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* This Compendium of Rolling Community Funding Programmes provides a snapshot of available funding for the arts, community and voluntary sectors and is updated regularly.

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* **Derry City & Strabane District Council** provides free access to a **Community Funding Portal, provided by Idox**, **for those residing within the Council area**. This online tool allows you to browse, search and create tailored searches to identify your own funding opportunities. Follow the links to register and/or log-in [here](https://funding.idoxopen4community.co.uk/derrystrabane_com)
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**Architectural Heritage Fund (NI)- Three Funds for NI**

For both the **Project Viability Grant** and **Project Development Grant** (see details below), please download and read the Guidance and Help Notes before applying. You are also strongly encouraged to discuss any potential application with the NI Support Officer before submitting an application. **We generally expect applicants to cover at least 50% of the cost of the work**.

* **Project Viability Grant or Village Catalyst Grant (PVG)**

Project Viability Grants (PVG) **up to a maximum of £10,000** are to fund studies to look at **potential uses for a building and at its current condition and produce a Viability Report to a standard template**. Successful completion of this will be used to judge whether applicants can then apply for the AHF’s Project Development Grant funding and can be used to secure further funding elsewhere.

[Download Programme Guidance Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/ahf_ni_guidelines_february_v31_2022.docx)

[Download Village Catalyst Programme Guidance Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/village_catalyst_guidance_may22.pdf)

[Download Application Help Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/ahf_ni_help_notes_may_2022.docx)

[Download Viability Report Template](https://ahfund.org.uk/pvgreport/)

[Download Viability Report Guidance](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/ahf_project_viability_appraisal_guidance_non-tpth2020-1.pdf)

* **Project Development Grant or Village Catalyst Grant (PDG)**

The Project Development Grant (PDG) scheme offers **a maximum grant of £20,000** to assist an organisation **to cover some of the costs of developing and co-ordinating a project and taking it towards the start of work on site.** To qualify, an organisation must have established that the end use of the project is likely to be viable and have decided to take the project forward.

[Download Guidance Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/ahf_ni_guidelines_february_v31_2022.docx)

[Download Village Catalyst Programme Guidance Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/village_catalyst_guidance_may22.pdf)

[Download Application Help Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/ahf_ni_help_notes_may_2022.docx)

This grant is administered on a rolling basis. We aim to let you know whether you have been successful within six weeks.

* **Delivery Support Fund**

This Fund provides grants of up to £200k to cover a shortfall between project costs and community resources to carry out capital works to a historic building to deliver a use that helps to tackle rural poverty and social isolation. Request an application form from: [villagecatalystsupport@communities-ni.gov.uk](mailto:villagecatalystsupport@communities-ni.gov.uk)

[Northern Ireland | The Architectural Heritage Fund (ahfund.org.uk)](https://ahfund.org.uk/grants/northern-ireland/)

**Arts & Business NI Investment Programme**

Funding is available to support **the development of mutually beneficial partnerships between business, the arts and the public sector in NI**. The Programme seeks to increase private sector investment into the arts by supporting arts organisations in developing sustainable relationships with business. The initiative provides **a maximum of £15,000 to an artist or arts partner in any one financial year (April to March) or for any one project.**

All Investment Programme projects must demonstrate:

* Potential to develop a clear sustainable relationship between both parties.
* Value for money.
* Ability to manage and deliver a partnership.
* Focus on delivering business objectives.
* Appropriate plans for project evaluation.

The funding is to be used for projects of the following types:

* New - the business partner invests in the arts to deliver business objectives for the first time.
* Deeper - an arts activity that worked in one part of a business is extended to another area of the company, embedding arts activity within the business and its strategy.

Partnerships are required to provide **an appropriate amount of match funding for their Arts and Business NI investment**. In-kind investment included within a project as an element of the business contribution will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Both partners should complete the application and budget form.

This is a competitive application process, assessed by a panel of judges convened by Arts & Business NI. For more info contact: [info@artsandbusinessni.org.uk](mailto:info@artsandbusinessni.org.uk)

Next deadline: **28 March 2025**

<https://www.artsandbusinessni.org.uk/arts-membership/investment-programme>

**Arts Council NI/ National Lottery Support for Individual Artists Prog – Travel Awards**

**The Travel Awards Scheme is a rolling programme. Applications must be received at least 4 weeks before the intended date of travel. All applications must relate to travel with a departure date within 6 months of the date of an application.**

These awards enable individual artists and established music groups (up to 2 members) to travel from Northern Ireland to develop their skills and expertise. Applicants must provide evidence that they have been invited by a host organisation in the country to which they intend to travel.

Artists, bands and managers who have been invited to play an international showcasing festival or conference in North America or Europe (for example, SXSW, WOMEX, Folk Alliance International, Classical: Next or Jazz Ahead) should apply to the International Showcase Fund (ISF), delivered by the PRS for Music Foundation in partnership with the Arts Council of Northern Ireland and Invest Northern Ireland.

**The Arts Council of Northern Ireland welcomes applications from the widest possible range of individuals, representing all categories under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. We particularly welcome applications by disabled artists and by artists from the generally unionist community as applications from both these demographics are currently under-represented across our programmes aimed at individuals.**

<https://artscouncil-ni.org/funding-for-individuals/siap-travel-awards>

**Community Foundation NI – Micro Community Investment Fund**

**Funding of up to £1,500** will provide valuable investment for community initiatives making a difference in towns and villages across NI. The fund will enable those small organisations who are **making the lives of others in their communities better, by improving their financial, physical, and mental wellbeing**.

**We want to support smaller, grassroots organisations delivering great work.** You do not have to have a constitution to apply to this fund.  We will discuss your project with you in advance of application if you do not have certain governance requirements for funding in place.

For this reason, whilst groups with an income of up to £30,000 per annum are eligible to apply **preference will be given to groups with an income of up to £10,000.**

Applications are sought to support both **new and existing activities and projects that enhance the financial, physical and/or mental wellbeing of people in communities**. We will support new or existing community initiatives that have a particular focus on addressing the challenges people are facing around the rising cost of living.

Applications for funding must target one of the themes below:

* Projects promoting **inclusion and belonging**, particularly to enhance the physical and mental well-being of the local community
* Projects that **strengthen the capacity of individuals to engage with a range of available digital services in order to help manage their money in a digital age**
* Projects that **enhance people’s financial knowledge** through financial education programmes
* Projects **promoting physical activity** which uses the assets located within the area
* Projects that improve the ability of individuals **to access mental health and wellbeing services** either i) directly, through the provision of support or ii) indirectly, through education/awareness raising programmes
* Projects that encourage **the active participation of individuals in their own mental wellbeing.** Projects should aim to promote increased independence/resilience in relation to an individual’s mental health.

**NOTE:**

* If you are applying as a non-constituted organisation, please contact the Grants Team in advance of starting your application
* This is **a rolling fund** and it is expected that **the second round of funding will be allocated in March 2025**.
* **We expect a high level of interest in this fund.  Depending on funding available, we therefore may decide to close for applications within a relatively short space of time, if we do not have enough funds to meet the demand for support.**
* **In 2023 the success rate for applications to this fund was 40%**
* If you are unsure about any of the above text or have any other queries then please contact the Grants Team on 028 9024 5927 or via e-mail: [applications@communityfoundationni.org](mailto:applications@communityfoundationni.org)

<https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/micro-community-investment-fund/>

**Northern Ireland Screen Funding Programmes**

NI Screen is committed to maximising the economic, cultural and educational value of the screen industries and offers various funding programmes in this regard. Check individual funding programmes below for deadline dates:

* **Economic**

[Development](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/funding/development/) – scripted and non-scripted projects, development slates and interactive content

[Production](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/funding/production/) – feature film (including feature documentaries), television drama, animation, factual/entertainment television and interactive content.

* **Cultural**

Cultural funds include the [Irish Language Broadcast Fund (ILBF)](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/irish-language-broadcast-fund/) and the [Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund (USBF)](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/news/ulster-scots-broadcast-fund/).

* **Educational**

[Skills and Training](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/skills/)

* **Sectional Funding**

[Film Education](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/education/); [Digital Film Archive](http://digitalfilmarchive.net/); [Cultural Cinema and Film Festivals](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/culture/);

For more details, see: <https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/funding/what-we-fund/>

**NI Housing Executive – Social Enterprise Plus Programme**

The funding is intended to **stimulate economic activity among people living or working in Housing Executive communities**. The programme offers **Building Capacity Awards of up to £10,000 to support the development of existing social enterprises**.

Building Capacity Awards are aimed at social enterprises and community organisations who want to grow a viable business either by creating employment or training opportunities or a product/service to benefit the community, or an innovative partnership which brings new benefits to a Housing Executive community. The focus is on trading for sustainability and growth.

Applications for Building Capacity Awards will be accepted from community based social enterprises and community focused organisations. Applicants must demonstrate how Housing Executive communities will benefit as a result of the award. The funding is used to support social business activities demonstrating outcomes in the following priority areas:

* **Reduction of negative effects of the cost-of-living crisis.**
* **Energy and net carbon/environmental impact.**
* **Preparing social enterprises for social clauses within Government contracts, including Housing Executive maintenance contracts.**

Applications will be assessed against relevance to the Social Enterprise Plus Strategy 2020-2024, meeting the listed priority areas and suitability for public sector finance support.Application details and related documents can be found on the Northern Ireland Housing Executive website.

<https://www.nihe.gov.uk/community/social-enterprise/social-enterprise-plus-programme>

**British Council Arts Opportunities (UK)**

A full list of current international opportunities for practitioners and organisations – including open calls for projects abroad is available at the link below. <https://www.britishcouncil.org/arts/opportunities>

The following funds are also currently open:

* **International Showcase Fund**

This fund is a rolling programme (no deadlines) and offers grants of **up to £5,500 for international export opportunities for UK-based artists, bands, songwriters and producers who have been invited to perform or create new music at international industry facing showcasing festivals, song writing camps or conferences**. Our partnership with PRS Foundation to support this opportunity is specifically designed to enable UK artists to perform and collaborate at festivals and showcase opportunities across sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, South East Asia and Latin America.

<https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/international/international-showcase-fund/international-showcase-fund-guidance-and-faqs/>

* **Film Travel Grants Fund**

These grants are designed **to enable filmmakers to represent work abroad, develop new contacts and networks, and reach new audiences**. It is particularly created to increase the exposure of new and emerging UK films, XR projects and talent on an international stage.

**Open to:** UK filmmakers and XR creatives.

**Grants:** awards for short and feature film festival grants range from £100 to £1,500 but will not normally exceed £750. Awards for XR projects are divided into two tiers: travel only (£100 to £1,500) and a limited number of travel / technical grants for larger scale showcasing, capped at £7,000.

**Deadline:** there are no deadlines; this is a rolling fund. Applications must be made in advance of travel and we cannot fund events that have already taken place.

https://film.britishcouncil.org/opportunities/travel-grants-fund

**Horizon Europe (EU funding – UK is now fully eligible)**

Horizon Europe is an EU research and innovation programme. It has a budget of €95.5 billion and runs until 2027. The UK will associate to Horizon Europe. This means **UK scientists, researchers and businesses will be able to access funding under the programme on equivalent terms as organisations in EU countries**. We therefore strongly encourage researchers, businesses, and innovators in the UK and worldwide to continue to work together in **establishing global consortia to bid for funding.** Note that under this programme, funding is available for research into **cultural heritage and the cultural and creative industries**, with themes such as **green and digital cultural heritage, cultural and creative industries as drivers of innovation and competitiveness, traditional crafts for the future, games & society, and competitive European music ecosystem and filmmaking industry**. 

See the following guidance content on Horizon Europe:

* [**Horizon Europe overview**](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/horizon-europe/)
* [**apply for Horizon Europe funding**](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/horizon-europe/apply-for-funding/#contents-list)
* [**find partners and collaborators for Horizon Europe**](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/horizon-europe/find-partners-and-collaborators/#contents-list)
* [**get guidance and help with Horizon Europe**](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/horizon-europe/get-guidance-and-help/#contents-list).

Contact the relevant officer in the NI Contact Point network to get support with your application under the next call.

<https://horizoneuropeni.com/supportcontacts/>

**Motability Foundation – Six Grants**

Our programmes are based on research and insight which shows where our grant-funding can have the biggest impact for disabled people. **They help to address the challenges that disabled people face accessing transport right now, while we continue our own research and innovation work into longer-term solutions to make all transport accessible.**

We have six grant programmes available for charities and organisations to apply for:

* [Community Transport](https://www.motabilityfoundation.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/community-transport-grants/)
* [Wheelchair Sector](https://www.motabilityfoundation.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/wheelchair-sector-grant-programme/)
* [Research](https://www.motabilityfoundation.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/research-grant-programme/)
* [Active Travel](https://www.motabilityfoundation.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/active-travel-grant-programme/)
* [Travelling with Confidence](https://www.motabilityfoundation.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/travelling-with-confidence-grants/)
* [Reducing Barriers to Driving](https://www.motabilityfoundation.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/reducing-barriers-to-driving-grant/)

**Charities and organisations can apply for grants from £50,000 up to £4 million – see the details for each grant by clicking on the links above.** Each application will be assessed consistently against our criteria to ensure fair and transparent awarding of funding and to deliver the greatest impact to as many disabled people as possible.

We aim to respond to enquiries regarding the grants to charities and organisations programmes within 5 working days. We are committed to continuing our support for disabled people through these six programmes, using £50 million of the donation we received this year.

**This new funding will be available for charities and organisations, including existing grant-holders, to apply for in 2025. Check our webpage for updates.**

[Grants to Organisations and Charities | Charitable Grants | Motability Foundation](https://www.motabilityfoundation.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/)

**Archives Revealed – Scoping Grants**

Archives Revealed is the only grant programme in the UK dedicated to **the unlocking of archival collections.  Grants of up to £3,000 are available to public sector bodies, registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations in the UK to help analyse collections, supporting development of future plans for cataloguing priorities and projects.**

**The funding is for consultancy services, to enable the scoping of collections**. The programme funds an expert report, to assess significant and unknown collections that may be of public value. To be eligible, applicants must make their collections accessible to people outside of their organisation for at least ten years, following the conclusion of the grant-funded project.

Organisations with owned or deposited collections can apply as long as they can provide a commitment from the depositor that the collection will not be withdrawn from public access or sold within ten years of the project end date.

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-revealed/scoping-grant/>

**National Archives: Resilience Grants**

The Resilience Grants programme has been designed to support **archive services, organisations with archives, and archives networks to be adaptable, resilient and sustainable, creating lasting solutions that enable them to respond to change, and contribute to communities and the economy.**

**This grant is open to all eligible archives organisations with archives (including heritage organisations) and archive networks in the UK. Public sector bodies, not-for-profit organisations including registered charities, and for-profit organisations including business archives can apply for grants of up to £20,000 for projects lasting up to one year.**

The fund can cover most things associated with resilience-building activities that the organisation has identified as a priority. Projects could include, but are not limited to:

* Proposals that would lead to increased organisational stability, including long-term organisational, financial and strategic planning.
* Increased staffing capacity and enhanced skills.
* Reduced costs.
* Increased income.
* Improving capacity to develop, care for and enrich collections, physically and digitally.
* Ensuring that collections are safely preserved, including digitally.
* Work on diversity, equity and inclusion.
* Responses to climate change, such as developing energy-efficiency within an archives service.
* Strategic development of existing archive networks or establishment of new networks with a clear strategic focus.

There are two funding rounds per year.

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/grants-and-funding/resilience-grants/>

**National Lottery Heritage Grants** **(£250,000 t0 £10M)**

National Lottery Heritage Grants funding programme is **for all types of heritage projects in the UK.** They accept applications from not-for-profit organisations, private owners of a heritage asset and partnerships.

