay93MYmTCxe%2F6MYbb7g%3D&reserved=0)
Material Focus has announced that its Electricals Recycling Fund is due to reopen to applications for projects that make it easier for UK householders to recycle their electrical goods. This round of funding will support projects that test new and practical ways for people to reuse and recycle their electricals, introduce kerbside collections, and add more collection points and bring banks. The funding will be available to a range of organisations including local authorities, waste collection authority areas, contractors, not-for-profits, community sector organisations, producer compliance schemes, and retailers. Organisations can register their details to receive updates on the 2024 funding round.

[**Grant Finder - Grantscape Grantscape**](https://grantscape.org.uk/grant-finder/?project_county=84&search=on#map)

A useful site for checking Grants by county

## Grants to Help Older People and Adults with Disabilities Lead More Fulfilling Lives (England, Scotland & Wales)

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a grant-giving charity that helps older people and other adults with a disability across England, Scotland & Wales lead more fulfilled lives and reach their full potential.

The Foundation’s focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community, helping combat isolation and loneliness and enabling people to be active and engaged.

Funding of between £100 and £2,500 (£1,000 for individuals) is available for individuals and small community groups to help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life. Applications for individuals must be completed by a third-party sponsor such as a health care professional, social worker or charity/support group representative.

Applications are assessed on a case by case basis, with funds allocated to those who demonstrate greatest need.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

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<https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/apply>

[**Funding to Support Local Community Projects (England, Scotland & Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.morrisonsfoundation.com%2Fgrant-funding-request%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C60333e8cad794c5e8cb708dc6369c759%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638494553165155904%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MYquF0YA18Im%2FsDvzwuziruHrLqxjyyGTpctKgAHOH0%3D&reserved=0)
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 to Support Families in Need (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk%2Four-grants%2Fmajor-grants&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C695ee8150cd24559bf9d08dc4f1e26f3%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638472238126792985%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0sfnvY%2FqgazYHAraPd7FT%2B2LWIzr3WDFXIx8GDbna4o%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**£7 Million Community Fund to Transform Rural Green Spaces (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Frural-community-green-spaces-to-be-rejuvenated-through-new-government-investment&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C695ee8150cd24559bf9d08dc4f1e26f3%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638472238126851129%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=STZAZVZMxOjClRbiOJykr2Yu%2BKJFoWbdNxB6RpDMucQ%3D&reserved=0)
The UK Government is launching a new fund £7 million fund to support rural communities across England to create, restore and enhance their green spaces. The Community Green Spaces Fund will provide grants of up to £75,000 to help communities create orchards, kitchen gardens, and wildflower areas around village halls and other green spaces. The funding will also support the development of natural play areas for children and improve accessibility with new paths, seating, and disabled parking spaces. The fund is expected to open to applications in early summer. In addition, the Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund is being extended to provide an additional £5 million of funding to support projects such as village hall extensions and Wi-Fi installation. Further details will be provided in due course.

**NatureSave Trust**

NatureSave Trust is an environmental charity funded by NatureSave Insurance. **Based in Totnes, Devon**. In 2022 they are part of the Benefact Group, a charity-owned family of financial services companies. They also provide charity insurance. Grant funding for environmental projects, and also funds sustainability advice for SMEs as well as a tree planting programme. Focuses on small projects for charities, social enterprises and grassroots community organisations with **UK-based activities**, with grants of up to £5,000.

[**Funding for Projects that Raise People’s Quality of Life (England & Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbernardsunley.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C0c1075af26ed4305f7ac08dc4416639e%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638460110157194429%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TyqSPnrKCu9jixQEJz9R2Ksyu6MOUR5nuUYJdQZw3hI%3D&reserved=0)
Grants are available to charities, specialist schools, CIOs, and other not-for-profit organisations including scout and guide groups, and housing associations, that are working to raise the quality of life for people in England and Wales. The Bernard Sunley Foundation aims to provide greater opportunities for the young, elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged by supporting capital projects in the areas of community, education, health and social welfare. The types of projects that could be supported include improvements to village halls, supporting children and adults with special educational and learning needs, improvements to hospices and treatment clinics, and supporting day centres for the elderly. The Foundation offers three levels of grants. These are large grants of £20,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Large and medium grants are considered and agreed upon at Trustees’ meetings. Small grants are agreed by Trustees on a monthly basis and form the majority of grants awarded. Applications can be made at any time.

[**Grants of up to £2 Million Available to Save Local Community Assets (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fcommunity-ownership-fund-prospectus%2Fcommunity-ownership-fund-round-4-prospectus&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C0c1075af26ed4305f7ac08dc4416639e%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638460110157228580%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fBXOrP3k%2FzftkHATEYMkM9krJ7cvc%2FtYlOz4B4ks0Xw%3D&reserved=0)
The UK government has announced that the final round of the £150 million Community Ownership Fund is now open for expressions of interest. This is a £150 million initiative from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and is designed to help community groups take ownership of assets that are at risk of being lost, such as pubs, community halls, gardens, and sports clubs. The maximum grant available per project is £2 million although it is expected that most awards will be for up to £250,000 of capital funding. Revenue funding of up to £50,000 or 20% of total capital funding applied for is also available. Successful organisations will be invited to submit a full application when the round 4 bidding window opens.

[**Funding for Projects that Have a Positive Impact on Communities, People or the Environment (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.matthewgoodfoundation.org%2Fgrantsforgood%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C770066c5ab6143bd202308dc48d13461%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638465310570163822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BTH5Pp9Z%2F2hzGUWQq1%2FtO%2BLVY8ma%2FvjQIttokbB50tw%3D&reserved=0)
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 who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community or 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 with 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 will have to have had an income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months. Funding is awarded every three months.

[**Funding to Boost the Capacity of Charities (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.edwardgostlingfoundation.org.uk%2Fcapital-grants%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C770066c5ab6143bd202308dc48d13461%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638465310570232345%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oFuQ%2B%2BGSVdY2KgUeLZn4qN5tQgXhjkXsRpY%2BlDiNlgM%3D&reserved=0)
Capital grants of up to £250,000 are available to expand the capacity of UK registered charities and CIO’s working to improve the quality of life for people in need, particularly those living on very low incomes who have a disability or long-term illness. The Edward Gostling Foundation makes the funding available through its Capital Grant Programme. This programme encourages organisations to bring forward major capital projects costing £1 million or more that align with one or more of the foundation's funding themes. These projects should build new capacity, promote sustainability, and bring about a step change in the way care is delivered. Applications can be submitted at any time.

## Funding to Improve Menopause Support for Underrepresented Women (UK)

Holland and Barrett, in partnership with Wellbeing of Women, has launched a new fund to address inequalities in menopause care amongst under-served communities across the UK.

The Women’s Health Community Fund will provide small grants to groups and individuals for projects that raise awareness and improve education around the menopause, particularly amongst those from lower income families, ethnically diverse communities, those with disabilities and LGBTQ+.

The types of activities that could be supported range from community events such as coffee mornings or fun activities, to events organised by individuals to raise awareness.

Further details will be released in due course.