Applications must consider their four [**investment principles**](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/pTiwCBLNqSVlJzPC6VhlH21W0l?domain=nicva.us2.list-manage.com) under their 10-year strategy, Heritage 2033: saving heritage, protecting the environment, inclusion, access and participation, and organisational sustainability.

You must first submit an [**Expression of Interest**](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/d0nZCD91vhBOrDjf53t4HjbetC?domain=nicva.us2.list-manage.com) and, if you are successful, you will be invited to apply. **Deadlines are quarterly**.

[National Lottery Heritage Grants £250,000 to £10million | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/national-lottery-heritage-grants-250k-10m)

**THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND (NLCF) - SUMMARY**

The National Lottery Community Fund is the largest community funder in the UK. They distribute good causes money, raised through the National Lottery, to VCSE organisations across the UK to support amazing community-led projects. They have a range of funding options available. **Full details of their programmes in Northern Ireland can be accessed at:**

[www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/northern-ireland](http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/northern-ireland)

They’re looking to make a bigger difference in the years ahead, by listening and responding to communities and by focusing on supporting bolder change. Thanks to National Lottery players, they plan to distribute at least £4 billion of funding by 2030. Supporting projects that will create resilient communities that are more inclusive and environmentally sustainable. Projects that will strengthen society and improve lives across the UK. [It Starts with Community](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/WCtLCqY71I8KOYNFQZXan?domain=tnlcommunityfund.org.uk) outlines their strategy between now and 2030.

**National Lottery - Awards for All NI**

Grants of between **£300 and £20,000** for projects lasting up to two years. Groups can now only hold one National Lottery Awards for All grant at a time, and groups that have applied for up to £10,000 before 15 November 2023 will not be able to apply for more funding until their project is complete.

You can apply if your organisation is a:

* voluntary or community organisation
* registered charity
* constituted group or club
* not-for-profit company or Community Interest Company
* school (as long as your project is not within school hours or considered part of the curriculum and has wider community benefit)
* statutory body (including town, parish and community council).

They’re keen to fund smaller organisations too so will look at your income when they’re making decisions. The funding priorities of the programme remain the same:

* Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities.
* Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.
* Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.
* Support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis.

The National Lottery Community fund have made a few changes around how they fund sports, arts and heritage projects. They’re looking for projects where the main aim is to strengthen your community in some way. To make sure this is the right funding option for you[read their guidance](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/QXP3Cvol1C7pWw8FoRwS5?domain=tnlcommunityfund.org.uk). If this programme isn’t suitable for your project idea, check out the funding available through other [National Lottery distributors](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/L9b9CwmV1uGJLlxF8Vpne?domain=lotterygoodcauses.org.uk).

[https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/awards-for-all-northern-ireland](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/LgbWCxvngi1nJEvh2_ipT?domain=tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

**National Lottery Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Future**

The aim of the programme is **to support community-led projects to inspire more people to take climate action by linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities**, and by linking up different groups across locations. This could be in one country, or across the whole UK. The type of actions supported could include:

* Engaging communities through **arts, sports, or other interests** to link climate action to their daily lives.
* **Influencing policy at regional or national levels** through public engagement campaigns.
* **Involving underrepresented groups in climate action**, particularly those new to it or facing disadvantage.
* **Testing innovative engagement methods** to find the most effective ways to involve diverse groups in climate action.
* **Expanding successful local initiatives to a national scale** by sharing effective approaches.

To be eligible, applications must be submitted by **partnerships consisting of a mix of organisations and sectors, and smaller groups working locally.** This includes:

* voluntary and community organisations
* registered charities
* charitable incorporated organisations
* not-for-profit organisations
* community interest companies
* schools, colleges, and universities (as long as the project benefits and involves the wider local communities)
* public sector organisations
* co-operative societies

**The minimum grant that can be applied for is £500,000; however, most projects are expected to receive funding of between £1 million and £1.5 million over 3 to 5 years.**

A small number of larger or longer projects may also be funded.It is anticipated that up to 25 projects will be funded.

**Open until Spring 2025 – final deadline to be confirmed.**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-our-shared-future>

**The (National Lottery) UK Fund**

Created last summer, the UK Fund has been ­­a significant commitment to the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) new strategy ‘It Starts with Community’ ( [new strategy, ‘It starts with community](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/WCtLCqY71I8KOYNFQZXan?domain=tnlcommunityfund.org.uk) ) which aims to tackle social issues facing UK communities.

In its first year, the UK Fund focused on supporting communities to connect in ways that better fit changing lives. A year on, NLCF is increasing the focus and investment in **creating lasting change for children and young people as part of its community-led mission to support communities to help children and young people thrive.**

Grants of between **£500,000 and £5 million are available for not-for-profit projects that run for 2 to 10 years.** The funding is intended to increase the impact of what is already being done.

**Projects need to:**

* Benefit communities across the UK (by working in different locations, or by sharing learning between countries).
* Scale up their impact by expanding their work (by helping more people or doing more for people they already work with).
* Support people experiencing poverty, disadvantage, and discrimination.
* Help make significant changes to services or systems that affect people’s everyday lives.

Projects **must also meet at least one** of the following aims:

* Improve relationships between people with different life experiences.
* Help people and communities who find it difficult to meet face-to-face to make meaningful connections online.
* Help people from all backgrounds to influence the future of their communities.
* Help children and young people facing specific challenges change the systems that affect them.
* Help more organisations to involve and listen to children and young people.

[The UK Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/the-uk-fund)

**CHARITIES, TRUSTS, FOUNDATIONS**

**AB Charitable Trust: Open Grants Programme**

Open programme grants are usually between **£10,000** to **£20,000** and awarded annually.  
We support work that **promotes human dignity and defends the human rights of marginalised and excluded people**. We currently fund organisations working in [three priority areas](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/sgxjCQ0nMfGZEmCxKj5w_?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com) **: Migrants and Refugees, Criminal Justice and Penal Reform, Human Rights, particularly Access to Justice.**

Our Grants Committee meets four times a year and deadlines are at the end of January, April, July and October – check website. Applications are made through an online form and you can [**download a PDF**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/O1XqCRoONC9Zk8S94r6t0?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)to view the questions.

<https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/apply>

**abrdn Financial Fairness Trust**

This funding is intended for **strategic work, including policy work, campaigning and research, which has the potential to improve ﬁnancial wellbeing at a national scale.** The Foundation is interested in funding projects that examine and promote measures to:

* Increase incomes for those on low-to-middle incomes.
* Ensure people have an adequate safety net, building savings and assets.
* Reduce the cost of living, making sure those on lower incomes are not paying more.
* Address issues related to spending and borrowing, particularly where it becomes problematic.

There is no minimum or maximum size of grant, but **typically grants range between £10,000 and £200,000, with most being between £50,000 and £120,000 in total.** The funding may be spread over one, two or three years, and sometimes shorter periods, for example six months. The Foundation makes between 15 and 20 grants each year, awarding a total of over £2 million. Applicants may need to seek other sources of funding to compliment this award to meet total project costs.

The grant can be used for **project costs and for ongoing costs, including staff salaries and overheads. The Trust’s grant programme is focussed on three areas (Income, Spending and Assets) that inﬂuence ﬁnancial wellbeing**. Within each area, there are speciﬁc issues that the Foundation aims to address and to be eligible for funding, projects should help to support at least one of these issues.

There is a two-stage application process. It takes around four to ﬁve months from the application deadline to receiving a decision from the Trustees. Applicants will ﬁnd out if they are shortlisted within two months of the application deadline.

In January 2024, the Trust launched a **Climate Change and Household Finances in the UK** **programme**. The programme aims to support projects focused on the household finances of people on low-to-middle incomes in the UK during the transition to Net Zero and adjustment to climate change. **Projects must focus on Net Zero and financial wellbeing within one of the main funding programme themes: income, assets and spending.** Funding can be used for project and ongoing costs, including staff salaries and overheads. **Applicants to the Climate Change and Household Finances in the UK programme must contact Abrdn Financial Fairness Trust before applying.**

<https://www.financialfairness.org.uk/en/funding>

**Action Renewables PV (solar panel) Support Programme for the Charity Sector** **(NI)**

The purpose of this Programme is to fund projects to install solar electricity panels, also known as photovoltaics (PV), in the charity sector and in schools. This helps organisations reduce their environmental impact and make a financial impact through generation/cost savings. T**o be eligible applicants must:**

* Have a long-term lease on their building - long-term being defined as 5+ years.
* Satisfy a feasibility study with a baseload demand greater than 12kW.
* Agree to install a 12kW PV on target property - 3 phase commercial connection.
* Where their building is rented or leased, have permission from their landlord for the project, and an agreement in place in the event of the landlord selling the property.

**Applications may be made at any time while funding remains available. Installations will be selected on a first-come/first-served basis.**

<https://actionrenewables.co.uk/charitable-activities>

**Alec Dickson Trust** (Volunteering projects run by under 30s)

Grants of **up to £500** are available to support volunteering projects which are organised and run by young people (under 30 years).

Projects should enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society. The Trust aims to support projects which**:**

1. **encourage youth volunteering**
2. **have a positive impact on disadvantaged communities and individuals; and**
3. **are innovative and try to do things a bit differently, such as using social media**

**creatively or using existing resources in new ways.**

<http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/>

**Allen Lane Foundation**

The Foundation provides grants to UK **small registered charities, voluntary groups and charitable organisations**. The funding is for work that focuses on **specific groups that experience marginalisation and/or discrimination.** The Foundation has sharpened the focus of beneficiaries, **particularly in the first three categories and the last (children/young people).**

The following focus on adults only:

* **Asylum seekers and refugees** – support work to benefit refugees, asylum seekers, and refused asylum seekers, including those held in detention. **The focus has been changed to** **women only**. The focus is on those women who are seeking asylum in the UK, and female refugees who have been through the asylum system; rather than people who arrive in the UK through community sponsorship or via resettlement schemes.
* **Offenders and ex-offenders** – support for penal reform and fund groups working with offenders in prison and out in the community. **The focus now is solely on organisations supporting** **female offenders, and those in prison for violence against women.**
* Older People – funding is focused on projects that benefit isolated elderly people (generally aged 70+) including those with dementia. **There will now be a greater focus on specific areas of work for the elderly especially for those in rural and more deprived areas.**
* **People affected by violence or abuse** – work that supports **both men and women** who are, or have in the past been, affected by violence or abuse. This includes projects supporting people affected by rape and sexual abuse, domestic abuse, stalking, trafficking, prostitution and modern slavery, honour-based abuse, female genital mutilation, and forced marriage. The funding can also support work with perpetrators aiming to lessen isolation and prevent the risk of further abuse.
* **Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities** – support groups within these communities and organisations that work to benefit them. Funding can support work that raises awareness of the issues Gypsy and Traveller communities face, and work to combat hate crime, stigma, discrimination and inequalities, including the lack of appropriate accommodation or other service provision.
* **People with mental health issues** – support for mental health charities and projects that benefit people with moderate or severe mental health issues.

In addition, there is funding for work with:

* **Young people – aged 12-21** who are vulnerable, socially excluded or marginalised **with a focus on those who are persistently absent from school; school leavers with no qualifications; and young people in/leaving care.**

The Foundation typically makes around 130 to 150 grants in a year with a total value of between £720,000 and £800,000. The maximum grant is £15,000. This can be a single grant, or over two to three years. **The average grant is £5,000 to £6,000.**

Applications can be made at any time and are considered three times a year, generally in February, June and October.

<https://allenlane.org.uk/funding/>

**Alpkit Foundation Grants**

The Alpkit Foundation, a not-for-profit independent charity, was set up by the British outdoor retailer Alpkit in 2015. It makes **small awards that support grass roots, direct action projects where a positive difference can be made to remove the barriers in getting outdoors and experience the benefits of time spent outdoors.**

**Community groups, schools and organisations based and working within the UK** can apply for grants of between **£50 and £500** to support:

* Diversity and inclusion projects that engage individual and groups from a diverse range of backgrounds.
* Environmental projects that seek to support, conserve, or generate understanding of our environment and wild places.
* Health projects enabling people to gain physical and mental wellbeing from the Great Outdoors.
* Education projects such as First Aid, D of E, Forest Schools and Mountain Leader.
* Participation projects that get more people experiencing the Great Outdoors.

There is particular interest in projects that encourage responsible outdoor activity, have long lasting benefits, introduce new people to the outdoors, and demonstrate value for money.

It is recommended that groups **apply at least three months before the start of their project** so that the trustees have time to consider the application at their next meeting.

**Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered every two months.**

<https://alpkit.com/pages/foundation-apply>

**American Express – Community Giving Programme**

The American Express Foundation provides support to not-for-profit organisations whose work aligns with its priorities. Grants are available for projects in the following areas:

**Backing equal futures:**

* Programmes that provide skills and pathways to prepare youth (ages 13-30) for long-term success and the future of work. (Including the green economy, STEAM and digital futures.) This may include school-based, college, trade school, public service or workforce-related training or mentoring to support skill-building, education, the transition to meaningful employment and self-sufficiency for under-represented populations.
* Advocacy to support education and workforce development in under-represented communities. Eligible organisations for under-represented communities include those supporting racial, ethnic and Indigenous minorities, women, refugees, incarcerated or formerly incarcerated, unhoused and formerly unhoused people, veterans or families of veterans, disadvantaged or people with disabilities, and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

**Backing small business:**

* Support for diverse small business owners and entrepreneurs, including grants, mentoring support and technical assistance issued through established community partnerships.
* Financial literacy education, training and mentoring for under-represented individuals and families to build financial awareness, fiscal acumen and success (including at school age, during higher education or when individuals are entering/re-entering the workforce).

**Backing low-carbon communities:**

* Programmes, partnerships and action focused on energy transition, emissions reduction and efficiency.
* Community-led climate projects focused on nature-based or clean energy initiatives, including those led by diverse or under-represented groups.
* Disaster relief and resilience building programmes and initiatives in extreme weather prone areas and other locations where American Express colleagues and customers live and work, to provide both immediate and/or long-term relief and community preparedness to natural and man-made disasters and help create climate-resilient communities.

There are **no minimum or maximum funding levels** stated in the guidelines. **The Foundation does not actively solicit applications for grants and new partnerships. However, interested organisations are invited to submit details about their work at any time by email.** These submissions will be reviewed each year between November and January and those organisations that align with the funder's priorities may be contacted for further information and invited to submit a grant application. Only one form entered per organisation will be considered and organisations that submit multiple entries will be disregarded. Grants are made to organisations that can provide documentary evidence of not-for-profit status.

<https://www.americanexpress.com/en-us/company/corporate-sustainability/community-impact/>

**Artemis Charitable Foundation**

The Charitable Foundation offers grants **of up to £5,000 for UK registered charities** to support projects and activities in the following key areas: **Health, Education, Poverty, Environment.**

One-off awards are typically made; however, multi-year grants may be considered where a successful partnership is established. Unrestricted funding will also be considered.

Priority will be given to small-and-medium-sized charities with an annual income of less than £2 million, as well as innovative projects that can be scaled up or replicated. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**

<https://www.artemisfunds.com/en/about-artemis/artemis-charitable-foundation-application-guidelines>

**Art Fund – Student Paid Work Experience Opportunities**

Art Fund is offering funding of **up to £10,000 to help museums, galleries and visual arts organisations provide paid opportunities for full-time university students** to gain meaningful, developmental work-experience that enables them to further explore their interest in the arts, and related future career options before they graduate. Student Opportunities benefit both visual arts organisations and students in a range of exciting and transformative ways. Students can explore an interest in the arts alongside future career options, while providing organisations with a skilled and accountable resource.

Applicants should demonstrate the commitment their own organisation is making to the activity, in cash or in kind. Eligible applicants are UK public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives that:

* Have a public presence (e.g. a building open to the public) or a public outcome (e.g. a festival or public art programme)
* Can demonstrate that they operate to standards of best practice within the sector (e.g. through Arts Council England accreditation).

Applicants should discuss their potential project before submitting an application - please contact Robert Dingle, programme partnerships manager, on 0207 225 4871 or [rdingle@artfund.org](mailto:rdingle@artfund.org).

<https://www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/student-opportunities>

**Art Fund – Main and Small Grants for the Commission of New Work**

Art Fund recognise that there are distinct opportunities and fundraising challenges in realising a commission and that the acquisition of a commission can be conceptualised and carried out in many different ways. Grants are available to all public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives in the UK or Channel Islands to support the commissioning process. For an application to be successful applicants will need to make a strong case in the following three areas:

* Benefit to the Artist
* Benefit to the Organisation
* Benefit to Audiences.

Applications towards support for commissions need to demonstrate the impact of the work of art within the context of all three areas above. Eligible applicants must be open for at least half the week for at least six months of the year and be fully or provisionally accredited through the Arts Council Accreditation scheme or other national equivalents. This programme has two levels of funding available:

* **Main grants: grant requests of above £7,500 and/or where the total cost of the work is more than £15,000**
* **Small grants: grant requests of £7,500 or less where the total cost of the work is £15,000 or less.**

<https://www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/commission-grants>

**The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust (Outdoor Experiences)**

This charity was set up in memory of Andy Fanshawe, one of Britain's leading mountaineers, at the time of his death in 1992. The Trust offers funding to support **disadvantaged young people to further develop an existing interest in adventurous outdoor activities** such as walking, climbing, cycling, kayaking, sailing and horse riding in the UK. Applications are accepted from individual young people or small groups or from organisations, such as schools or youth clubs, on behalf of a young person for self-planned activities or residential courses at an outdoor centre.

Each year, the Trust awards **up to 12 grants, averaging £400 each, but there is no lower or upper limit.** Applicants are expected to have done some fundraising for the activity or adventure. The Trust is looking to support young people with enthusiasm, initiative and a sense of adventure. Activities must include an element of adventure, and applicants must be prepared to write a short report following their adventure. Applications can be made at any time and should be submitted via email in no more than 1,000 words. See website for details of what to include. If an individual is applying for a grant, a reference should be obtained from a teacher or care worker.

<https://www.andyfanshawe.org/>

**Archives Revealed: Scoping Grants and Cataloguing Grants**

The Fund is designed to transform access to archives for a wide range of users, enabling more people to engage with the UK’s rich documentary heritage. The Funds aims are to:

* Increase access to previously unavailable archive material.
* Increase engagement with archive collections by a wider audience.
* Enable deeper use of archive material to further understanding of collections.
* Increase confidence and skills of archivists to enable them to successfully secure income to fund archive development.

There are two funding strands:

* **Scoping Grants of up to £3,000** are available to public sector bodies, registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations in the UK to help archives analyse collections, supporting development of future plans for cataloguing priorities and projects. A Scoping Grant will fund **an external consultant to conduct a collection assessment report** that will enable successful applicants to use to strategically plan next steps and to advocate internally and externally to gain support for a project. ***This is a rolling programme with decisions made on a quarterly basis. Organisations can apply at any time. Applications are assessed four times a year to allow for quick decision making.***
* **Cataloguing grants of** **up to £45,000 for archives to create catalogues of important archival collections**. *This is an* ***annual programme that opens in the autumn each year*** *– check website for details.*

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/finding-funding/archives-revealed/>

**Asda Foundation Grants**

The Asda Foundation supports small grass roots organisations in different ways throughout the year. Working with Asda’s Community Champions in store, Asda work with a range of organisations and groups on a range of projects. Below are the different ways communities can be supported:

* + **[Empowering Local Communities Grant](https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants)**
  + **[U18 Better Starts Grant](https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants)**
  + **[Cost of Living Grant](https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants)**
  + **[Investing in Spaces and Places Grant](https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants)**
  + **[Colleague Match Funding for Local Causes](https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants)**
  + **[Local Community Emergency Donations](https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants)**
  + **[Partnerships](https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants)**
  + **[Green Token Giving](https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants)**

Click on each of the links above for information about individual grants and check the website for more details and updates.

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants>

**Ashworth Charitable Trust**

Grants of **up to £3,000** and, in exceptional circumstances, of up to £5,000are available for **registered charities in the UK undertaking charitable activities, primarily supporting humanitarian causes** locally, nationally or internationally that share the Trust's underlying principles as follows:

* The oneness of humanity.
* The establishment of true justice.
* The paramount importance of education for all.
* The need to address the situation of the very poor and of those at the margins of society.
* That all people everywhere should be able to share the fruits of and be empowered to participate in the construction of a just, prosperous and sustainable society.
* That to achieve these aims, it is necessary to build the capacity of individuals, communities and institutions.

Priority is given to smaller charities. The Trust prefers to fund projects, not provide core funding. The Trustees meet twice a year.

<https://www.ashworthtrust.org/>

**Association of Independent Museums – Museum Fundamentals Grant Programme**

Association of Independent Museums (AIM), in partnership with the Julia Rausing Trust and the Pilgrim Trust, is accepting **applications from small-to-medium-sized museums across the UK for the Museum Fundamentals Grants Programme.**

Grants of **up to £20,000** are available to support AIM member museums with fewer than 50,000 visitors per annum to support core activities, **enabling them to care for collections more effectively and efficiently and meet the standards required for Accreditation**. This Fund will replace the Collections Care and Remedial Conservation Grant Programmes previously delivered by AIM.

Eligible costs include:

* Collections documentation and research.
* Collections review.
* Development of new exhibitions or other access to collections.
* Purchase of new equipment and software.
* Small-scale building work to support collections care.
* Improvements to heating, lighting, and other building services.
* Staff time.
* Volunteer recruitment and expenses.

Applicants are encouraged to develop projects based on their collection needs which improve knowledge, care, and access to heritage collections. **There is a two-stage application process.** Groups must first submit an expression of interest before being invited to complete a full application. There are two funding rounds in 2025.

<https://aim-museums.co.uk/grants/museum-fundamentals/>

**Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust**

The Trust is offering grants for **UK-registered charities working with communities** across the UK to help **those most in need**. The Trust operates a three-year rotation system, with **different fields of interest being funded each year**. **Charities can apply for one round per calendar year.** There are normally **four application rounds per year with applications accepted for one month only, usually in February, April, July, and September. See details of themes below:**

**For 2025**

* Grant Rounds 1 and 2 focus on **the Arts: Improving Access (specifically projects that will improve audience access and participation**. Applications will **not** be considered from non-performing arts projects or projects focussing on performers).
* Grant Rounds 3 and 4 is for **Refugees and Asylum**.

**For 2026**

* Grant rounds 1 and 2 focuses on **People experiencing or at risk of homelessness**
* Grant rounds 3 and 4 is for support of **Unpaid carers**.

**Grant Rounds 1 and 3 offer £1000** and **Grant rounds 2 and 4 offer £5000**.

Applications will **not**be accepted from CICs or other not-for-profit organisations.

[Home - The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust (austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk)](https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/)

**Aviva Community Fund (with Crowdfunding)**

When **local projects and charities** get the opportunity to make their vision of a better world a reality, that’s when communities come together and really come alive. The two areas we see as vital to this journey towards stronger UK communities are:

•  **Climate Action**: promoting thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change

•  **Financial Wellbeing**: helping people take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially independent and ready for anything.

The Aviva Community Fund delivers funding and support all year round. Every three months we split £250,000 among our UK employees to donate to the projects that matter to them most. Eligible causes will be able to submit their projects to the Aviva Community Fund through Crowdfunder. Funding applications are open to projects looking to raise **up to £50,000**.

If you need any help, we’ll guide you through the process with free toolkits and resources.

For more information, see: [About | Aviva Community Fund](https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/about-us)

**Backstage Trust** (theatre and music)

**The Backstage Trust makes grants to registered charities and CICs with a focus on the performing arts, particularly theatre and music.**

 Areas for which the Trust has provided support include:

* Encouraging the involvement of young people in the performing arts
* Assisting live arts projects (not all in the UK) which encourage community participation, and equality, particularly in under-represented areas
* Providing help with professional development of small and medium-scale arts organisations, helping to encourage diversity and remove barriers to access
* Providing advice on fundraising and helping to create a fundraising strategy
* Giving advice on feasibility studies for capital projects, and guidance on project management
* Funding elements (particularly the less appealing items) of capital projects
* Providing support to the performing arts’ freelance community
* Encouraging new writing.

The Backstage Trust is only able to support organisations with a robust safeguarding policy in place. A copy of this documentation will be requested if your application is successful.

**There is no minimum or maximum amount you can apply for.**

The Trust **does not operate a website**, but further details can be found in their [Information Pack](https://fundingforall.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Applying-to-Backstage-Trust.doc).

**Apply anytime.**

**The Bailey Thomas Charitable Fund (severe learning disabilities & autism)**

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.

Applications under the **Small Grants Programme (for grants under £9,000)** can be submitted at **any time**.

[General programme | Baily Thomas Charitable Fund](https://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants/general-programme)

**Bally’s Foundation (Mental Health)**

The Foundation operates as an independent charity but is linked with Bally's, one of the world's leading gaming operators, and its subsidiaries. The main focus of the Foundation is on providing grants and funding to organisations to **preserve and protect the wellbeing of individuals suffering from mental health issues**. Funding is at the discretion of the Foundation.

Applications are open to UK-based organisations with a minimum annual income of £50,000, who care for individuals suffering from mental health issues, or who focus on research in the mental health field. The Foundation predominantly fund registered charities and NGOs, however they will consider funding other types of organisation so long as they can be proven to have an impact with regard to mental health issues, support, and treatment. Applicant organisations will be asked to clearly outline their social purpose and to demonstrate that all profits and assets are used to support that purpose. Grants are intended to support the activities of organisations that are:

* **Mission aligned** – share the Foundation’s aspiration of alleviating mental health issues (including addiction, conditions of emotional or mental distress, issues caused by social isolation, homelessness, bereavement, and suicide).
* **Understanding of who the Foundation are**.
* **Risk aware** – have robust governance and financial management in place, with high standards in safeguarding their staff and beneficiaries.
* **Learning led** – have a culture which values evidence, are committed to continual improvement, and share what they learn with others.
* **Storytellers** – will tell compelling stories to shed light on mental health issues and remove the stigma attached to mental illness.

<https://www.ballysfoundation.org/>

**Barbara Ward Children’s Foundation (severely disadvantaged children & young people)**

Grants for small, non-religious charitable organisations undertaking projects for severely disadvantaged children and young people in the UK or anywhere in the world. The funding is for the benefit of children who are **seriously or terminally ill, disadvantaged, underprivileged or have special needs**.

To be eligible, charities should be financially sound and should not be receiving funding from statutory bodies. In recent years, the Foundation has provided grants to organisations working on **youth projects** in the following categories:

* **Education.**
* **Health and wellbeing.**
* **Holidays.**
* **Sport, play and leisure.**
* **Support, care and respite.**

Applications can be made in writing at any time to the Trustees detailing the specific purpose for which the grant is requested and should be accompanied by a copy of the organisation's latest report and accounts.

<https://www.bwcf.org.uk/>

**Benefact Group Movement For Good (Charity Funding Draws and Large Grants)**

The [Benefact Group](https://benefactgroup.com/) gives all available profits to charity and good causes. Movement for Good is their annual programme of giving that anyone can get involved in and this year they will be donating over £1 million to charities and good causes nominated by you. They offer £1,000 monthly draws, £5,000 draws (themed) and also larger grants of £10,000 and over (register to receive further information on these).

<https://benefactgroup.com/movement-for-good/>

**Benefact Trust**

The Benefact Trust supports:

* Christian charities and churches in the UK and Ireland who are making a positive impact on their communities
* The repair, restoration and improvement of church buildings, cathedrals and other Christian charity buildings
* The preservation of traditional skills relating to ecclesiastical heritage.

The following Grant schemes are currently open:

* **Community Impact grants** – enabling greater social impact
* **Building Improvement grants** – protecting and enhancing Christian buildings

Through the Building Improvement Grants Fund, Christian organisations can apply for funding to support direct capital costs relating to the following types of work:

* Essential, one-off repairs or other capital works to ensure the continued use or viability of a building (capital work must be considered urgent or necessary within 12 months).
* Minor capital works or equipment purchases to meet operational or accessibility requirements (eg essential operational equipment, AV equipment, hearing loops, ramps etc).
* Conservation or restoration of historic features (eg stained glass, carvings, interior, furnishings, clocks, tower bells, organs etc) that contribute to the preservation and appreciation of a building's heritage.
* Other aesthetic enhancements (eg interior decoration, furnishings or public realm improvements) to improve indoor or outdoor spaces for users.
* Energy efficiency/renewable energy measures (eg heating/lighting upgrades, solar panels etc) that improve the sustainability of church buildings/facilities and enable their continued use.

The average decision time for smaller grants (up to £25,000) is two months. Larger grants (over £25,000) are considered at grants committee and board meetings and can take between four and six months.

* **Methodist grants** – enhancing the mission and ministry of the Methodist church
* **Heritage Skills for Christian Buildings grants** – caring for our Christian heritage
* **Roof alarm grants** - protecting churches from metal theft.

For more information, see: <https://benefacttrust.co.uk/>

**Blackburn Trust**

The Blackburn Trust provides small grants for the **support of the family, including parenting initiatives and work with women and with children under 16 living in Northern Ireland**. Within this, the Trust will be willing to consider help with: **Startup costs, Training initiatives for volunteers and parents, Purchase of equipment, Support for groups who wish to make their services available to children with disabilities, whether learning or physical, Making premises accessible to those with physical disability, Provision or adaptation of space for the use of children, Safety issues, and Testing new initiatives with parents or play development**.

Preference is to assist smaller organisations with **grants of up to £1,000; average around £600.** The Trust can make grants only to accepted charitable bodies. Annual application closing dates are 31 January, 31 May, 31 October. Request applications form and guidelines by emailing [**trusts@cfrlaw.co.uk**](mailto:trusts@cfrlaw.co.uk) or telephoning 028 9024 3141.

**No website but Facebook page.**

**Boots Charitable Trust**

Boots Charitable Trust expanded its grants programme from its home base of Nottinghamshire to across the UK. **Registered charities working in the areas of health, lifelong learning, community development and social care can apply four times a year for grants of between £100 and £10,000**. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for smaller voluntary organisations whose income and expenditure is less than £5,000 per year and who are not yet required to register with the Charity Commission.

To be eligible, projects must meet at least one of Trust's four funding priorities:

* **Health**: Community healthcare, such as homecare or support for sufferers of medical conditions, and health education and prevention
* **Lifelong learning**: Local literacy and numeracy projects
* **Community development**: For example, supporting voluntary sector councils in providing voluntary services
* **Social care**: Personal, social or community activities or schemes.

A particular focus is how the projects demonstrate a commitment to **improving diversity, equality and inclusion within the community**. There is particular interest in projects with the capacity to deliver significant impact and which reach the greatest number of people.

The funding can be used for **most expenditure items, including salary and running costs**. Large building or construction projects will not be funded, although minor structural improvements and refurbishments would be considered.