Organisations are encouraged to register their interest in the first instance.

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<https://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/get-involved/womens-health-community-fund/>

[**Funding for Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bailythomas.org.uk%2Fgrants%2Fgeneral-programme&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C7edf68132b7140d7087808dc3d072166%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638452348037033379%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=e2PWgPyraF6ubzJAZd9aoa1ovDRMaF5lUjYNz5nkZy8%3D&reserved=0)
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 next deadline for applications seeking funding over £9,000 is a rolling programme. Applications for £9,000 and below can be submitted at any time.

[**Grants of up to £10,000 Available for Projects that Support Disadvantage People (UK / International)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgreenhallfoundation.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf8f8cefd1e04476e6d4808dc2ecea0c3%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638436712201706124%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ks3%2BLjrLuGc%2FsOq5Dyp9l5kSjdWV7aaSIoohwRhm1Zs%3D&reserved=0)
UK-based registered charities can apply for grants 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.

[**Grants to Support Disadvantaged Young People through Educational & Sporting Activities (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thehargreavesfoundation.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf8f8cefd1e04476e6d4808dc2ecea0c3%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638436712201713090%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FmFQbHjGrOZy9vlxqBinKOz690jyYxoOCkt0OXUaH34%3D&reserved=0)
UK charities, educational institutions and NHS Trusts seeking funding to support those under the age of 18 who are living with a mental health condition, disability or growing up in poverty can apply for funding through the Hargreaves Foundation. The Foundation aims to help children and young people to 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.

[**Funding Available to Support Social Businesses Raise Finance through Community Share Issues (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.powertochange.org.uk%2Four-work%2Four-programmes%2Fcommunity-shares-booster%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cdb57db906ed9458d755b08dc379197d9%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638446345660873561%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=N8DGY9J447SH2JzjJz22xo%2FMzylTWwGV%2Beg%2FyPHDRMk%3D&reserved=0)
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.

## Funding Available to Involve More People in Tackling Climate Action (UK)

From the 27th March 2024 groups of community organisations in the UK can apply for grants of up to £3 million to involve more people in climate action. The funding is being made available through the National Lottery Community Fund – Climate Action Fund.

The funding can be used for projects and action that reach more people by either:

* linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities. And inspiring them to take action.
* influencing communities at a regional or national level. Like linking up groups across locations. Or a campaign that inspires change across one country, or the whole UK.

To be eligible applications need to be submitted by partnerships consisting of a mix of organisations and sectors; and smaller groups working at a local level.

The types of projects eligible for funding could include:

* Projects that involve people who have not had a say. For example because they are new to climate action. Or because they come from communities that experience poverty, disadvantage and discrimination
* Projects that introduce a climate perspective to a group who came together around another interest or activity
* Projects that test the best ways to engage different audiences in climate action
* Projects that spread an exciting local approach to climate action by sharing it nationally.

The minimum grant is £500,000. It is however expected that most projects will receive funding of between £1 million and £1.5 million over 3 to 5 years. In exceptional circumstance projects can receive up to £3 million, and for up to 7 years. It is anticipated that up to 25 projects will be funded.

For more information, potential applicants can attend one of the following webinars:

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<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/awards-from-the-uk-portfolio#CAF5>

## £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:**

[Guidance](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/active-together)

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

[**Equipment Grants for Disabled and Disadvantaged Young People (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwoodenspoon.org.uk%2Fapply-for-a-grant%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cbd17858c64244259368308dc26f4eb8b%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638428080564664131%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wWlHI9Lh%2FDSpTi7LOKbKt9W9q6NsX93Cold79dUaQlE%3D&reserved=0)
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)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bigissue.com%2Finvest%2Fimpact-loans-england%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C359643186a294e06728d08dc1da9eea7%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638417862893205435%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C62000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ttCo5YOUGjlrjdjyzt01dx7Xe38u9wbsRmLLRKgcVk0%3D&reserved=0)
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)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftheprospectory.com%2Fidea-fund%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cae39ddf258c1495101e908dc604e3873%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638491136271592974%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=j1AxZxjvHmrW4wMUuDslAGgaqJ%2B%2B6aT1clcd6pewsXc%3D&reserved=0)
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](https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/media/1261/application-guidance-document-final-draft.pdf) and a list of [exclusions](https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/what-we-fund/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](https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/faq/)

[Guidance Document](https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/media/1261/application-guidance-document-final-draft.pdf)

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

[**Grants to Help Disabled & Disadvantaged People Connect with Nature (England & Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cla.org.uk%2Fabout-cla%2Fcharitable-trust%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C3e123cf9b2224a17d00108dcab03c593%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638573280179678085%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UCmiOkgOKFHvR5yh%2FU3EaOIZXe63aLqozapAAbzbodo%3D&reserved=0)
Charities and not-for-profit organisations in England and Wales can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects that help disabled or disadvantaged people connect with nature and the countryside. The funding, made available through the CLA Charitable Trust, supports projects that improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people who are disabled or disadvantaged by helping them to visit and participate in recreational and educational opportunities in the countryside. Applications are particularly welcomed for projects for children and young people who are disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation. Funding can be used to support projects, capital works and running costs. Organisations must complete an expression of interest form available on the CLA Charitable Trust website to start the application process.

[**New Fund to Help Organisations Grow their Social Impact (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cafonline.org%2Fabout-us%2Fcaf-venturesome&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cc5cf71b79b124245de5808dc0de8e88f%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638400541186601429%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lRd2rumJjSYsOVmK7oXxI9A%2BFjwS1hgBXXtKHcfk4J8%3D&reserved=0)
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.

**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 Foundation awards funding under two main headings:

* The Ocean – protection, restoration and sustainable use of the ocean, through more and effectively and equitably managed protected areas; ocean recovery; engaging coastal communities; reducing overfishing and addressing other harmful effects of human activity on, and in the ocean, such as pollution.
* Land and fresh waters– building healthier ecosystems in urban or rural environments, through effective and sustainable management including implementing evidence-based interventions conservation and restoration; connecting fragmented habitats; and landscape-scale work to protect and restore places of special significance. The Foundation will also support work to reduce or prevent the damaging impacts of human activities, particularly climate change, and air, land and water pollution from chemicals and other pollutants.

The focus is on the UK and UK waters. However, the Foundation are also keen to support land and marine-based work in the UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs). For work in the UKOTs, the Foundation welcome applications from UK-charities working in partnership with local Territory-based NGOs and from charities based in the UKOTs. UKOTs-based charities can apply either directly or through a charity in the UK.

Applications are particularly encouraged from organisations that:

* Recognise the link between healthy ecosystems and human well-being.
* Integrate the needs of local communities into their environmental solutions.
* Collaborate with other stakeholders and take an evidence-based approach.

There are no application deadlines.