**There are four application windows per year.**

[Boots Charitable Trust Grants](https://www.boots-uk.com/environmental-social-governance/what-we-do/caring-for-healthier-communities/boots-charitable-trust/#ui-id-1)

**Britford Bridge Trust**

Grants are available to support UK registered charities and organisations working to advance the charitable aims of the Trust which are:

* Primarily, the prevention or relief of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of health or the saving of lives; and the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage, or science.
* Secondarily, the advancement of citizenship or community development; the advancement of amateur sport; the advancement of environmental protection or improvement; and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage.

Grants are typically **between £10,000 and £50,000 with an average grant of around £25,000**. In exceptional circumstances the trustees may award larger or multi-year grants. Applications are invited from UK registered charities or their equivalent. The Trustees are particularly interested in supporting **organisations which operate on a national or international level.**

<https://thebritfordbridgetrust.org/>

**British Airways Better World Community Fund (Match funding)**

With the BA Better World Community Fund, we’re creating more **life-changing opportunities** and generating more **positive impact in the communities** we serve by **offering up to £50,000 in extra funding to eligible projects that crowdfund**. The type of projects that fit with the Better World vision include e.g. **community engagement, diversity, wellbeing, waste reduction, tackling climate change, promoting nature and biodiversity and engaging our colleagues in positive action in the communities we serve.**

Check the eligibility criteria. If you are a UK registered charity or social enterprise working in the UK, your work is aligned to our BA Better World vision, and you would like to apply for support, then [click here and create a unique project page](https://bacommunityfund.co.uk/start-crowdfunding) that explains your idea and fundraising target. Once your application has been approved, you have 6 weeks to plan, create and launch a crowdfunding campaign. There’s plenty of tools to help you on our [Learn page](https://bacommunityfund.co.uk/learn).

Extra funding of **up to £50,000 (or 50% of your project target)** from the BA Better World Community Fund will be pledged onto your project page once the following pledge conditions have been met:

• 25% of your project target  
• At least 25 unique supporters.

You then need to go on to reach 100% of your target to secure the funding from the BA Better World Community Fund.

<https://bacommunityfund.co.uk/about-us>

**British Council – Travel Grants Fund (Film)**

The British Council and the British Film Institute have launched a new Travel Grant Fund to support filmmakers and XR creatives attending selected international festivals and showcase events, labs and co-production forums. The fund is supported by BFI National Lottery funding in partnership with BFI NETWORK and the BFI International Fund. This is a rolling fund so there are no deadlines.

[Travel Grants Fund | British Council](https://film.britishcouncil.org/opportunities/travel-grants-fund)

**BBC Children in Need Grants (all grants closing 15 April 2025 until autumn)**

As part of their ongoing commitment to improving their systems and processes, BBC Children in Need are transitioning to a new grantmaking system. They are therefore **pausing applications to their grants programmes for four months in April and** will be **unable** to accept **new Expressions of Interest for applications to the funds below after 15th April 2025 (23:59). It is anticipated that the new grants system will launch at the end of September 2025.**

**BBC Children in Need – Core Grants**

Grants to cover core costs are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years or under who are living in the UK.

**Next Deadline: 15 April 2025**

**BBC Children in Need – Project Grants**

Grants to cover project costs are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people aged up to 18 years and living in the UK.

**Next Deadline: 15 April 2025**

**BBC Children in Need – Pudsey Next Steps**

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations working in specific under-served geographic areas and/or thematic areas across the UK to reach under-served and marginalised children and young people.

**Next Deadline: 15 April 2025**

Eligible organisations and groups can still apply to the **Core, Project and 'Pudsey Next Steps' grant programmes before the four-month temporary closure**. Grantees should also note, your current online account (also known as the grantee portal) will close on 25th July 2025. The portal will reopen with the new grant-making system.

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

**BFI Film Fund**

The BFI supports film culture across the UK. This includes investing Lottery funds in film development and production, and to increase audiences. We aim to maximise the achievements of British film at home and abroad – from international strategy and industry diversity to certification and tax relief.

[Supporting UK film](https://www.bfi.org.uk/supporting-uk-film)

**B&Q Foundation Grants UK**

B&Q Foundation offers **one-off grants of up to £5,000 for garden projects or up to £10,000 for building or indoor projects to UK charities who are using the funds to provide, maintain, repair or improve housing or community space.**  Please note CICs and unregistered community groups are **not** eligible for this funding.

The B&Q Foundation Grants programme is managed by **Neighbourly, a platform used by local Good Causes across the UK and Ireland.** Groups will need to create a profile on the Neighbourly platform as part of the B&Q Foundation application process.  The profile can also be used to access other types of support on the Neighbourly platform.

**The funding is for registered charities working with people most in need because of homelessness, financial hardship, sickness, disability or other disadvantage.**

Charities can use the grants to decorate, renovate or create spaces (indoors and outdoors) with the aim of making people feel at home and having a sense of belonging. Projects could include creating community gardens, redecorating properties, installing new boilers, and creating new buildings or rooms.The funding will cover the full cost for the completion of the project, including staff time required.

[https://bqfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/tjinC9Q1WCkrojoIoOFp15?domain=u3134542.ct.sendgrid.net)

**Cash for Kids – Children’s Mental Health Grants**

This charity exists to help disadvantaged **children and young people up to and including the age of 18 who are affected by poverty, illness, neglect or have additional support needs.**

The charity is currently offering **grant of between £1,000 and £3,000 to support children living in local communities in parts of the UK which are supported by the Cash for Kids team**.

Groups should check the [locations page](https://cashforkids.org.uk/locations) to ensure they are eligible. The grants need to be spent within six months and can cover a range of **project costs, such as therapy including counselling, music/art therapy, speech/language therapy, physiotherapy, bereavement support, and sensory equipment. A maximum of six months of therapy sessions are supported**.

Applications are accepted from registered charities with an annual income of less than £1 million, schools, community groups, voluntary groups, youth group, and sports groups with a formal governance document and individuals with a supporting letter from a professional such as a social worker, occupational therapist, teacher, GP, etc. Community Interest Companies (CICs) may not apply for this funding. **Applications are accepted at any time until all funds are allocated.**

<https://cashforkids.org.uk/grants>

**Church of Ireland - Priorities Fund**

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations operating **within the Church of Ireland in either Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland for projects spanning training, Christian education, outreach initiatives and innovative rural ministry, promoting growth and community development.**

The annual deadline for applications is **31 October** each year.

<https://priorities.ireland.anglican.org/criteria>

**Charles Hayward Foundation**

The Foundation places emphasis on funding projects that are developmental or innovative, and it is keen to support activities that would not otherwise happen. The Foundation prefers to fund projects in early stages that provide early intervention to society's problems. The Foundation's priorities are to:

* Support activities which have been demonstrated to work and can be replicated but is also open to creative approaches.
* Promote self-reliance and independence in individuals and groups.

The Foundation supports charitable activities under a number of grant categories as follows:

* **Social and Criminal Justice (Main grant)**
* **Overseas (Main grant)**
* **Older People (Small grant)**
* **Heritage & Conservation programme is currently closed**.

The Foundation offers the following:

* **Small Grants** **up to £7,000**
* **Main Grants**:
  + **Social & Criminal Justice**: between **£15,000 to £25,000 per annum** for one to three years. Up to £25,000 may be available for a pilot project.
  + **Overseas**: one-off grants up to £15,000.

**Applicants must state what other sources of funding have been sought and secured**.

UK registered charities or exempt charities can apply for either a main or small grants programme depending on their annual income:

* Charities with an income between £350,000 and £4 million may apply to the Main Grant programme: Social & Criminal Justice.
* Charities with an annual income between £150,000 and £4 million may apply for a Main Overseas Grant.
* **Charities with an income of less than £350,000 may apply to the Small Grants Programme (Older People category).**

<http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/>

**Children’s Alliance Grant Funding (water activities for kids)**

The charity was the Inspiration of Water Babies, the largest baby swim school in the UK.

**Non-profit organisations, including schools, registered charities, community interest companies, and community groups**, are invited to apply for **funding up to £15,000, with most grants awarded being under £10,000.** The grant aims to support **grassroots initiatives that provide disadvantaged children under 18 with access to water environments, fostering essential life skills and confidence**.

Applications are accepted twice annually, in September and March.

[Community - Childrens Alliance](https://childrensalliance.org.uk/our-work/community/)

**City and Guilds Foundation – Local Communities Skills Fund**

The Local Community Skills Fund aims to support **a wide range of initiatives that will make a positive impact on communities across the UK. This could include anything from setting up a community garden to running a digital skills workshop. The fund for 16+ years also seeks to help disadvantaged people develop the skills they need to find employment by providing training and support.**

Open to Registered **charities with a voluntary income of less that £1m**, registered **Social Enterprises with asset locks** and an income of less than £1m, **colleges, FE providers and other City & Guilds customers** where projects are additive and individuals and community groups with the support of an organisation previously described. **Grants of up to £10,000.** No deadlines.

[Local Community Skills Fund | City & Guilds Foundation](https://cityandguildsfoundation.org/what-we-offer/funding/local-community-skills-fund/#about)

**Congregational and General Charitable Trust**

Churches of the Protestant tradition in the UK, but particularly those of the United Reformed and Congregational denominations, can apply now for **grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 for capital works on church buildings costing less than £1 million.** The funding can be used for the overall care, upkeep and extension of their church. Applications will also be considered from church community projects for funding towards capital costs (but not for ongoing work).

Grants **cannot** be awarded for the running costs of the church, organ and church bells restoration, manse works, graveyard maintenance, solar panels or other environmental projects which are not part of any other development work. Applications are considered quarterly.

<https://www.candgtrust.org.uk/>

**Cosaraf: Hardship Grants**

Grants of **up to £2,000** are available for eligible individuals and families, but **only in exceptional circumstances will individual grants exceed £500**. Applications will only be accepted from recognised social organisations such as charities, housing associations, schools and social services acting on behalf of a family or individual in need.

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

**CRASH: Helping homelessness charities & hospices with vital construction projects**

CRASH assists homelessness charities and hospices with their construction projects by sourcing pro-bono or discounted professional expertise, and construction products, from their Corporate Patron companies and supporters within the industry.

[Apply For Help | CRASH](https://www.crash.org.uk/apply-for-help/#application-process)

**The Clothworkers Foundation – Open Grants Programme (Capital)**

We award grants to UK registered charities, CICs, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools). Grants are awarded towards capital projects which we define as:

* **Buildings:**purchase, construction, renovation or refurbishment.
* **Fittings, Fixtures, and Equipment:**this includes but is not limited to office equipment/furniture, sports/gym equipment, digital/audio visual equipment, garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment. It does not include equipment for one-off use, or which will be given to serce users for personal use on a permanent basis.
* **Vehicles:**This includes a minibus, car, caravan, people-carrier, or 4X4. We are unlikely to fund the total cost of a new vehicle and do not provide grants towards vehicle leasing.

We fund both large and small projects. The size of grant awarded will depend on a number of factors including the size of your organisation and the cost and scale of your capital project.

You must be able to demonstrate that the work of your organisation fits within one or more of our programme areas, and that at least 50% of service users benefiting from the capital project are from one or more of those groups. Learn more about applying for a grant [here](https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/).

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

**The Cruach Trust (for Gardens and Gardeners)**

Grants of up to £2,000 to charities and other organisations to support gardeners, retired gardeners and the preservation of gardens in the UK. Additionally, funding can support a wide range of activities including arts, heritage and culture, medical research, the natural environment, equality and diversity, citizenship and community development, education and those experiencing hardship**.**

Previously funded projects include: horticultural apprenticeships; groups working with children, young carers, the elderly, vulnerable and homeless; gardens, wildlife and natural environment; music, the arts and cultural activities. Match funding is not a specified requirement. Small Scottish charities and local charities are prioritised. Applications must be submitted online.

<https://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/cruach-trust>

**Dan Maskell Tennis Trust** **(disability tennis)**

The Trust specialises in **creating opportunities and supporting disabled people who want to play tennis**. They provide specialist wheelchairs for individuals, clubs, special schools and centres running disability programmes and also provide equipment/coaching kitbags for coaches, clubs, special schools, disability groups and associations. The Trustees meet four times a year for funding decisions. **Next deadline: 13 April 2025**

[Grant Criteria & Application Notes - Dan Maskell Tennis Trust](https://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grant-criteria-application-notes/)

**Digital Transformation Flexible Fund NI** **(small and micro businesses)**

This Fund is a demand-led grant scheme aimed at establishing an NI wide fund to stimulate digital innovation. It seeks to address the financial barriers to the adoption of advanced digital technologies **to achieve business transformation amongst small and micro-businesses (who must be VAT registered**).

It will enable the purchasing of capital equipment and/or resources for “off the shelf” software and/or bespoke system development. Based on a number of **advanced digital technologies: such as smart environments, big data and analytics, process automation, immersive technologies, AI, horizontal and vertical system integration.** Businesses can access between **£5k - £20k ex VAT to over up to 70% of the total value of an investment project**. All applicants will be required to provide 30% matched co-investment of the overall project costs.

**Applicants must: be based in NI and operate within 1 of the 11 Council areas, be a small or micro-business, be VAT registered, be actively trading for a minimum of 12 months, have a Digital Transformation Pan or equivalent, be centred on one of more of the six advanced technologies**. The programme is open to all sectors with the exception of primary agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

For more info: <https://dtff.co.uk/>

**DPD Eco Fund – for UK Local Environmental Initiatives**

Funding of **up to £2,000** is available to charities, community groups, schools, small businesses and other local organisations in the United Kingdom for **green projects and environment-friendly initiatives.** Applications must be made on behalf of a third sector organisation, charity, school, community organisation or small/medium enterprise with less than 10 employees. Each application must be accompanied by a quote(s) for the goods or services for which the donation is going to be used. Applications may be made at any time and will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

<https://green.dpd.co.uk/social/eco-fund>

**DPO Centre Charity and Community Fund**

Funding will help organisations **to access data protection consultancy advice and services to ensure that they run efficiently, remain compliant with the law, and achieve the following outcomes:**

* Provide immediate access to subject matter experts and a broadly experienced team of data protection professionals.
* Remove ‘unknowns’ experienced when conducting a similar process internally.
* Decrease the potential for compliance failure across an organisation.
* Provide a substantial reduction in regulatory and reputational risk.
* Improved trust, increased engagement, reputation, and organisational value.

The following services are available:

* **Information Asset Register and Data Mapping.​**
* **Policy Drafting and Review.**
* **Impact Assessments and Gap Analysis.**
* **Data Protection Training.**
* **Data Sharing and International Transfers.**
* **Privacy-by-Design.**
* **Data Protection Readiness.**

There is a two-stage application process. Groups should first submit an online application through the DPO Centre website. DPO will then contact successful groups to request further information and complete a full application.There are typically three application periods throughout the year.

[Charity Support Fund | DPO Centre](https://www.dpocentre.com/cc-fund/)

**D’Oyly Carte Charitable Trust**

Grants of between **£500 and £6,000** are available for core costs or projects for UK registered charities working in the areas of advancement of **the arts, health and medical welfare, and improvement or protection of the environment.** Please read specific areas of interest and priorities for support in our [**Downloadable** Guidelines](http://www.doylycartecharitabletrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Guidelines-2021-2023-for-website-July-2021.pdf) The Trustees usually consider applications three times a year in March, July and November. The application process can take between three and six months depending on when the application is submitted.