There are however three main stages to the assessment process:

1. Eligibility Check
2. Review of First Stage Application
3. Review of Second Stage Application.

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<https://ellerman.org.uk/apply-for-funding/what-we-fund>

[**Grants of up to £2,200 Available to Support Disadvantaged and Disabled Children (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.littlelives.org.uk%2Four-campaigns%2Fchildrens-community-support-programme%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C4417184e96c142bfe01f08dc135206f0%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638406490229872672%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=agSdy6ZwmFcuOwqL%2BocAB6VNqB3p4cTEk2TAg8Cy3cw%3D&reserved=0)
Organisations within the UK that provide free activities to children who are disadvantaged or disabled can apply for grants of up to £2,200.  The funding is being made available through the Little Lives UK Children’s Community Support Programme and aims to ensure that every child regardless of their financial circumstances can have access to activities they need to live a happy, healthy and fun childhood. The programme is open to applications from children’s groups and organisations such as play groups, after-school clubs or sports classes, etc.   The Children’s Community Support Programme is also open to applications from other projects, as long as their primary objective focuses on providing services to disadvantaged and disabled children. There is no monetary minimum that groups can apply for, and Little Lives UK will additionally support the work of successful applicants through their social media channels and on their website. Four or five grants are awarded every month.

[**Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Charities Supporting Vulnerable & Disadvantaged People (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fleathersellers.co.uk%2Fsmall-grants-programme%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C4417184e96c142bfe01f08dc135206f0%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638406490229872672%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fPypd%2BMI0iPEzFGlMrnYv7IlsBP1%2Fbu4s3eplqStpbU%3D&reserved=0)
The Leathersellers Company is currently seeking applications from small Charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations that are providing vital services for vulnerable people in deprived communities across the UK. The Small Grants Programme will award grants of up to £5,000 to organisations with an annual income of less than £200,000. Partnerships are encouraged. The number of applications will be capped and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Committee will meet regularly to ensure charities receive a decision within a month of submitting their application. There are 10 application windows throughout the year and each window will close when 45 applications have been received.

[**Heart of the Community Awards 2024 (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nisalocally.co.uk%2Fcommunity%2Fsuccess-stories%2Fnisa-s-making-a-difference-locally-charity-supports-uk-food-pantries-through-heart-of-the-community-awards%2F%23%3A~%3Atext%3DThe%2520Heart%2520of%2520the%2520Community%2Cby%2520a%2520panel%2520of%2520judges&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C4417184e96c142bfe01f08dc135206f0%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638406490230028880%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=574WUPQBSTok49Kwp%2F3qfZ0%2Fjju3XGbkY9DSOfIKaaE%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**Football Foundation Announces Funding Opportunities for 2024 (England & Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffootballfoundation.org.uk%2Fnews%2Flets-go-2024&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C4417184e96c142bfe01f08dc135206f0%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638406490230028880%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZUHKzvc8cCbtkE4sXQy%2B1BcnIRsfWrdij8ZtvLEJBPw%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**Funding to Enable Disadvantaged Young People Reach their Potential (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ironmongers.org%2Fhelping-charitable-organisations&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf7582c08ded84bd3d57f08dc00921979%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638385874703793036%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cT5H8xXqbtnGCxcPYLRuR1qHkUAEjlgmACpMj8DavH8%3D&reserved=0)
Registered charities (including Schools that are registered as charities for young people with disabilities) that work with disadvantaged children under the age of 25 can apply for funding of up to £10,000. Of particular interest are projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential and educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills. Projects could, for example, support special educational needs; address behavioural problems or promote citizenship; and parenting or life skills. Preference will be given to projects piloting new approaches to disseminate the outcomes to a wider audience. The funding is being made available through the Ironmongers Company's grants programme. The Appeals Committee meets twice a year at the end of March and October. The deadlines for receipt of applications are 15th December and 31st July respectively.

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

The Hedley Foundation is inviting applications from small-to-mid-size registered charities helping to improve the quality of life of people in the UK, particularly those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable.

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. Occasionally larger sums are given to charities where high impact can be achieved.

Applications should be received at least 6 weeks before the next review meeting.

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<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/apply-now>

[**Funding for Projects that Raise People’s Quality of Life (England & Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbernardsunley.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C60caf6bc4af04b95c80c08dc0c3b0240%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638398694791240490%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tU4KUpe02QyMgnn5uxowRY7HOXaQ%2FGhp1LDEPtrd6bw%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of up to £5,000 are available to charities, specialist schools, CIOs, and other not-for-profit organisations including scout and guide groups, and housing associations, that are working to raise the quality of life for people in England and Wales. The Bernard Sunley Foundation aims to provide greater opportunities for the young, elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged by supporting capital projects in the areas of community, education, health and social welfare. The types of projects that could be supported include improvements to village halls, supporting children and adults with special educational and learning needs, improvements to hospices and treatment clinics, and supporting day centres for the elderly. Medium grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 and large grants of £20,000 and above are also available. Applications can be made at any time.

[**Grants of up to £150,000 Available to Protect Water and Land Environments (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fellerman.org.uk%2Fapply-for-funding%2Fwhat-we-fund&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C60caf6bc4af04b95c80c08dc0c3b0240%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638398694791240490%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=obMDKKRO3OkRMog1pjpbZmv6aclyuXZJ82wbTu74WdI%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**Funding Available for Innovative Community Projects (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.avivacommunityfund.co.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ceef858a39117457186fb08dbeb383474%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638362399611843206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2JQNlwDjg1Yag9WWWdbjLUJlHCDQ8wnf%2Ba0egCBjcUQ%3D&reserved=0)
Aviva has partnered with Crowdfunder to support small charities, schools, and community groups with innovative ideas that benefit their communities and are looking to raise up to £50,000. Aviva Community Fund is focused on supporting projects that enhance community resilience in the face of uncertainty, with a focus on two main areas: Climate Action and Financial Wellbeing. To take part, the project must also be raising funds to develop a new approach, product, or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services. Once applications have been submitted, applicants will create a fundraising page on Crowdfunder, which Aviva employees and the public can donate to.

[**Awards for All Increases Maximum Grant Amount (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk%2Ffunding%2Funder10k&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ceef858a39117457186fb08dbeb383474%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638362399611999506%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aZcRVGwWJld1BcLiIbU1Dfvy2WdigDa1NQYo4HUwcbA%3D&reserved=0)
Voluntary, community organisations and schools, etc across the UK can now apply for grants of up to £20,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All programme. This represents a significant increase from the previous maximum grant size of £10,000. Projects can last for up to two years. The funding boost is intended to support organisations in delivering new or existing community led activities. Eligible projects must address at least one of the following: help communities connect, improve their environment, provide early support for individuals and assist those facing financial difficulties. The application deadline is 16 weeks before you want to start your activities or spend any of the money.

[**Youth Hostel Offers Bursary Scheme for Towards Residential Stays (England & Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.yha.org.uk%2Fsupport-programmes&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cfb1b7094ddb14f00b71208dbe68910aa%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638357249269206708%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7Sto7HwnnofSm5vf9pmYBjDBccLtHU4VfUBsRzZ2jNM%3D&reserved=0)
Schools and colleges in areas of high deprivation in England and Wales can apply for support towards to cost of a residential stay at a YHA owned hostel. The funding is made available through the Youth Hostel Association’s Bursary scheme. The scheme is open to primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, schools offering alternative provision or colleges based in areas of high social deprivation and that have high numbers (upwards of 20%) of children receiving pupil premium or free school meals. The bursary can be used towards payment for a school residential with an overnight stay (with or without catering and activities) at any YHA-owned hostel that has availability. No school can access more than one bursary per residential stay.