<http://www.doylycartecharitabletrust.org/>

**DWF Foundation**

The DWF Foundation provides funds, resources and support to help communities achieve their full potential. The Foundation does not have a minimum grant size but **the majority of their grants will fall under £5,000**. The DWF Foundation supports registered charities with an impact in one or more of the following areas:

* **Homelessness**
* **Health and wellbeing**
* **Employability**
* **Education**
* **Environment and Sustainability.**

Grants are given to initiatives that develop and improve local communities by:

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

See the website for Grant Guidelines and an application form. There are two funding rounds per year with deadlines of **30 June and 31 October**

<https://dwfgroup.com/en/about-us/dwf-foundation>

**Duke of Edinburgh Award – Access without Limits Funding (NI)**

This funding is intended to ensure that the Duke of Edinburgh Award is available to all young people in Northern Ireland and to help the voluntary and community sector in Northern Ireland to reach out to a diverse group of young people. **Grants of up to £10,250 are available.** The Expression of Interest form can be found on the DofE website.

The grant will be combined with support from a dedicated member of staff who will help the grant recipient set up, launch and deliver the Award programme. The package includes:

* Licence fee support for community and voluntary organisations.
* Access to staff and volunteer training courses.
* Free participation places for young people.
* Expedition kit start-up costs.

Not-for-profit voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations which do not currently offer the Award programme may apply.

**The funding is intended for partner organisations to help get set up and support their young people to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh awards programme.** The funding can be tailored to the organisation's needs and can vary as the project progresses. Examples include:

* A contribution to the Award Licence Fee or Operating Authority fee.
* Participation places for young people to enrol on the Award.
* Access to staff or volunteer training courses, such as National Governing Body Qualifications.
* The provision of an Approved Activity Provider (AAP) to run the expedition section for the organisation.
* Expedition equipment or resources as required.
* Support for delivery of the Skills, Volunteering, or Physical sections of the Award - this could be training or equipment.
* Staffing and volunteer costs (up to one third of the total grant).

<https://www.dofe.org/access-without-limits/community/ni/>

**The Edgar Lawley Foundation**

The Foundation awards unrestricted grants to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations, particularly those providing support in these areas: **medicine, older people in need and educational purposes relating to the arts, commerce and industry**.

Applicants should be aware that typically the Foundation receives approximately 500 applications per year for grants but in a normal year can only fund approximately 160 of them. In recent years the current annual grants programme has amounted to approximately £240,000 per annum with a **typical grant being in the region of £1,500 per successful applicant.**

All applications must be made through the Foundation’s on-line application form available on this website. No additional supporting information is required.

<http://www.edgarelawleyfoundation.org.uk/>

**Edge Fund (UK & RoI) (injustice)**

Grants are available for **radical organisations (e.g. community and campaign groups) taking action for a just, equitable and sustainable world; work that challenges abuses of power and aims to bring an end to the systems that cause injustice in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.** Social enterprises, registered charities and CICs are not usually funded but applicants should contact the Edge Fund for further information. **This is a very small fund. Forty grants for £1,000 are available.** Match funding is not a specified requirement.

The Fund supports efforts to achieve social, economic and environmental justice and to end imbalances in wealth and power. It also gives people a say in where the money goes and is an alternative fund for those who struggle to get funding elsewhere. **The Fund supports grassroots groups working towards social and ecological change on issues such as anti-austerity, feminism, environmentalism and anti-racism.**

In recognition of the cost of living crisis, Edge Fund supports **mutual aid groups i.e. those focusing on covering immediate needs whilst recognising and organising against the systems that cause these inequalities in the first place.**

<https://www.edgefund.org.uk/>

**Educational Opportunity Foundation**

The Foundation awards around £900,000 in new grants each year **to charitable organisations working to improve access to education or the quality of education for children and young people under the age of 25, both in the UK and internationally.** There are two funding streams:

* **UK projects**– supports work to improve the educational outcomes and life chances of **care-experienced young people under the age of 25 living in the UK**. Projects must be interventions designed to improve their educational outcomes and life chances. **Grants range from £30,000 to £90,000 for projects of one to three years (maximum £30,000 per year for multi-year projects)**
* **International projects** – supports projects to improve the quality, sustainability and access to education for young people within international marginalised and vulnerable communities. **Grants range from £10,000 to £60,000 for projects of one to three years (maximum £30,000 per year for multi-year projects).**

Funding is available for new or pilot projects. The Foundation will fund between 25% and 100% of the total project costs but will give preference to projects with some degree of matched funding. Annual grant payments cannot exceed 50% of an organisation’s three-year average income.

Applications are accepted from UK registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2.5 million, and at least three years of continuous accounts. Eligible organisations must be UK-based. Organisations must be directly involved in the provision of the project activities.

The Foundation has moved to a rolling application programme. The first step is to submit a short Stage 1 application. Those who are shortlisted will be invited to submit a Stage 2 proposal.

<https://educationalopportunity.org.uk/>

**Enkalon Foundation**

**Grants of up to £6,000 (the average grant is £1,000)** are available to organisations with charitable status, working in Northern Ireland for projects assisting **cross-community groups, self-help, assistance to the unemployed and groups helping disadvantaged members of society in Northern Ireland, especially in Antrim.**

Grants may be made towards any costs (core running or project) associated with a project which is considered to be suitable. The Foundation's main aim is to support ex-employees of the British Enkalon Factory in Antrim with healthcare equipment but it **also supports charities and community groups across NI working in such areas as: education, health and of saving lives, citizenship or community development, arts, culture, heritage or science, amateur sport, the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, animal welfare.**

<https://www.enkalonfoundation.org/>

**The Elephant Trust**

The Trust aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by the lack of funds. It is committed to helping **artists and art institutions/galleries that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.**

The Elephant Trust has modest resources so grants are **usually limited to £2,000** however so larger grants of up to £5,000 may be awarded. Priority is given to artists in the fine arts and smaller organisation and galleries who submit imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions. Continuous rolling programme. Trustees meet four times a year. Successful applications will be contacted within six weeks.

<https://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/>

**The Esmée Fairbairn Communities and Collections Fund** **(museums & community organisations)**

This Fund is the evolution of the Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund with a new name that better represents **our dual focus on collections and inclusion**.

The fund will place more emphasis on **equitable working, supporting wellbeing and legacy planning**. We now offer **core grants** to **single museum organisations for strategic development of their inclusive collections work; and partnership project grants for museums and community organisations working equitably with collections to achieve shared aims for inclusion.**

In the case of partnership grants, we would encourage you to have this partnership in place before approaching us for an initial conversation. The changes are informed by a spring 2024 review of our impact in the context of the wider UK museum sector and the society in which it exists. Below are links to two documents that have shaped our thinking:

* [The key findings of a group of museum and community researchers who contributed to the review](https://media.museumsassociation.org/app/uploads/2024/10/16115451/EFCF-Review-2024-key-findings.pdf) [EFCF-Review-2024-key-findings.pdf](https://media.museumsassociation.org/app/uploads/2024/10/16115451/EFCF-Review-2024-key-findings.pdf)
* [Practice insights briefing from the facilitator who convened our action learning sets of grantees](https://media.museumsassociation.org/app/uploads/2024/10/16115453/Practice-insights-May-2024-to-MA.pdf). [Practice-insights-May-2024-to-MA.pdf](https://media.museumsassociation.org/app/uploads/2024/10/16115453/Practice-insights-May-2024-to-MA.pdf)

[Esmée Fairbairn Communities and Collections Fund - Museums Association](https://www.museumsassociation.org/funding/efccf/)

**Esmée Fairbairn Foundation – Grants for a Fairer Future**

The Foundation makes grants across a fairly wide spectrum of sizes. This stream offers grants of **a minimum of £30,000**. There is no maximum grant. **Most grants are for 3 years or longer.**

Charities and organisations that are undertaking work that is legally charitable in the UK can apply. To apply for funding, organisations first need to **complete the eligibility quiz** available on the Foundation’s website. They can then **submit an Expression of Interest (100 words)** and will hear back from the Foundation within four weeks. The Foundation will discuss the proposal with the organisation and will invite them to submit a full proposal if the project is a good fit. Please read all the guidance on the website before applying.

The Foundation offers grants **that support an organisation’s core or project costs, including salaries and overheads. Unrestricted funding is also available to charities.**

To be eligible, applicants must be delivering work which aligns with **one or more of the following three programmes**:

**Our Natural World**

Ensuring that the natural world is restored and protected, and that people benefit from that recovery.

The Foundation aims to contribute to the following key impact goals by 2030:

* Preserved and improved species health and habitats.
* Clean and healthy freshwater.
* Sustainable and ethical food.

The priorities over the next seven years are:

* Peat.
* Space for nature.
* Freshwater.
* Nature-friendly farming
* Fishing in tandem with nature.

**A Fairer Future**

Making changes to systems and structures, while building the power and capacity of people and organisations. The Foundation wants to contribute to a socially just and anti-racist society, where people have their rights protected, as well as the opportunity to speak and be heard, and the freedom to express their creativity. The Foundation is keen to support organisations led by the people they serve. Throughout this programme, there will be a focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. There is a commitment to support organisations led by communities experiencing racial inequity and affected by systemic injustice. The priorities are as follows:

* Arts and Creativity Making Change.
* Children and Young People’s Rights.
* Racial Justice.
* Gender Justice.
* Migrant Justice.

**Creative, Confident Communities**

Strengthening the bonds in communities, helping local people to build vibrant, confident places where they can fulfil their creative, human, and economic potential. Places where the local economy works better for the people who live there, where there is equality of access to arts and culture, and where communities are at the heart of change.

The Foundation aims to contribute to the following **key impact goals by 2030**:

* Communities use their power to make change happen.
* Local economies work better for the people who live there.
* Culture and creativity build thriving communities.

The **priorities in the first seven years are:**

* **Communities working together for change.**
* **Community driven enterprise and regeneration.**
* **Community-led art and creativity.**

<https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/our-aims/fairer-future/>

**The Esme Mitchell Fund**

Grants of between **£100 and £3,000** are available for a range of charitable causes in the areas of:

* Prevention or relief of poverty.
* Advancement of religion.
* Advancement of health or the saving of lives.
* Promotion of citizenship or community development.
* Advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science.
* Advancement of environmental protection or improvement.
* Relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.
* Advancement of animal welfare.

The present policy of the Trust is to give special consideration to charitable projects of a cultural or artistic nature, which includes grants to museums, churches and preservation trusts. Grants are available to organisations in Ireland as a whole, **but principally in Northern Ireland.** The Fund will also consider cross-border projects, particularly those which meet the criteria of the charitable projects and purposes of a cultural or artistic nature.

**Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured.** Applicants must demonstrate a clear need for, and evidence of the impact of, their work along with their capacity to deliver, govern and sustain the project or initiative.

Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered monthly. **The Trust does not maintain a website and there is no formal application form available**.  Instead, applicants should submit by email the following:

* A concise description of the proposed project.
* A recent statement of accounts.
* A copy of the constitution.
* Details of tax and legal or charitable status.
* A copy of the latest annual report.
* A list of committee officers.
* Information on other sources of finance.
* Contact address and telephone number.

For further information on how to obtain this fund, please contact the following:

**Trust Administrator**  
Esme Mitchell Trust  
Cleaver Fulton Rankin Trustees Limited  
Cleaver Fulton Rankin  
50 Bedford Street  
Belfast BT2 7FW

Tel: 028 9024 3141  
Email: [trusts@cfrlaw.co.uk](mailto:trusts@cfrlaw.co.uk)

**Family Action – Welfare Grants Programme**

This programme aims to help **prevent an immediate crisis from spiralling and threatening the stability of families and individuals**. A broken washing machine for example would for many of us be a financial burden to replace; for a family with three children and a very low income however it may mean taking out a high-street loan and plunging further debt. Welfare grants are an integral part of our whole family approach to finding solutions for those who need it the most. Coupled with emotional and practical support, grants help us to create a safety net for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our society.

**All applications must be made, on-line, by a suitable referring agency**. Suitable referring agencies include: **statutory agencies or charities that provide health or social care; housing associations; probation services and GPs.** We are only able to accept applications from referring agencies that:

* have knowledge of and are able to assess the needs of the individual or family in need
* have a bank account in its own name and are able to bank and administer grants on our behalf. Payments will only be made to the referring agency unless a prepaid Argos card is requested during the application process. If a prepaid store card is requested, it will be sent directly to the beneficiary

It is vital that the individual or families needing assistance meet the eligibility criteria of Family Action’s welfare grants programme. The average grant is likely to be in the region of **£200 to a maximum of £300 in** most cases.  Grants of up to £600 can be made for women’s holidays (depending on the size of the family).

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/welfare-grants/>

**Family Fund NI Programme**

[Family Fund](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/vcolCVPARfxDPZotzT8zt?domain=familyfund.org.uk/) provides **grants and services for families on low incomes raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person.**  Grants are available for essential items to help meet a child or young person’s support needs, including kitchen appliances, furniture, computers and tablets, play and sensory equipment, clothing, bedding and family breaks. We also provide services such as digital skills workshops, online money management tools and information events.

To decide if your family is eligible for a grant, Family Fund look at your income and the impact of disability on your child. Children and young people do not need a diagnosis to meet our criteria.

You can [read more about our eligibility criteria here.](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/ecw-CXoLWCXxM9oskasHo?domain=familyfund.org.uk/)

The easiest way to apply is to [register for an online account](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/JeD1CYvW8iLz692FM8QKR?domain=app.familyfund.org.uk) with Family Fund. You can then use this to make an application, update your contact details, or track your application.

If you are not able to apply online, you can [download an application pack from our website.](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/TuK9CZVY1S53oj9tP7xai?domain=familyfund.org.uk/)  You can find out more on the website below or call us on 01904 550055, email us at [info@familyfund.org.uk](mailto:info@familyfund.org.uk) or join the conversation on [Facebook](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/m09vC32QNfp5R4ztOGG2q?domain=facebook.com/), [Twitter](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/a1LnC4RQOfBp78KhXfVrU?domain=twitter.com) and [Instagram](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/zRdZC59QPhZVWlLFjbMTi?domain=instagram.com/).

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants/schemes/northern-ireland-core-programme/>

**The Fat Beehive Foundation – Digital Funding for Small Charities**

Improving your digital presence can be transformational, but it’s really tough to secure funding in this area. The Fat Beehive Foundation exists to change that, offering **small grants of up to £2,500** to charities with a turnover of less than £1 million. Applications considered on a rolling basis with Trustees meeting April, July, October, and January.

<https://www.fatbeehivefoundation.org.uk/>

**The Fore** **(Seed Funding for UK Charity Sector)**

The Fore offers unrestricted funding **to small charities across the UK that are making a big impact and who want to significantly grow, strengthen, become more efficient or resilient.** The national funding programme is open to any sector and region within the UK with particular interest **in grassroots organisations working with underserved communities. Applicants can be in any location or sector but need to be registered in the UK.**

**Unrestricted grants of up to £30,000 spread over one to three years are available**. In addition, non-financial support such as access to a network of skilled, pro-bono volunteers, online training workshops and seminars are available to successful charities for life.

The unrestricted funding can be used for any purpose, including core costs and capital funding as long as the grants will help strengthen the organisation internally and help it to take the next step forwards in its growth or sustainability.

Applications will be considered from registered charities (including those constituted as charitable trusts, charitable unincorporated associations, charitable incorporated organisations and charitable companies limited by guarantee), Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs), Community Interest Companies (CICs) limited by guarantee, or Community Benefit Societies and social enterprises that are charitable companies limited by guarantee or CICs limited by guarantee.

To apply for funding, organisations must first register some basic contact details at the start of the funding round. Once their place on the funding round has been confirmed by email, they have three to four weeks to submit an application. **Only organisations that have registered with the Fore and are allocated a place may submit an application for the specific funding round.**

This is a very competitive process, and The Fore reports that one-third of applicants will get through to the ‘ideas testing’ phase.

There are **three funding rounds per year** (Spring, Summer and Autumn) **which open for registration for one week only.**

[Applying for Funding - The Fore](https://thefore.org/applying-for-funding/)

**Garfield Weston Foundation Grants**

We support a wide range of charities that make a positive difference, working in different sectors in the UK. These include **welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage and faith.** We fund small local organisations and large national institutions. **Our grants range from £1,000 to several million pounds**, depending on each charity’s size and scope of work. Our grants can be for your organisation’s running costs, for a specific activity or for capital projects. We are flexible and fund what charities need the most.  
  
[Capital projects](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/pc6kC2vxMipNgq8FnMsK26?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com): Capital means building works or repairs, or equipment that's necessary to your organisation's work.  
  
[Operating/Core costs:](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/etoFC32QNfp5O12FgYIzii?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)Operating/Core cost grants are made towards the general costs of running your organisation.  
  
[Projects/specific activity](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/p7koC4RQOfBpqNliON6OMG?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com): These grants are for a specific project or area of your work. It will have a defined scope of work and timescale.

<https://garfieldweston.org/what-we-fund/>

**The Gillian Stevenson Charitable Trust**

The Trust offers responsive funding to charitable organisations working with **young people and families in the UK who are in need due to ill health, disability, financial hardship or some other disadvantage.**

There is particular interest in supporting organisations which provide access to activities, experiences, services or facilities that their beneficiaries would otherwise find difficult or impossible to take advantage of. Grants of between **£100 and £5,000 are available**.

Match funding is not required as the Trust will consider funding up to 100% of the project costs. To be eligible, applicants must be registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The funding can be used for the following:

* + A one-off purchase of equipment.
  + A new or one-off project, service or activity.
  + The continuation of a project, service or activity that already being provided.

Emergency funding to cover running costs of the organisation so that it can continue to function. (Note the funding cannot cover routine running costs).

**Applications are accepted annually.** The first step in the application process is to send an email stating the name of the applicant organisation to info@gillianstevensontrustuk.org Groups will then be sent a link to the application form. Once the completed application form has been submitted, the Trust will inform applicants what to expect in terms of the timeline of the decision-making process.

[www.gillianstevensontrustuk.org](http://www.gillianstevensontrustuk.org)

**Golsoncott Foundation (Fine Arts and Music)**

Voluntary sector organisations across the UK can apply for funding **to deliver projects and activities that promote, maintain, improve, and advance the education of the public in the arts, and in particular the fine arts and music**.

Golsonscott Foundation is offering grants typically **up to £3,000 for voluntary and community sector organisations** to deliver projects and activities that demonstrate and deliver excellence in the arts, whether in performance, exhibition, artistic craft, or scholarly endeavour. Priority is given to the applications from arts organisations whose main objective is the perfection of the art form itself, or performance excellence.

For proposed projects involving young people, the trustees are interested in establishing long-lasting connections between them and the art, rather than a project offering little scope for further involvement.​ The trustees typically meet every quarter to consider applications.

[The Golsoncott Foundation | Supporting Excellence](https://www.golsoncott.org.uk/)

**Great Britain Saskawa Foundation (cultural co-operation with Japan)**

The Foundation is offering **grants of up to £6,000 for cultural and educational activities that foster good relations between the UK and Japan** by advancing the education of the people of both nations in each other’s culture, society, and achievements. Funding is available to support activities in the following fields:

* Arts and culture.
* Science, technology, and the environment.
* Humanities and social issues.
* Japanese language.
* Medicine and health.
* Youth and education.
* Sport.

Grants can be used to pump-prime a range of projects, such as:

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

Priority will be given to projects in the fields of **science and technology, medicine and health, environment and social issues, Japanese studies, and the Japanese language.**

Our **UK office** holds three annual awards meetings, with application **deadlines on 31st March, 15th September and 15th December** for consideration by our Trustees in May, November and March respectively.

Our **Japan office** also accepts applications originating from Japan, with **deadlines at the end of February** for a decision in April **and the end of September** for a decision in October.

Applications are accepted for projects in all the fields listed above. However, grants are **not** made for consumables, salaries, and materials, rather they are intended to be used towards activity (such as accommodation, travel, subsistence, exchanges, workshops, etc.).

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

[The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation (gbsf.org.uk)](http://www.gbsf.org.uk/)

**Greenhall Foundation**

UK-based registered charities will have the opportunity to apply for **grants ranging from £1,000 to £10,000 to enhance the lives of people facing social and economic challenges, particularly amongst the sick, elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged populations in the UK**.

The Greenhall Foundation is providing the funding, which will support **special projects or the purchase of specific equipment, rather than general operating costs or charity salaries**. The Foundation gives preference to appeals where they can provide a significant proportion of the required funding.

Two application rounds annually. Each round closes when **150 applications** have been received.

* Round 1 **opens 3 March 2025 9am** UK time for Charities in all income brackets;
* Round 2 **opens 1 September 2025 9am** UK time for Charities with an annual income of £250,000 or less.

<https://greenhallfoundation.org/how-to-apply/>

**Grocers’ Charity – Memorial Grants**

One-off grants of up to £5,000 are available to small UK registered charities for work in the specific areas of: **relief of poverty, children and young people, the disabled, the elderly, health, military, heritage and the arts and environment**.

The online enquiry form may be submitted at any time and applications are usually considered four times a year. Applicants should complete the online eligibility checklist for the relevant area to access the online enquiry form.

<https://grocershall.co.uk/the-charity/memorial-grants/>

[**Growth Impact Fund**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/_tzRCmQO5CjKKxESGDneVM?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)

The Growth Impact Fund is **a social investment fund, helping fast growth early-stage social businesses to grow their impact**. It provides tailored support packages including loans, grant funding and expert advice to organisations with a social purpose that are **focused on tackling inequity and have diverse representation at board and leadership level.**

There are three flexible types of investment available:

* Equity – £50,000 to £500,000 for shares in the organisation.
* Revenue share – £50,000 to £750,000 for repayments based on the organisation's revenue performance.
* Patient debt – £500,000 to £1,500,000 for regular repayments set at an agreed interest rate over several years.

Investing organisations can also access the following grant funding:

* Up to £15,000 before investment to support organisations before accessing investment or to cover your personal expenses through the process.
* Up to £20,000 alongside investment as additional funding support to help applicants grow their organisation.

Solo founders and organisations that demonstrate a clear commitment to improving diversity, equity and inclusion are also eligible to apply.

The main sectors the fund invests in are:

* **Consumer business**
* **Education and learning**
* **Employment and training**
* **Health and social care**

The funders are interested in supporting organisations that primarily serve individuals experiencing one or a combination of socio-economic disadvantage, racism and exclusion experienced by racialised communities, gender discrimination, LGBTQIA+ discrimination, place-based deprivation and disability discrimination. Organisations should be directly tackling inequity through their products, services, training or employment.

For further information, your local contact is: Nuala at [nualasmyth@unltd.org.uk](mailto:nualasmyth@unltd.org.uk)

<https://growthimpactfund.org.uk/>

**The Halifax Foundation (NI) – Better Together** (3 rolling programmes)

The Halifax Foundation have launched their new website and strategy for 2024-2028 "BETTER, TOGETHER" and have **3 Programmes which are open now with no deadlines:**

**IGNITE**  
IGNITE provides funding to support new charities (set up within the last 2 years) which **support people in greatest need**. For example, **supporting people living in poverty; those who are unemployed; those with disabilities or mental ill health. (This is not an exhaustive list – other areas of need will be considered.)** A 12 month grant, **max award £2,000**. Mentoring and training also available. A rolling programme – you can apply at any time.  
[Read More](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/fjhCCVPARfxqQJEiGkPJVp?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)

**COMMUNITY FLEX**  
Open to charities with an income of £500,000 or less. You must have at least one year of annual returns published on a charity regulator website. **Your charity must support people in greatest need. For example, supporting people living in poverty; those who are unemployed; those with disabilities or mental ill health. (This is not an exhaustive list – other areas of need will be considered.)** 12 month grant. **Maximum award £10,000.**

Community Flex includes a flexibility commitment which means se recognise that costs you need supported at the time of application may not be what you need throughout the lifetime of your grant. We encourage you to speak to your grants officer should things change and we will endeavour to be as flexible as possible. (Please note – you must receive confirmation of approval before changes are made.) A rolling programme - you can apply at any time. [Read More](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/4PkmCW7LVu5roEQT61r-u4?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)  
  
**COLLABORATE**  
The COLLABORATE programme is open to **2 or more charities coming together to tackle a social issue at a local level.** All collaborating charities must have individual income levels of £500,000 or less. Charities must **support people in greatest need**. For example, supporting people living in poverty; those who are unemployed; those with disabilities or mental ill health. (This is not an exhaustive list – other areas of need will be considered.)

**COLLABORATE is a rolling programme and will close when the budget is reached. This is a pilot programme with the potential to support approximately 5 – 10 collaborating grants.** Applicants must have a pre-application call with a member of the Grants Team prior to submitting an application. To book a call, please contact [grants@halifaxfoundationni.org](mailto:grants@halifaxfoundationni.org)

**COLLABORATE includes a flexibility commitment** which means we recognise that costs you need supported at the time of application may not be what you need throughout the lifetime of your grant. We encourage you to speak to your grants officer should things change and we will endeavour to be as flexible as possible. (Please note – you must receive confirmation of approval before changes are made.) [Read More](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/uelgCXoLWCXErQgT6Mihzw?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)

<https://www.halifaxfoundationni.org/>

**Halifax Foundation NI – EMPOWER Programme (core costs)**

Funding is available to assist the operations of **infrastructure charities, both regional or sub-regional, who work to support voluntary and community groups in Northern Ireland.**

The EMPOWER programme is an initiative provided by the Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland as part of its 'Better Together' strategy for the 2024-2028 period. Grants of **up to £20,000 are available to support infrastructure charities with the delivery of strategic and transformational projects that do not duplicate government-supported activities.**

Applications will be accepted from community organisations registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland or other charity regulator within the UK or Ireland. Applications must support people residing in Northern Ireland.

Grants may be used for costs and activities including the following:

* Research/publication costs.
* Capacity building.
* Materials and equipment.
* Salary contributions.
* Overheads/core costs.
* Transport costs.
* Volunteer expenses.
* Training/tutor costs.
* Activity costs.
* Minor refurbishment.

Applicants are required to have a pre-application call with a member of the Halifax Foundation's Grants Team prior to submitting an application. Applications can be made at any time and will close when the funding pot has been exhausted.

[Halifax Foundation EMPOWER Programme](https://www.halifaxfoundationni.org/empower/#:~:text=The%20EMPOWER%20programme%20is%20in,be%20to%20support%20other%20groups.)

**The Happiness Fund (health, well-being, inclusion, learning and skills)**

This fund aims to build happy, strong, resilient communities by **supporting grassroots, not-for-profit projects that enable sustainable outcomes in:**

* **Mental health Wellbeing & happiness**
* **Inclusion**
* **Learning and skills development**

The fund is intended **to help new groups and activities, to be successful**. Applicants will need to indicate how the activity/group can become self-sustaining or able to attract funding from other sources in the longer term. **The fund will award £5,000 twice a year** - allowing up to two different projects/ charities or CICs per year to apply.  You cannot re-apply if you have won funding from the Happiness fund in the last 24 months.

<https://www.laughology.co.uk/no-category/the-happiness-fund-2>

**Happy Days Children’s Charity**

The Happy Days Charity is a national children's charity dedicated to providing holidays, days out, theatre trips, experiences, respite breaks and group activity holidays for disadvantaged young people with special needs. The Charity supports families with children aged 3-17 who have learning difficulties, physical or mental disabilities, acute, chronic or life limiting illnesses, been abused or neglected, witnessed domestic violence, been bereaved or act as carers for a parent or a sibling. **The minimum or maximum grant levels are not specified.** The Charity will also consider applications **for partial funding, joint projects with other agencies, and applications for group residential holidays.** The Charity accepts applications from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, plus from GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers.

Day Trips, Visiting Theatre and Group Activity Holidays

The applicant must represent a group of **young people aged 3-17 with additional needs**. This includes representatives of a special needs school or special needs group, young carers and women's refuges. Only key carers will be funded and additional adults must be self-funded. A group leader and deputy group leader must be nominated.

Family Holiday Breaks and Family Day Trips

**The child or children in need of the holiday (i.e. a two to four night break within the UK) should be between 3 and 17 years old, have special educational needs or have been abused or have a life-limiting condition.** Families must also have a household income of £28,000 or under, this includes all benefits received but not PIP/DLA, Child Benefit or carers allowance.

**Note: Funding is not available for accompanying adults who are not key carers.**

Group Day Trips and Visiting Theatre

Applicants may apply for a day trip to a wide variety of destinations, for example, the seaside, a theme park, the theatre, or for a theatre workshop to visit the applicants' premises. Items that can be funded are tickets/passes and transport costs.

Group Activity Holidays

Applicants may apply for a group activity holiday to a wide variety of destinations such as outdoor activity centres, holiday camps and sailing breaks.

Family Day Trips

Eligible trips include zoos, farm parks, theme parks, the seaside or the theatre.

Family Holiday Breaks

Applicants may apply for a short break family holiday by the seaside or in the countryside, usually in the United Kingdom. Other destinations will be considered according to cost.

Applications may be submitted at any time. Application forms are available to download from the Charity's website.

<https://www.happydayscharity.org/applications>

**Hargreaves Foundation**

Grants (no specified maximum or minimum amount) are available for **charities and educational institutions in the UK that support those under the age of 18 years, and living with a mental health condition, disability or growing up in poverty through the mediums of sport and education**. The Foundation can fund clearly defined projects, initiatives or the purchase of specific items that support one or more of the following:

* Enables individuals to experience the mental and physical health benefits of participatory sport
* Ensures participatory sport is accessible
* Provides sporting or educational activities that foster life skills
* Aims to improve academic engagement and attainment
* Encourages the development of skills and personal attributes to aid future employability.

[The Hargreaves Foundation | Transforming Young Lives Through Sport and Education](https://www.thehargreavesfoundation.org/)

**The Hedley Foundation – A Small Grant Giving Charity**

We award grants to those charities that demonstrate quantifiable outcomes relating to **social welfare** to beneficiaries in the following area: **youth support, disabled support, supporting the elderly and the terminally ill and miscellaneous support (project to support carers, homeless people, ex-offenders and those about to leave custody).**

Typically, **grants of up to £5,000 are regularly made** and occasional larger sums are given to charities where high impact can be achieved. Similarly, smaller charities often benefit from smaller grants of £250 upwards.  Applications should be received in good time before each Trustee meeting and at least 6 weeks before the meeting date. Trustees meet 4 times a year to consider applications.

<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/impact>

**Help the Homeless**

Homeless charities can apply for **capital grants of up to £5,000** for projects that aim to help homeless people return to the community and enable them to rebuild their lives.  Typically, such organisations may operate small or medium-sized residential or training facilities to assist homeless people. To be eligible to apply, the charity must have an annual turnover of under £1million and with ‘unrestricted reserves’ of under six months.  The quarterly deadlines for funding are: **15 March, 15 June, 15 September and 15 December.**

<https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

**Help Musicians – Current Opportunities**

Whether you’re looking to release new music, embark on a music-led collaboration or work on your professional development, opportunities for support are always available.  Unsure where to start? Join us each month to be guided through our support and how to make an application. [Sign up to a Get Set session here](https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities) Current opportunities include:

* Recording and Releasing Music
* MOBO Help Musicians Fund (supporting musicians making Hip Hop, Grime, R&B, Soul, music of African origin, Reggae, Jazz and Gospel
* Develop Your Skills
* Music-Led Creative Collaboration
* Touring and Live
* Ian Fleming Musical Theatre Awards.