[**Austin & Hope Pilkington Trust Announce Funding Themes for 2024 (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Faustin-hope-pilkington.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cd74435be93104805613e08dbdf7f59eb%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638349512121943040%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vb972AZlVdoNRFTCqptSAFjhVl3dBEFRQCATb8WVDbA%3D&reserved=0)
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. Round one will open for applications on the 1st February 2024.

[**Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas (UK / International)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbfss.org.uk%2Fgrant-giving%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C74c169d598414b8c482908dbcefd4ea9%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638331359604528089%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=h%2Fm8Lu73TVwOx%2F5vnKevaZ374jCIa1LUIIMSQ3nMG%2BQ%3D&reserved=0)
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 (BFSS) 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 young carers and children looked after. 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 and applications can be submitted at any time. Application shortlisted at this stage will be invited to submit a Stage 2 proposal.

**[Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People (UK – excl Greater London)](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fallenlane.org.uk%2Fyoung-peoples-programme%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C38fb9a3fe2de4695309908dbca2682d7%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638326039463458660%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fAGu0MhKQlPA4douBgloLxkYWB33QOvjwelPyt2xMus%3D&reserved=0)**
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 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 to Support Remote and Disadvantage Rural Communities (UK)](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.royalcountrysidefund.org.uk%2Fhow-we-help%2Frural-communities%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ce90b1b29fc9f4616584f08dbb4fabd34%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638302762436577108%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Zu55GDy40DBqToKfcdP94zh1wz5kKebhl0FxrDs95hI%3D&reserved=0)**
The Royal Countryside Fund (RCF) has announced that its Supporting Rural Communities programme has re-opened for applications. The Supporting Rural Communities programme was introduced to help remote and disadvantaged rural communities address the challenges they face and to build a more sustainable and viable future. Each year the fund awards a total of £500,000 to community groups, charities, and social enterprises that are working to improve the lives of people in mostly deprived and disadvantage rural communities. Grants of up to £25,000 are available. Applications will be accepted from constituted, not-for-profit and community-led organisations with a turnover under £500,000

[**Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.henrysmithcharity.org.uk%2Fexplore-our-grants-and-apply%2Fholiday-grants-for-children%2Fholiday-grants-for-children-overview%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C8138b9d37b5a4a300f1f08dba5346b83%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638285416832394409%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WAcFpjmYuPMDo%2Fkz48lFWSH2%2Foo69H0KwYWkcHoJeko%3D&reserved=0)
Grants ranging from £500 to £2,750 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 who are 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, which can last from one to seven days. The funding is being offered by the Henry Smith Charity, and applications must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the scheduled trip or holiday. Applications must be submitted at least six weeks before the date of the planned trip.

[**Funding for Leisure Activities for Children with Additional Needs (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.happydayscharity.org%2Fapplications&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C07bbd88f5faf4b8b008508dba9279094%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638289759629079644%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ITKSyPYkbSCUYLpPPfnzkzvzZ8FZ%2FdAXPd6pe%2Fy1Umk%3D&reserved=0)
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)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk%2Ffunding%2Fprogrammes%2Fpartnerships-england%23section-1&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C2ca8e8239abf4f87655608db93f018c6%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638266431635742044%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yV0pYShV61XxvLXxa1oXAxd%2BPqAII%2FtW7NeksgPQquA%3D&reserved=0)
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 to Support the Development of Play Experiences for Children (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.changex.org%2Fgb%2Ffunds%2Fcommunity-play-fund-uk&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C7418bbf8e3da481184d408db97f5f8ef%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638270854920858467%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1gvahqQx3JTOI%2B2pAzXZIQWd0n%2F9iVbRm50IejpryIk%3D&reserved=0)
Community groups, schools, parents, and caregivers can apply for grants of £500 to £5,000 per project from the Community Play Fund, which was introduced by ChangeX and the LEGO Foundation to support the development of playful experiences for children in communities across the UK. Individuals are eligible to apply but need to be part of a team. To apply, applicants choose the project they want to start based on their community’s needs, from a portfolio of ideas on the ChangeX site. Once the applicant has demonstrated their commitment and ability to start the community project by successfully completing a 30 Day Challenge on the ChangeX website, ChangeX will provide funding, information guides and support to give the applicant the best chance of success. There is no application closing date for the Community Play Fund and applications can be submitted at any time.

[**Grants of up to £10,000 Available for Projects Addressing Urban and Rural Deprivation (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk%2Four-grants%2Fsmall-grants&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C7418bbf8e3da481184d408db97f5f8ef%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638270854921014715%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=J8MgUQk5xddchSuB691OZudnCykTKpfCbtRNN9LuXyM%3D&reserved=0)
Charities and not for profit organisations in the UK can apply for small grants of up to £10,000 to address urban and rural deprivation in the UK. The grants can be used to help cover their for core costs, salaries, running and project costs to deliver essential services. The funding is being provided by the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation’s small grants programme and to be eligible for a grant, charities and not for profit organisations must have an annual income of less than £250,000. Applicants need to match fund 50% of the project costs. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate a clear need for funding and how the grant will be used to make a difference. There is no deadline and applications can be submitted at any time.

[**Funding Available to Support Social Businesses Raise Finance through Community Share Issues (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.powertochange.org.uk%2Four-work%2Four-programmes%2Fcommunity-shares-booster%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C02c597fa0b204ea9015608db8cf481da%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638258754000709278%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ktD9R1AqZBHHtJjWDivMw9mu4FNvXjj2r0SNeLi7yPQ%3D&reserved=0)
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)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbqfoundation.org.uk%2Fapply-for-a-grant%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C02c597fa0b204ea9015608db8cf481da%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638258754000709278%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=p39qr6FBxzDyFp84rkcO1Gaj7%2FPcV96ZvQY8qu1haIY%3D&reserved=0)
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)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.antonjurgensfonds.nl%2Fen%2Fapplications%2Fajct%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C3f30b4e331d64739b6b608db8e84c0cc%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638260473054501952%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=O1LKxUz0JCIjsjjJgEua8WHXJ4CWro1rD9RT%2Fcj0PF8%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**Tesco Stronger Starts Programme Opens for Applications (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftescocommunitygrants.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C4081aab3814d412f77f408db83795013%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638248329302680263%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hSref6PGWSyh5ASIeWvpN9KHz%2FR%2FC9Is6r%2Fq6%2Bw3YPQ%3D&reserved=0)
Tesco is introducing a £5 million grant programme to give children across the UK a stronger start in life. The grants will help schools and children’s groups provide nutritious food and healthy activities that support young people’s physical health and mental wellbeing, such as breakfast clubs or snacks, and equipment for healthy activities. The grants will help schools and children’s groups provide nutritious food and healthy activities that support young people’s physical health and mental wellbeing, such as breakfast clubs or snacks, and equipment for healthy activities. Every three months, three local good causes/ projects are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.  Grants will be awarded depending on the number of votes their project receives. The programme will give priority to projects that provide food security and support to young people. Tesco Stronger Starts Grants is managed by Groundwork across the UK and is working with greenspace scotland to support applicants in Scotland.

[**Funding for Projects that Support the Education and Development of Children and Young People (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fbluesparkfoundation.org.uk%2F%25C2%25A0&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cb972b2ae8348439de6f908db844ddc79%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638249242176208495%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OkdgDJZOn5TEAeBp2Zi6MLE%2Fy74Y%2BF%2F%2BklbHp6X%2B%2Bzg%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**Grants of up to £5 Million Available to Foster Stronger Community Connections (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk%2Ffunding%2Fprogrammes%2Fthe-uk-fund%23section-1&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cc6bd4db7ea6c448632bf08db87686007%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638252654578022766%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bQDkxdwh9wPVTLzeVs2fHm8A5b58EC9fnnRab5hN1cQ%3D&reserved=0)
The National Lottery Community Fund has launched a new grant scheme, the UK Fund, to support projects that help communities come together and make the UK a better-connected society. The fund is open to UK-based organisations and offers grants of £500,000 to £5 million. Projects can run for up to 10 years. The fund is looking to support projects that strengthen relationships between people, create connections between online and offline worlds, and help people from all backgrounds shape the future of their communities. 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.

[**National Lottery Heritage Fund Announces New 10 Year Strategy (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.heritagefund.org.uk%2Fabout%2Fheritage-2033-our-10-year-strategy&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cc6bd4db7ea6c448632bf08db87686007%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638252654578022766%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Qx5bOvjP%2BpzZHW%2ByRqPbW4kg2HNTLE5DzxNd%2FXTwaRE%3D&reserved=0)
The National Lottery Heritage Fund is investing £3.6 billion in heritage projects over the next decade as part of its new 10 year Heritage 2033 strategy. As part of its new strategy funding will be focused on saving heritage, protecting the environment, increasing inclusion and participation, and improving the sustainability of heritage organisations. The Fund will continue to offer open funding programmes as well as introducing new strategic funding streams to address long-standing heritage issues, boost pride in place and connection to heritage, and strengthen their focus on heritage at the heart of places, nature and the environment. The Fund will regularly review its strategic interventions through three-year delivery plans. The first of these plans will be announced in the Summer 2023.

[**Grants of up to £2,000 for Projects Tackling Loneliness Amongst Older People and Adults with a Disability (England, Scotland and Wales)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bhcfoundation.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C42e94a78863a48ae111108db89088371%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638254441876754592%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XosF90DblaoONVAp4I92K9EEnMMBz2mRLgAO9d3tyvg%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of up to £2,000 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 £600 to help individuals with mobility issues. Grants can be used to purchase wheelchairs, scooters, bikes, or car adaptations. There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

[**Funding to Improve the Lives of Vulnerable Young People (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbuttleuk.org%2Fapply-for-a-grant%2Fchances-for-children-grants%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C6169a3a4b9934bcd969b08db89c940b8%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638255269699077065%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UbhBGjf0DJ8ClvKNRLmIHVBeevK8duyhHRTanJ%2B2B%2B0%3D&reserved=0)
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)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.lush.com%2Fuk%2Fen%2Fa%2Fcharity-pot-funding-guidelines&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C6169a3a4b9934bcd969b08db89c940b8%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638255269699077065%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ObAXjfo1O86I9cNAK3BnqOLl7eHJ7LDCI1qtnHjYuMQ%3D&reserved=0)
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.

**[Research Grants Available to Help Make Transport More Inclusive (UK)](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.motability.org.uk%2Fcharitable-grants%2Fgrants-to-charities-and-organisations%2Fresearch-grant-programme%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C3a8b69cbe9f3433c5d4d08db7ec69d9f%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638243163735620394%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hCH1oLSx38JjP4rQq0IAUs8PZZKF1Bn2DAIfpXLffTc%3D&reserved=0)**
UK charities and not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £50,000 and £1 million to develop, expand and improve transport related research for disabled people, and produce data and findings that can be freely accessed by all and make travel more inclusive. This could include, for example, looking at independent journeys taken by people with sight loss, research to help understand the end-to-end experience of disabled people travelling by taxi, or looking at the challenges and solutions of disabled people in rural communities. The funding is made available through the national disability transport charity, Motability’s Research Grant Programme, which is open to applications until March 2025.

**[New £6 Million Fund Launched to Provide Access to Finance to Charitable Organisations (England)](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhomeless.org.uk%2Fnews%2Fthrive-together-fund%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C3a8b69cbe9f3433c5d4d08db7ec69d9f%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638243163735620394%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=klb%2FPVfZWaFaPEarFd0jB8WJInfpe2x54NmwAEnoGJQ%3D&reserved=0)**
A new £6 million fund has been launched that aims to improve access to finance for smaller charities and social enterprises. The Thrive Together Fund provides unrestricted funding to support the growth of small and medium-sized charitable organisations and social enterprises that actively contribute to social or environmental causes. Eligible applicants can receive a funding package ranging from £25,000 to £100,000, combining repayable finance with grant funding. The Fund seeks to expand social investment opportunities, especially for organisations in disadvantaged areas. The funding is being made available through a partnership consisting of Social Investment Business, Co-operative and Community Finance, Fredericks Foundation, Groundwork, Homeless Link, and the Architectural Heritage Fund. Applications can be submitted at any time as there is no closing date.

[**Funding to Support Youth Organisations (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.phf.org.uk%2Ffunds%2Fyouth-fund%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C7ea8ef45686541fd173f08db7877c125%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638236227987952505%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wK3KNEv5O68YoQv8vQVbNYA%2ByvUAxWZKiA04dRh89Pw%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**Bids Invited for £1 million Defibrillator Fund (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Fbids-invited-for-1-million-defibrillator-fund&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C7ea8ef45686541fd173f08db7877c125%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638236227988108743%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=kvswCfqFdH58px7og7XKh2qdMSinbMTomVfBYtNPWFA%3D&reserved=0)
The Department of Health and Social Care is inviting community organisations to bid for funding for an automated external defibrillator (AED) for their area. The total value of the funding available is £1 million. It is estimated that this will provide for 1,000 new defibrillators in community spaces across England. As part of the grant award, applicants will be asked to demonstrate that defibrillators will be placed in areas where they are most needed, such as places with high footfall, vulnerable people, rural areas or due to the nature of activity at the site. Examples could include town halls, community centres, local shops, post offices and local parks, to ensure that defibrillators are evenly spread throughout communities and easily accessible if someone is experiencing an unexpected cardiac arrest. To apply organisations need to submit an Expression of Interest.