<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities>

**The Henry Moore Foundation**

The Foundation welcomes applications or support of exhibitions, exhibition catalogues, commissions, conferences, research, publications and the development of collections through acquisitions, conservation, cataloguing and display.The Foundation offers funding in the following categories:

* **New projects and commissions: Grants of up to £20,000** to encourage new thinking about sculpture or sculpture history or contribute to public awareness and appreciation of sculpture.
* **Acquisitions and collections: Grants of up to £20,000** for museums and galleries who wish to acquire or conserve sculpture for their collections as well as for cataloguing and display costs.
* **Research and development:** 
  + **Long-term grants of up to £20,000** for projects that require funding for more than one year, such as a permanent collection catalogue.
  + **Small research grants of up to £2,500** for academics, curators, and independent scholars to cover research costs on the history and interpretation of sculpture.
* Conferences, lectures, and publications: **Grants of up to £5000 to publish a new book or journal, or to stage a conference or other event related to sculpture**.

There are typically four deadlines per year. **This funding round is for projects starting, or opening to the public, no sooner than 1 July 2025.**

<https://henry-moore.org/>

**Henry Smith Charity – Holiday Grants for Children**

The Charity aims to **provide children aged 13 years or younger who are disadvantaged, disabled or from areas of high deprivation** with a short recreational holiday or outing they would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience.

**Grants of between £500 and £2,750 are available.** Match funding may be required as the Charity may not be able to award successful applicants the full amount requested. **UK schools, youth groups, not-for-profit organisations and charities** can apply.

The Charity's three main priorities are as follows:

* **Increasing resilience**  
  Empowering people, encouraging integration and personal independence, helping people to recover and move on.
* **Creating opportunities and life chances**  
  Raising aspiration - equipping people with new skills, unlocking and enabling potential, and providing the means to improve life circumstances.
* **Empowering communities**  
  Strengthening and connecting communities and making people feel valued, providing opportunities for social connections and relationships, encouraging participation and inclusion.

Priority will be given to projects that will benefit disadvantaged and disabled children in the most deprived areas in the UK. This means areas that fall within the bottom 20% according to the National Indices of Deprivation. For groups of children with disabilities, more flexibility will be given regarding the level of deprivation.

Applications can be made for grants towards a single trip, which could be a day trip or a longer residential of up to seven days in length. This could be to a countryside or city location but must be outside the children's immediate locality. Day trips should not involve a disproportionate amount of time spent travelling. The funders will consider trips which are more local but these should have an emphasis on providing a new experience for the children and broadening their horizons. Examples include camping, trips to adventure activity centres or the seaside.

This fund is open for applications three times a year and accept applications based on when the trip is happening. The next rounds are:

* 20 March 2025– **21 July 2025** (for trips taking place 1 May–31 August 2025).
* 22 July– **19 November 2025** (for trips taking place 1 September–31 December 2025).

Grants are made on a first-come, first-served basis until the available funding for that round has been fully allocated. All applications should be received **at least five weeks before the date of the trip** to allow for administrative processing and decision making.

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/holiday-grants-for-children/holiday-grants-for-children-overview/>

**Hilden Charitable Fund (Asylum seekers and Penal Affairs)**

Non-profit groups can now apply to the next grants round from Hilden Charitable Fund which aims to address disadvantage, notably by supporting causes which are unlikely to raise funds from public subscriptions. **Grants will usually be in the range of £5,000 to £7,000 per year for up to two years.** The following groups may apply for funding:

* Registered charities.
* Charitable companies.
* Community Interest Companies.
* Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs).
* Excepted charities.

Applicants should have an average income of less than £250,000 over the past three years, as the funders would **prefer to support smaller organisations**.

**Unrestricted grants of core or project funding are available**. However, to be eligible for unrestricted funding all of an organisation's work must meet the Fund's criteria. Activities must fall into one of two programme areas:

* **Asylum seekers -** for organisations working to provide essential services which help meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees and support their integration into the wider community.
* **Penal Affairs –** for work "through the door" where organisations go into prisons with projects and support to help prisoners (especially women) cope and/or maintain family bonds and to be better able to resettle positively when released.

<https://www.hildencharitablefund.org/>

**Hinrichson Foundation (Music promotion)**

Grants of **between £500 and £3,000** are available for charities and organisations across the UK **to deliver music projects that focus on the performance, commissioning, or recording of contemporary music.**

The Hinrichsen Foundation will support projects and activities that:

* Align with The Hinrichsen Foundation's values and objectives for contemporary and experimental music.
* Express a clear programme of activity and project timeline, parameters, and outputs
* Deliver high-quality projects for diverse audiences, prioritising the cultivation of less familiar and experimental music appreciation.
* Embrace artistic risks and diversity.
* Encourage thoughtful collaboration among composers, musicians, and project leads.
* Ensure fair payment for composers and musicians, particularly in larger organisations.
* Demonstrate the financial need and feasibility of the proposed project.

Applications that take artistic risks, promote diversity, consider sustainability, or are artist-led are encouraged. **The Foundation does not support projects where they are the sole funder**. Applicants are expected to indicate another source of income, either secured or projected.

<https://www.hinrichsenfoundation.org.uk/>

**Home Instead Charities** (projects for over 55s)

Home Instead grants are now open to small grass roots organisations who are not registered as a charity. They will specifically fund **activities and projects that further the needs of our ageing adult population through well-being activities and programmes to prevent social isolation and loneliness**. They have also lowered their age category to support the over 55’s and will further support organisations by connecting you to one of their local offices so you can build even more support in your local area. Grants of **up to £500 for grassroots organisations and £1,500 for small local charities**. Four funding windows open each year.

<https://www.homeinstead.co.uk/charities/how-we-do-it/apply-for-a-grant/>

**The Homewards Fund (Homelessness)**

The Homewards Fund aims to support the delivery of the Homewards Northern Ireland’s Local Action Plan to tackle homelessness. **Up to £500,000 will be available to each UK location across the lifecycle of the five-year programme.** Grants can be used to facilitate local partners **to deliver additional capacity, resources and projects needed to unlock scalable and transformative solutions to end homelessness in Northern Ireland**. While they know that this is only a start, the Fund will enable Northern Ireland to test new ideas, help unlock new partners and investment, and learn what works – and what doesn’t.  
  
For the Prospectus, FAQs, and Guidance and Considerations click [**here**](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/R898C32QNfpNKELigYiI1b?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com). Please note that **collaboration is a key principle** of Homewards, so it is important that your idea has been discussed and agreed with your relevant coalition working and/or delivery group before an application is made. A useful webinar recording can be found at [**Homewards Introductory Webinar - Northern Ireland on Vimeo**](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/jsmRC4RQOfBk5vLiONgwPB?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com).

[Homewards Fund - The Royal Foundation - Homewards](https://homewards.org.uk/homewards-fund/)

**The Honourable The Irish Society – North West Fund**

The North West Fund covers County Derry/Londonderry and the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. Charitable organisations elsewhere within Northern Ireland should apply to the [Northern Ireland Fund](https://honourableirishsociety.org.uk/charitable-grants/guidelines-northern-ireland-fund/).

We welcome applications from **local charitable organisations** for assistance of **up to £1,000** and from **individuals for assistance of up to £250** for costs relating to one of the charitable purposes listed below:

* the advancement of education
* the advancement of citizenship or community development
* the advancement of arts, culture, heritage or science
* the advancement of amateur sport
* the advancement of environmental protection or improvement
* the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Where possible grants are made for **specific projects or items of equipment**. Contributions to general funds are not made. Travelling expenses will not be covered. See website for other ineligible costs.

**Grant Levels**

* **Community Groups, Clubs, Associations can apply for grants up to £1,500**
* **Individuals can apply for grants up to £250**
* **Occasionally, exceptions are made to these amounts.**

Application is by e-mail using the online form or by post. You must include an application form, a brief description of your organisation’s activities, copies of 6 month’s recent back statements for all accounts held, a copy of last annual accounts, quotation of costs and details of other funding applied for or already secured.

The Committee meets 4 times a year to consider applications. Evidence of expenditure of grant must be provided within 6 months. Any unspent monies must be returned.

For more info: <https://honourableirishsociety.org.uk/>

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**Hope for Youth Northern Ireland**

Grants of **up to £5,000** are available for cross-community projects that give disadvantaged **young people (aged 11-18)** in NI the opportunity to work together on practical projects that foster teamwork, creativity and personal development, especially within the arts or in the great outdoors. To be eligible, projects must:

* Engage with young people in Northern Ireland, normally aged between 11 and 18 years.
* Foster community integration.
* Focus on outdoor activities, sport, music, dance, drama and the arts.
* Promote personal or team development.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate a cross-community emphasis e.g. a focus on improving community integration in regard to cultural, ethnic or religious diversity. Applications can be submitted throughout the year but the cut-off date for applications for grants to be awarded in the following calendar year is **31 July each year.** <http://hopeforyouthni.com/>

**The Hospital Saturday Fund**

This charity provides assistance for individuals and registered health charities such as hospitals, hospices, medical organisations who are in need of grants for medical projects, care, research or support of medical training within the UK and RoI. They offer both Standard Grants (£2000/€3000) and Large Grants (£10,000/€13,500).

The **2025 deadlines** for:

* **Standard grant applications** are 9 April 2025, 9 July 2025, 14 October 2025, and 5 January 2026.
* **Large grant applications** are 11 June 2025, 16 September 2025, and 2 December 2025.

<https://hospitalsaturdayfund.org/>

**Human Resource Professionals Charitable Trust**

Grants of **between £250 and £1,000** are available to UK not-for-profit organisations for projects which **support those entering the workplace or seeking to improve the work prospects or working lives of individuals** in the UK. Funding is intended to meet the following objectives of the Trust:

* Advance education and training in developments in the practice of Human Resources, including methodologies to promote effective workplace culture.
* Support developments in workplace culture and other aspects of people management which improve working lives.
* Facilitate employment or re-entry into the workplace via training or the provision of tools and resources.

Grants should be used to help members of the public to gain employment at the start of their careers or following a career break or to support diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Grants are made on a quarterly basis. <https://hrcompanytrust.org.uk/>

**Innovation Vouchers – Invest NI**

Innovation Vouchers allow businesses or potential entrepreneurs to work with a public sector knowledge provider e.g. University, College or Institute of Technology (NI and ROI) on an innovation project. **Please note that this programme does not involve the payment of any funds direct to participating businesses**. Typical projects we support include:

* Helping to create or improve products, services or processes
* Access to specialist expertise in new materials
* Tapping into research and scientific expertise.

All applicants can avail of three vouchers in the next five-year period (one voucher at a time). The first voucher is funded at 100% of the project cost to max £5000 and customers pay the VAT. Please note that some Knowledge Providers may be limited in what they can currently deliver given that they are remote working and may not have access to all facilities and equipment.

Further information:

* [FAQ's - find out what a Voucher can and cannot be used for (PDF)](https://www.investni.com/sites/default/files/2021-09/faqs-july-2021-final.pdf)
* [Application form - Download a sample application form (PDF)](https://www.investni.com/sites/default/files/2020-04/innovation-vouchers-sample-application.pdf)
* [Application guidance - Download the application guidance notes (PDF)](https://www.investni.com/sites/default/files/2021-09/guidance-notes-ivp-july-2021.pdf)
* [Find a Knowledge Provider partner for your project](https://www.investni.com/innovation-vouchers-knowledge-providers)

See: [Innovation Vouchers | Funding to develop & grow | Invest NI](https://www.investni.com/support-for-business/innovation-vouchers)

**Ironmongers Company - Disadvantaged Children & Young People (under 25) Grant**

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**The Ironmongers’ Company wishes to support projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential.** We are looking for projects that **deliver clearly defined educational benefits to a specific group of children or young people**. Projects could, for example, **support special educational needs, or foster social, emotional or life skills**. Preference will be given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience.

* Grants range from **£500 up to around £10,000. The average grant awarded is £4,000**.
* Grants must be **spent within twelve months from the date of the award**.
* Recipients are expected to submit a written evaluation report within three months of the completion of the project.
* The Ironmongers' Company’s support should make a recognisable difference therefore preference will be given to requests where the grant would cover a significant element of the cost, and to those from smaller charities.

**Grants are only given to registered charities**. Projects must meet all of the following criteria:

​Be for children and young people under the age of 25 who are disadvantaged

* Consist of educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills
* Have clear aims and objectives to be met within a planned timescale
* Be carried out within the UK.

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**Please note that we are currently closed for submissions. Applications submitted outside of the timings below will not be considered. The application form is only available to download from the webpage below while we are open for submissions.**

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**Spring round**

* Open for submissions 31 May 2025
* Application **deadline 31 July 2025**
* Committee decision and notification of outcome end October 2025.

<https://www.ironmongers.org/helping-charitable-organisations>

**Ironmongers Company – Charitable Grants for STEM Projects**

The Ironmongers’ Foundation offers grants of **up to £10,000** to support initiatives that encourage **young people aged 11 to 18 from disadvantaged backgrounds to study science subjects at school and go on to pursue STEM-related further education or vocational training, particularly in the area of Materials Science.** The Foundation considers Materials Science to be science applied to understanding the production, properties and engineering applications of materials. This may be considered from the perspective of **physics, chemistry, mathematics or vocational studies.**

Applications are accepted from **registered or exempt charities in the UK. Projects involving corporate partners must have charitable purposes and be for public benefit, not private gain**.

The funding is for activities that:

* Are additional to those funded by government or other sources e.g. covered by school budgets.
* Are within the UK, **with a preference for urban areas outside London** and particularly areas in the north and midlands with a manufacturing presence.
* Have clear objectives and measurable outcomes, providing repeat engagement and focusing on how they will enhance the Science Capital of young learners from disadvantaged backgrounds. A written evaluation report demonstrating how impact has been measured must be provided on completion.

**The Foundation prefers to support smaller projects where it is the sole funder or its contribution makes a real difference.**Applications will **not** be accepted from schools.

Applications are considered three times a year.

[STEM Projects | Ironmongers' Company](https://www.ironmongers.org/supporting-stem-projects)

**Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust**

The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust has seven Trustees including two practising veterinary surgeons, one of whom is a partner in a mixed small animal, farm animal and equine practice and the other specialises in birds and wildlife.The objectives of JSAWT are to donate to UK registered charities whose purposes encompass one or more of the following:

* **to benefit or protect animals**
* **to relieve animals from suffering**
* **to conserve wild life**
* **to encourage the understanding of animals.**

JSAWT invites applications for funding, which are then reviewed against specific criteria, as set by the Trustees in accordance with the objectives of the Trust. Find out more about our application process here: [Applications](https://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/applications/) There are annual deadlines on: **10 January, 1 May and 1 September**.

<https://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/>

**Jerwood Foundation (Arts)**

Jerwood Foundation is offering grants to UK-based organisations that focus on **making art available for public benefit and promoting emerging talent in the arts.** Funding is available for a range of projects and activities that promote the arts for public benefit.

**There is no maximum or minimum award amount specified. Grants of up to £180,000 have been awarded, although most grants range between £1,000 and £25,000.**

Previously funded organisations have included:

* Granta Trust to commission early career photographers for work to be published in Granta magazine.
* Ransack Dance Company to support the 'Arrive at Home' career development project.
* The Courtauld to support a major new exhibition of work by British artist Claudette Johnson.
* Paintings in Hospitals to conserve, restore, and digitise a portion of their art collection.
* Arnolfini to collaborate on a three-year project that will draw upon Jerwood’s collection of modern and contemporary British art to help bring Arnolfini’s exhibition archive to life.