[**Funding to Tackle Injustice and Structural Inequalities (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fesmeefairbairn.org.uk%2Four-aims%2Ffairer-future%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C77e02a820d854556e9fb08db76e68c67%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638234504792849701%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5tBjR3UXd1neMd%2F1LI1cMn9LyebWbTo1X0FcD8qb1uc%3D&reserved=0)
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 to Support the Core Costs of Organisations Working with Children (UK, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk%2Fgrants%2Fapply%2Fcore-costs%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C77e02a820d854556e9fb08db76e68c67%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638234504792849701%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LgRvsA8mauqyUGMOVZmla4UyIYqf4lnfHGrSFoMiwkQ%3D&reserved=0)
Not-for-profit organisations working with children and young people aged 18 or under can apply for grants of up to £40,000 per year for up to three years to support their core costs such as management and administration, HR, monitoring, evaluation and learning, etc. The funding is being made available through BBC Children in Need’s Core Cost programme and will support eligible organisations within the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands. Whilst the programme prioritises smaller, local organisations, exceptions are made for certain cases. Organisations with an annual turnover exceeding £1 million can still apply if they fall into categories such as hospices (including children's hospices), housing associations, or if their work has a nationwide or UK-wide impact. There is no closing date and applications can be made at any time.

[**National Lottery Community Fund Announces News Strategy and Funding (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk%2Fnews%2Fpress-releases%2F2023-06-07%2Fnational-lottery-community-fund-doubles-down-on-grassroots-funding&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C48f0ef1766cf41e93e7e08db6bfadafe%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638222497428234239%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bfLyNqR8sAXTy7ZoWL4mBxKg6EMS1lh%2FSEaSoGW2kx8%3D&reserved=0)
The National Lottery Community Fund, the UK's largest community funder, has revealed its new strategy and funding initiatives. The fund aims to have a significant impact on key social issues facing the UK through four missions. It will "turbo charge" support for grassroots projects by doubling to £20,000 the funding amount and term of its small grants programme, National Lottery Awards for All. Additionally, £15 million will be allocated to a programme connecting communities, and £9 million will be invested in climate action. The new strategy, "It starts with community," underpins the fund's goal of distributing at least £4 billion of National Lottery funding by 2030. The fund will focus on communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage, and discrimination. The strategy is the result of extensive consultation involving thousands of stakeholders.

[**Grants of up to £60,000 Available to Support Disadvantaged Communities (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.henrysmithcharity.org.uk%2Fexplore-our-grants-and-apply%2Fstrengthening-communities-grants%2Fstrengthening-communities-overview%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C33d47cb28c5c4b3f870d08db6d715c80%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638224105878602762%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0rRsEat%2FHaPACgXLarkZpygtuNhvGZ6pu%2BqWCsyYDSU%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of between £20,000 and £70,000 per year for up to three years are available to community-led charities and not-for-profit organisations working to support communities in the most deprived areas of the UK. The Henry Smith Charity's Strengthening Communities programme focuses on supporting the running costs of organisations working at grass-roots level, to ensure that funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas, targeting places that are economically marginalised and affected by poverty. Funding could be used to increase existing service provision, take on a new staff member, improve sustainability or cover small capital costs. Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made within 6 months.

[**New £40 Million Funding Programme for Biodiversity Research Projects (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2F40-million-biodiversity-research-programme-opens-for-applications&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C9efd9c6ee5a94937d50708db62904ec1%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638212144160299061%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vXpVLIwk0HpQ8tdUqniZ3N68rh9UTAi2f8wypRIwn08%3D&reserved=0)
The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs has announced a new £40 million funding programme to support research into natural solutions to climate change and poverty. Around £7 million will be delivered through the first round of the Global Centre on Biodiversity for Climate’s Official Development Assistance programme to deliver policy-relevant research on how the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity can help address climate change and improve livelihoods in countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa, and South East Asia and the Pacific. Applications for grants of up to £750,000 are accepted from a diverse range of UK and international partners, from non-governmental organisations to academic institutions. No application deadline has been given.

[**Funding Available to Support Social Businesses Raise Finance through Community Share Issues (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.powertochange.org.uk%2Four-work%2Four-programmes%2Fcommunity-shares-booster%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf7600251a87e4de73e0608db46fca035%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638181823053850998%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nS9Z%2FVIjpFvS4OzXItYI0lYgii0urHiGOO01%2BvNXzMk%3D&reserved=0)
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 the Quality of Life of Older People (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk%2Folder-people%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf01349e3a46c419b0f2008db4baa54f7%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638186967164145359%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=W2dEKQDmaNawhjU8iHWFSwW%2BzNOsqWPqrxifdN6WFaw%3D&reserved=0)
UK registered charities can apply for grants of up to £7,000 for projects that improve the quality of life of older people. The funding, which is made available through the Charles Hayward Foundation’s Small Grants programme, will support preventative and early intervention programmes that help older people to stay in their own homes and remain independent. Projects could include informal day care, or social, physical and recreational activities to reduce isolation and depression, practical assistance and support for those living at home, emotional and practical support for older caregivers, and programmes tailored to the needs of people with dementia. The funding is available to charities with an annual income of less than £350,000. Applications can be made at any time, and will be considered on a quarterly basis.

## Grants to Encourage Deaf Children & Young People to Participate in Activities or Learning (UK)

Grants of up to £150 are available to support deaf children and young people to get involved in events and activities, groups, and clubs across the UK.

The funding, which is made available through the National Deaf Children’s Society’s Inclusion grants, will support activities that help to build confidence, independence and development in deaf children and young people aged 5-18 years, particularly those from lower incomes and with more complex needs.

This could include initiatives such as after-school clubs, British Sign Language courses, and swimming lessons.

Applicants should be members of the National Deaf Children's Society.

Payments will be made directly to the person, organisation or business that provides the service (eg.: school, football club, Scout Association, recreation centre).

Applications can be made at any time.

For any questions please email inclusion.grants@ndcs.org.uk

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

## 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/>

[**Funding for Initiatives that Deliver Benefits to Local Communities (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.moto-way.com%2Fabout-us%2Fmitc-trust%2Fgrant-process%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C620abb84093f40a387d208db2c4ba56d%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638152475640453101%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=24vDL8FglqGxAdtcb4deK5rsoIpOmc626rytqgJMtoU%3D&reserved=0)
Charities, schools and community organisations operating within a 15-mile radius of a Moto Motorway Services site can apply for funding for projects and activities that deliver benefits to local communities across the UK. Moto in The Community Trust will fund different types of projects provided they directly benefit the communities where Moto is present or where it has a significant staff catchment. The average grant awarded is £1,000, however, larger grants maybe agreed. In addition, successful applicants will be able to promote their organisation at their Moto service area and will be entitled to one collection day per year in their nearest Moto. Please note that any application that is submitted should have the endorsement of a Moto colleague; that is someone directly employed by Moto Hospitality Ltd. Applications can be made at any time.

[**Grants to Help Disabled Young People to Compete in Sporting Events (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.getkidsgoing.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C92d79998179d4d4e636e08db2f655470%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638155884478596676%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7T2L1V4kGGPp8sgsBPLvnftIMf%2F9qR2kZfB035H6o6s%3D&reserved=0)
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 for an application form.

## Grants & Loans to Support Community Organisations (England & Wales)

Grants and affordable loans are available to support charities and social enterprises working to improve the lives of people in their local community. Through the Community Enterprise Fund, Social Investment Business (SIB), in partnership with the Asda Foundation, will award a mixture of grants and unsecured loans up to £50,000 (with maximum grants of up to 20%) to support community organisations across England and Wales. Loans will be available over four to seven years at an interest rate of 1-5%, and can be used for any purpose, excluding refinancing.

Organisations should contact SIB in the first instance to discuss their funding needs

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

## £76 Million Released from Dormant Accounts to Help Vulnerable People with the Cost of Living (England)

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has announced that £76 million will be redirected from dormant accounts to help vulnerable people with the cost of living, and assist social enterprises with innovative energy saving solutions.

Among the projects that will benefit from the Dormant Assets Scheme is one that includes no-interest loans for 69,000 individuals struggling with finances via a £45 million grant distributed by Fair4All Finance.

The Dormant Assets Scheme redirects money from forgotten accounts to good causes

Hundreds of charities and social enterprises will also receive support from a pot of £31 million, distributed by social investors Access and Big Society Capital, to retrofit premises with more efficient energy systems, such as new boilers or heat pumps, solar panels, and new lighting.

Further information will be made available in due course.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/millions-released-from-dormant-accounts-to-support-vulnerable-people-with-cost-of-living>

[**£700,000 Fund Launched to Grow Skilled Domestic Forestry Sector (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fguidance%2Fforestry-training-fund&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C95b671a881f04249cb9308db196481b0%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638131691692346588%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RHReZ%2Fgapb0gdBkpSbL9Xp02zysc%2FF5W4JKdWyJqOdk%3D&reserved=0)
The Forestry Commission, in partnership with the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, has launched a new fund to cover the training costs for short, practical forestry courses for individuals who want to start or develop a career in forestry. The Forestry Training Fund offers grants in the range of £150 to £3,000 to support a wide range of accredited training courses, teaching skills like chainsaw maintenance, coppicing, woodland management, marketing and selling timber, and fencing and hedge laying. Funding will be paid directly to the training provider for courses to be undertaken between April 2024 and March 2025. Applications can be made until March 2025 or until funding is exhausted.

**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)](https://www.wiltshirecf.org.uk/grants-and-support/groups/cost-of-living-response-grants/?dm_i=6MG6,P6L3,4KAC4E,35XOP,1)

[**Grants Available to Celebrate Important National Events (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk%2Ffunding%2Fprogrammes%2Fnational-lottery-awards-for-all-england&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C67699bf5035449b97f4c08dafdebefef%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638101487040024247%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UEzbkAyNUzPWuE86t75u%2Ftuj2uH1ijxnRSxpfcT38Z8%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**Additional Funding to Encourage Equal Access to School Sports (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sportengland.org%2Fnews%2Ftwo-year-extensions-school-games-organiser-and-pe-and-sport-premium-funding&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C600ec0a37e354fe65c5d08db2465f4be%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638143792549156126%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Kbd5nWykuKhatISzcu4MsA0Qa5Y%2BcqGLobggsds1G%2FM%3D&reserved=0)
Schools in England are to benefit from an extra two years in government funding to help boost sport and activities both inside and outside school hours, and ensure equal access for boys and girls. Over £600 million in funding has been allocated for the PE and Sport Premium to improve the quality of PE and sports in primary schools to help children benefit from regular activity. Headteachers can choose how best to spend this funding including on teacher training, offering more opportunities for pupils to take part in competition and widening the range of sports for both boys and girls including football, tennis, cricket and hockey. An additional £22 million will be available for the School Games Organisers network. Schools will receive updated guidance this summer setting out how to use the funding.

[**Transformational Grants for Small Charities and Not for Profit Organisations (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thefore.org%2Fapplying-for-funding%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ca257f438caac498d1d9708dadcdd909b%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638065141430004898%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pi02FLZVGTdoXnyic6mVW64T%2FLjK2IsejHK3fAYHhUk%3D&reserved=0)
From 10 am on the 12th December 2022, small organisations working with marginalised groups will be able to apply for grants of up to £30,000 for projects and activities that have the potential to have a transformational impact on their organisation. Transformational impact includes helping an organisations become more sustainable, more efficient, to grow significantly or enabling an organisation to take a major step forward of some kind. The funding is being made available through The Fore, a seed funder for the non-profit sector. The funding is available to any registered charity, CIC, CIO or Community Benefit Society with a turnover of under £500,000 in the last financial year. To apply for funding, organisations must first register some basic contact details at the start of each funding round. The number of registrations accepted for each round is capped and registrations are run on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the cap is reached, the round is closed, so please register early.

[**Grants of up to £10,000 to Support Grassroots Charities (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.foylefoundation.org.uk%2Fsmall-grants-scheme%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C07f6ad7baf4f4ecb035808dcc28ddc02%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638599161740208506%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tPtqcUtRUbaR%2BAUE4wqPNzfpMt%2Bwqb%2Bg%2F4mj5InPgg0%3D&reserved=0)
Grants of up to £10,000 are available to support small, grassroots and local charities currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community across the UK. The funding, which is being made available through Foyle Foundation’s Small Grants Scheme, can be used to cover projects, core costs, building projects, or essential equipment to enable ongoing service provision for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services. The Foyle Foundation will complete its grant-giving programme in 2025, and the closing date for applications is the 31st of January 2025.

[**Applications Invited for BBC Children in Need’s Project Grants (UK, Isle of Man & Channel Islands)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk%2Fgrants%2Fapply%2Fproject-costs-funding-stream%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cccd71e9f119a41781b2408dac233216d%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638035822110172295%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Rnyc%2BZI5BQYv%2BqtuFbbw%2FDM6nSHY3FGgOPhP1yUheXc%3D&reserved=0)
As part of its new grant-making strategy, BBC Children in Need is awarding grants of up to £40,000 per year for up to three years to support the projects costs of registered charities and not-for-profit organisations (including Special Schools) working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years or under living in the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. The funding will support the delivery of a specific piece of work (project), and could be spent on project staff costs, trips and outings, volunteer expenses and/or moveable equipment. Groups requesting £15,000 or less will receive a quicker decision. Expressions of interest should be submitted in the first instance. Applications can be made 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>

[**Funding for Primary School Breakfast Clubs (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.greggsfoundation.org.uk%2Fbreakfast-clubs&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ca9ed6e94f18b4d7730af08dce9d573f4%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638642350258041874%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2kmXTxQKIPjhs0G12WtlJ802g05RMVva0rigfxx%2B7tY%3D&reserved=0)
Grants are available for UK schools interested in opening free breakfast clubs. The Greggs Foundation will provide an initial start-up grant for equipment such as chest freezers to store food items or toys and activities for the club and a funding towards the running costs. The average club costs £3,500 to set up and run for a year based on 65 children. Schools should be able to attract adult volunteers to help run the scheme, which must show that at least 40% of their pupils qualify for free school meals and that the school serves a disadvantaged community. Each term, Payments are made towards other food items, and Greggs plc donates bread from the nearest shop. Although applications can be made anytime, there is currently a waiting list for funding.

**[Kellogg’s Breakfast Club Grants Programme re-opens for Applications (UK)](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforevermanchester.com%2Fkelloggs-breakfast-club-programme%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cdb57db906ed9458d755b08dc379197d9%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638446345660833216%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Wa19UlYUm1UyDL6oKoJVLUfqQ5V4vEvH9mszk41OlXs%3D&reserved=0)**
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.

[**Funding for School Breakfast Clubs (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.magicbreakfast.com%2Fapply-for-magic-breakfast-provision&data=05%7C02%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cf7582c08ded84bd3d57f08dc00921979%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638385874703793036%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Sv5C0%2BBpwUF8ZMRgEDgVGD%2BLC8sWxcFxNAGcKb0kK6o%3D&reserved=0)
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.

[**National School Breakfast Programme (England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.family-action.org.uk%2Fwhat-we-do%2Fchildren-families%2Fbreakfast%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C8c880c17994e4b97995e08dad1e07b5d%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638053060540116780%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aOdOobo2JnUIKWo3M4qSs3hfPhXnR4jPCcMEObb%2BH3M%3D&reserved=0)
The Department for Education has announced that Schools in disadvantaged can apply for a 75% subsidy for breakfast club provision until July 2024. 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.

## 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](https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/our-network)

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

[**Funding to Support Community Transport Schemes for the Disabled (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.motability.org.uk%2Fcharitable-grants%2Fgrants-to-charities-and-organisations%2Fcommunity-transport-grants%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cd850aa8d53804d06fcce08daac1fb0ad%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638011549363605593%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9rI8OAkMrE5zzRJ9kOVWC8Z%2FxFg%2BlWxOcMRRQH8UR4Q%3D&reserved=0)
Charities and organisations working in the Community Transport sector catering for disabled people can apply for grants ranging from £100,000 to £4 million to expand and improve community transport options. The funding which is being made available through Motability, can support staff or volunteer training and costs; the increase in the number of vehicles available in the community to help organisations support disabled people; local, regional, or national initiatives to increase awareness of community transport and influence its inclusion in transport strategy and policy; programmes and initiatives that already exist, and who provide best practice solutions, but need further support to remain operational or scale up the service they can provide to help more disabled people. There is a two stage application process.  Stage 1 applications can be submitted at any time and will be accessed within 4 weeks. Organisations successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application. The programme will run until March 2025.

[**Grants of up to £10,000 Available for Community Projects (South & South West of England)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.crowdfunder.co.uk%2Ffunds%2Fsovereign-communities&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Cd850aa8d53804d06fcce08daac1fb0ad%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638011549363605593%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=T5uj9Hya%2FpbLJnberw7xlKbtylbnOAoiFe5p0SFdfQ8%3D&reserved=0)
Housing association, Sovereign, has teamed up with Crowdfunder to launch the Sovereign Thriving Communities Fund to support projects that benefit their residents and communities in the South and South West of England. Groups and charities based within three miles of Sovereign homes can apply for up to 50 per cent of their crowdfunding target, up to a maximum of £10,000, to support projects that match one or more of the following themes: health and well-being; education; social inclusion; co-creation and building partnerships; sustainable communities; community cohesion; climate change; LGBTQIA+; and cost of living support. The funds are subject to availability. Those applying must indicate their target fundraising amount and set a deadline.

**[Loan Programme to Help Charities with Rising Energy Costs (England)](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bigissue.com%2Finvest%2Fbig-energy-saving-loans%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7Ca1da98d1038c438a452408dabd7953e8%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638030626041517647%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HwxvrBMUa0aHJsW5zoSfDq492zhQUyOFkL2NCFcdB7Y%3D&reserved=0)**
Charities and social enterprises in England which are struggling with rising energy costs can apply for unsecured loans of between £20,000 and £150,000 to install energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. The lending programme will enable organisations to save money on energy by installing a variety of measures such as more efficient lights, insulation or heat pumps, replacing old boilers systems with new efficient ones, double glazing improvements, and systematic draught improvements to help keep costs down. The funding is being made available by Big Issue Invest through their Big Energy Saving Loans. Organisations should register their interest in the first instance.

[**£5 Million Fund Launched to Support Youth Organisations Facing Higher Costs (UK)**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ukyouth.org%2Fcostofliving%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdaphne.marston%40naturalengland.org.uk%7C71f476f966c84d143a9708db05bfcfef%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638110093619624028%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qQaEiXKGG843Yj0t%2B275FsmW6ZjwpgYh4oEpSkC44HQ%3D&reserved=0)
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.

**Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Marine Environment Fund**

The Fund:

The Marine Environment Fund is focused on stimulating widespread community education and engagement in marine environmental action and research across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The programme will support existing projects and new ideas, encouraging innovative initiatives that engage with the community. We are looking to fund projects that address one of the following themes:

1. Community Action: Projects centred on instigating, continuing or expanding community involvement in mitigating the impact of pollution or climate change on our coast.
2. Improving infrastructure: Projects centred on providing the means through which locals and visitors can better care for the marine environment.
3. Innovation: Projects which create new and innovative ways to solve the problems of littering, pollution and climate change in Cornwall.

As part of the assessment process, we will seek to understand and collect details on community involvement and environmental impact.  Grants will ordinarily range between £1,000 - £5,000, although other amounts may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Eligibility to Apply

Applications can be considered from not for profit community groups, organisations or social enterprises operating in Cornwall. You don’t need to be a registered charity, but your activities must be considered charitable, and you must have the following:

* A recognised governing document e.g. Constitution, Articles which outlines the organisation’s objectives and it must have a Dissolution Clause.
* A minimum of three unrelated members on your Management Committee or Board of Trustees. If you are a registered charity, your trustees should be registered with the Charity Commission.
* If you are working with children and/or people at risk, you must have a Safeguarding Policy in place. This should include your Safeguarding Officer’s name/s and contact details and information on the training that staff / volunteers undertake.
* Up to date annual accounts for your organisation or group.
* A bank account in the organisation or group’s name which requires two unrelated signatories for all withdrawals.
* Current, relevant insurance policies.

They do not fund\*:

* Commercial, profit making organisations
* Groups with a significant free reserve balance
* Statutory/public sector organisations
* Contributions to an endowment, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
* Grant making organisations or bodies who fundraise or distribute grants on behalf of other organisations
* Retrospective grants
* Regional offices of national bodies that do not have their own local accounts and management committee and benefit local people
* Groups whose beneficiaries are not people
* Projects intended to influence people’s religious choices or to promote a particular belief system. The promotion of political causes\*This list is not exhaustive.

Application Timeline: Applications can be accepted at any time but will be considered at quarterly Grants Awarding Panel meetings. These are generally held in January, April, July & October each year. Whilst there is no set deadline, to allow time for assessments to be completed, applications need to be received by mid-way through the month preceding the Grant Awarding Panel meeting to be considered at the next upcoming meeting.

Application Form:

The application form can be accessed here: [Marine Environment Fund Application Form](https://ukcommunityfoundation.my.salesforce-sites.com/forms/CCFonlineformenvironmentalimpact)