Proposed activities should start at least three months, but less than 12 months, from the closing date. **In this round, proposed projects should start or be open to the public from 1 July 2025 and by 1 March 2025.**

<https://jerwood.org/funding/>

**The John Ellerman Foundation** **(unrestricted core funding)**

The Foundation is focussed on 3 themes: **the arts, environment and social action**. **The minimum grant available is £10,000 - £50,000 for three years.** The Foundation normally supports **core funding** but grants for projects are also available. Please note that demand for funds is high.

Funding is available to charities that are doing **work that has a national footprint or a wide reach, such as working in more than one country, region or county**. Occasionally organisations that work locally may receive funding if the work has national significance through good potential for replication or being rolled out on a larger scale.

**Organisations should have an income of between £100,000 and £10 million** and be able to demonstrate: Strong governance and management, effectiveness and impact, good use of volunteers, Partnerships - formal collaboration and networking to help the organisation understand the issues it addresses.

Preference is given to **smaller niche national charities** which shine a light on a particular concern or area of interest. Support is available for **core funding, projects and programmes, such as staff salaries, training and expenses, running costs, monitoring/evaluation, communications and digital innovation.** <https://ellerman.org.uk/apply-for-funding>

**John Moores Foundation - Northern Ireland**

Grants of up to £5k are available to small voluntary groups and organisations for projects that aim to break down barriers among people who are experiencing disadvantage. Any groups or organisations conducting legally charitable work in NI are eligible to apply. Groups do not have to be registered charities.

The Foundation aims to enable people who are marginalised, as a result of social, educational, physical, economic, cultural, geographical or other disadvantage, to improve their social conditions and quality of life. The Foundation supports projects that are:

* Trying to build and strengthen communities.
* Working in partnership with others.
* Carrying out trust building initiatives.
* Addressing previously unmet needs.
* Providing advice and support.
* Trying to change attitudes and broaden horizons.

The organisation/project should support: those suffering from poverty and financial crisis, those in poor physical or mental health, Black, Asian and minority ethnic people, refugees, women including girls, children and young people aged 5 to 25, those suffering discrimination, families needing support, homeless people, carers, adults with few or no educational qualifications.

The size of grant varies, although the Foundation prefers to give smaller grants to a larger number of projects. **Applicants should show what other sources of funding have been secured.** The funding can be used to cover core running costs, volunteer out of pocket expenses, education and training costs, venue and travel costs, one-off projects, small items of equipment (if part of a wider project). Applicants should first contact the John Moores Foundation by phone or email for an application form. The Trustees meet five to six times a year to make decisions on applications. Organisations should allow three to five months for a decision to be made.

<https://www.jmf.org.uk/funding/grants-for-northern-ireland.html>

**Joseph Rank Trust**

The scheme is intended to support organisations which work to either advance the Christian faith or carry out other charitable purposes with consideration of a Christian approach to the practical, educational and spiritual needs of people. The Trust's main areas of interest are as follows:

* **Projects that demonstrate a Christian approach to the practical, educational and spiritual needs of people of all ages.**
* **The adaptation or improvement of church properties (including new build) with a view to providing improved facilities for use by the church and its work in the community in which it is based*.***

**There are no minimum or maximum levels of grant available. Each grant application is considered on its own merits**. The Trust will consider funding one-off grants for capital expenditure and three-year grants for project funding/core costs. Applicants are required to ensure that they **have other sources of funding or can match any funding the Trust might provide (not applicable for capital grants).**

The Trust considers applications from registered charities, excepted or exempted charities in the UK. Methodist churches can also apply (see the Trust's website for additional instructions for applications on behalf of churches). **There are no application forms and written applications should be submitted in hard copy, not by email. See website for details of application requirements.**

<http://www.ranktrust.org>

**Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust – Ann Rylands Small Donations Programme**

Grants of **up to £1,500** available towards a charity’s core costs or to support a specific project. Applications will be prioritised from charities which offer practical support for:

* **older people**
* **people with disabilities or living with serious illness, or**
* **people facing challenges with mental health, social exclusion, homelessness or other difficulties in their lives.**

All applications must be submitted using the online application form.  Not more than one application can be accepted within a period of 12 months. There are no reporting requirements.

<https://julesthorntrust.org.uk/programmes/ann-rylands-small-donations/>

**Kellogg’s School Breakfast Club Fund**

Kellogg’s is offering grants of **up to £1,000 to schools to help fund breakfast clubs across the UK to help fund breakfast clubs aimed at pupils between reception class and year 13 to ensure that those who need it most receive a morning meal.**

**.** Only one grant per school in each academic year is available. A limited number of grants are available with priority being given to schools that either:

* Have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding (for England) and **eligible for free school meals (Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales)**; or
* Are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

<https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en_GB/our-story/feeding-people-in-need/support-for-school-breakfast-clubs/grants-for-schools.html>

**Kelly Family Charitable Trust (Tackling Family Problems)**

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 although requests for higher funding will be considered.** Funding is available for **both capital and revenue grants as well as grants for core funding and projects-based grants**. The Trust 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. They have previously funded charities working in fields including early intervention, mediation, prison services and services for families affected by sexual abuse, physical abuse and domestic violence, among others.

<https://kfct.org.uk/>

**Kilburn and Strode: Innovation for All Foundation**

A small number of grants are available annually **to registered charities to deliver projects which use innovative and creative solutions to benefit local communities in the UK.**

**Grants of £10,000, £20,000 and £30,000 are available for activities that meet the Fund’s grantmaking theme of ‘Innovation for good’ with an objective  ‘through innovation, to sustainably provide benefit for those in need’.**

Successful applicants will be selected by employee vote. Registered charities based in the UK or overseas may apply as long as they have appropriate governance in place.

Last year's grant recipients were:

* Roald Dahl’s Marvellous Children’s Charity
* Brain and Spine Foundation
* Neurokinex Kids
* Young Minds Matter.

**Applications are now open for the 2025 round with a deadline of 31 March 2025.**

<https://www.kilburnstrode.com/about-us/innovation-for-all-foundation>

**King Charles III Charitable Fund**

This small grant programme awards **single or multi-layer grants** to a **maximum value of £5,000 and £15,000 respectively** are available for UK registered non-profit organisations supporting grass-roots projects in diverse and deprived communities. The funder is keen to support projects/activities and organisations that are committed to embedding **equality, diversity and inclusion principles or aim to support diverse communities**. Grants are for community projects that fall within the following core funding themes:

* **Heritage and conservation**
* **Education**
* **Health and wellbeing**
* **Social inclusion**
* **Environment**
* **Countryside** see:  <https://www.royalcountrysidefund.org.uk/>

<https://www.kccf.org.uk/>

**King George VI Youth Awards (NI)**

Grants of **up to £500** are available for youth work projects in NI for **young people aged 14 to 21.** The scheme aims to enable young people, to fulfil their plans, by providing awards for travel, cultural or social activities; awards for sporting activities that are part of a broad based youth work programme; and awards for equipment related to training or youth work provision for young people. Funding is not available for running costs, capital building or salary costs. Some evidence of fundraising by the group or individual is necessary. Applications are welcome from both groups and individuals. Youth clubs, voluntary youth organisations and groups can also apply. Applicants must be resident in NI. Applications are considered 4 times a year by the Awards Panel.

<http://kgviyouthawards.org.uk/>

**Kingspan Kickstart Sports Fund**

Amateur athletes and sports clubs across the island of Ireland are invited to apply for the Kingspan Kickstart Sports Fund, a fund created to help budding athletes get a financial boost to achieve their goals. The fund will run on a quarterly basis, and offer **up to € 1,000/£850 sterling, per applicant, per year** to help provide financial support for equipment, training, and other necessary resources.

<https://www.kingspangroup.com/en/about/communities/kickstart-sports-fund/>

**LandAid Programme** **(Youth Homelessness)**

LandAid aim to see an end to youth homelessness in the UK and aim to create 1,000 bedspaces for young people who are homeless, or who have experienced homelessness, by April 2024.  They offer three core grant programmes: **Safe Places Programme, Capital Grants Programme, and Move-on Grants Programme**.

In addition, they help charities **find free, high-quality, professional skills, services, and advice**; generously provided by their corporate pro bono partners. LandAid intend to increase the value of their Pro Bono Programme to over £1m per annum by April 2024. **They welcome applications from Northern Ireland.**

[Apply for funding & support - LandAid](https://www.landaid.org/apply-for-funding-support/)

**Leathersellers’ Charitable Fund – Small & Main Grants Programmes**

The Leathersellers' Foundation provides a wide range of funding **to UK registered charities, educational institutions and university students.**

To be eligible organisations must:

* Deliver activities to meet **an identified need for vulnerable people in their community, be open and transparent about their work and finances and work in partnership with others**
* Have a planned **expenditure of under £200,000 during the financial year** in which they are applying for funding.
* Have at least one year's published accounts.

**Small Grants Programme of up to £5,000 – one-off grants for small projects**

**Applications Open:** 10am, Monday 31 March 2025  
**Committee Meeting Date:** Tuesday 6 May 2025

**Applications Open:** 10am, Tuesday 6th May 2025  
**Committee Meeting Date:**Thursday 12 June 2025

Please complete the application using the offline form. **If you start an online application form and then find that we’ve reached our maximum applications, you will not be able to access this form again**, so please work offline and copy answers over to ensure no answers are lost.

**40 APPLICATIONS PER ROUND.**

**Main Grants Programme for unrestricted grant (core costs) of between £20,000 and £25,000 per year for a period of up to four years**– targeted funding rounds, with grants available towards **core costs to support charities working within the focus area of the active round**.

The **Main Grants Programme** accepts applications from UK registered charities or Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) that:

* Are operating in the UK in an area of deprivation.
* Have an organisational income over £200,000 and under £2 million (for the coming or current year).
* Work to prevent the occurrence of and/or support recovery from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as their core focus.
* Use a trauma-informed approach and evidence-based interventions.
* Can demonstrate the effectiveness of their approach through evaluation or external research.
* Are either lived-experience led or can show significant input from those with lived experience.

Leathersellers recognises that some communities suffer from a greater likelihood of ACEs due to systemic barriers. It welcomes applications from charities who support under-represented groups.

There are 8 application windows throughout the year – **check website for application deadlines**. **Submissions are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. As soon as 40 applications have been received, applications will close for the round.**

<https://leathersellers.co.uk/foundation/all-grants/>

**The Leche Trust**

We offer grants in two areas**: performing arts and conservation**. As trustees we meet three times each year and at each meeting have an allocation of around £30,000 for performing arts projects and £30,000 for conservation projects. We will consider offering **grants up to £5,000** but, because of demand, £5,000 grants are exceptional. **The average grant is £2,000.**

Our priorities for **music, theatre and dance** are:

* Excellence in professional performance;
* The production and performance of new work;
* The development of young, professional artists aged 18 or over.

We aim to achieve a broad balance between music, theatre and dance projects, and take into account the number and location of the audiences and/or individuals likely to benefit.

We support the **conservation of historic objects, collections and features of buildings and designed landscapes which are pre-Victorian in date, i.e. pre-1830s**. In the case of **churches, we will consider supporting the conservation of items such as monuments, wall paintings, stained glass, and historic furniture and fittings.**

We prefer to give grants to smaller projects, or specific elements of projects, where our contribution can have a greater impact. Projects may include conservation surveys and preventive measures as well as remedial work, and we will consider grants towards the acquisition of items for collections.

The Trust does not have an application form but **each application to the main grants programme should be accompanied by this single page cover sheet** [here](http://lechetrust.org/documents/Application%20Cover%20Sheet%202018.pdf) which includes your consent to us holding your personal data for the purpose of processing your application [[data privacy]](http://www.lechetrust.org/privacy-policy.htm). Your application, maximum 3,000 words, should include a number of elements which are detailed on the website in the “How To Apply” section. Trustees meet three times a year to review applications.

<http://www.lechetrust.org/funding-guidelines.htm>

**Leeds Building Society Foundation**

The Foundationprovides UK registered charities with **small grants of up to £1,000** to support **those in need of a safe and secure home** forprojects which address one or more of the following themes:

* Financial stress - projects that help with bills or debt stress.
* Security and refuge - projects that support emergency accommodation.
* Quality and suitability of housing.
* Health and wellbeing support for those experiencing homelessness.

Applications are welcome from those who take a Housing First and/or relationship-based approach. Applications should show evidence of:

* Strength-based practice
* Trauma-informed care
* Psychologically-informed environments.

<https://www.leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk/your-society/about-us/foundation/>

**London Hearts: Defibrillator Grants UK**

London Hearts is helping to fund Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) in communities all over the country. London Hearts can help by providing a grant of £300 to communities who are fundraising for a public access defibrillator in their area. So far they have helped sports clubs, parish councils, not-for-profits and individuals who are fundraising for a defibrillator obtain funding towards the cost of a defibrillator and cabinet, making this lifesaving piece of kit more affordable.

<https://londonhearts.org/defibrillator-grants>

**Lush - Charity Pot Funding**

‘Charity Pot' is a Lush hand and body cream where 10% of all sales (minus local taxes) are distributed as grants, to groups working in the areas of: **Animal Protection, Environment and**

**Human Rights (incl. social justice, peace & equality).** Charity Pot grants:

* range **from £100, up to a maximum of £10,000 per project/application**.  **The average Charity Pot grant is between £2,000 - £4,000.**
* provide targeted funding to small, grassroots groups
* prioritise projects that aim to create long-term change
* are looking for organisations that take on issues that others don't, those that push the boundaries and challenge the mainstream opinion.

<https://www.lush.com/uk/en/a/charity-pot-funding-guidelines>

**The Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust**

The Trust awards grant of up to £5,000 and supports organisations for young adults with learning disability, after leaving school, with the aim or giving them practical skills to prepare them to be able to lead independent lives. Grants can only be made registered Charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations or Community Interest Companies.

The **window for applications is 1-31 March each year.** The Trust meeting is held in June.

<https://www.margaretdobsontrust.org/>

**Marsh Charitable Trust**

The Trust aims to support small registered charities through **long-term core funding** in an attempt to assist these organisations to maintain their current and ongoing activities. It also runs an award programme for individuals and groups committed to social, cultural and environmental causes (see website). Grants range from **£300 to £2,000 with new applications at the lower end of this scale**. Funding is available for various running costs, such as volunteer expenses, training days or equipment maintenance and other core costs for the following fields:

**Arts & Heritage, Education & training, Environmental Causes & Animal welfare,**

**Healthcare** and **Social Welfare**. All applications should be made in writing (no standard application form) and sent by post.

<https://www.marshcharitabletrust.org/>

**Material Focus** (electricals recycling)

The Electricals Recycling Fund aims to **grow existing methods or test new creative and practical ones for recycling small household electricals**.

They fund two types of projects:

* 1. Organisations can apply for **up to £100,000 of funding for projects that aim to grow or improve existing household waste and recycling collection services**
  2. Organisations can apply for **up to £50,000 for projects that aim to innovate or test new approaches to collect electricals for reuse and recycling**. They may consider further funding should the project demonstrate value for money and significant impact.

Funding applications are currently open on a rolling basis (no deadlines).

[Electricals Recycling Fund - Material Focus](https://www.materialfocus.org.uk/partnerships-with-material-focus/electricals-recycling-fund/)

**Matrix Causes Fund (equity and justice)**

The charitable arm of Matrix Law, Matrix Causes Fund (MCF) offers a small number of grants twice a year **to registered charities in the UK for projects** relating to equity and justice.

There is particular interest in organisations whose focus is on **supporting needs of vulnerable groups, such as prisoners, asylum seekers, people with mental health difficulties, people (particularly children) with disabilities and women in refuges.**

The MFC will provide either:

* **One-off grant of up to £5,000** or
* **Grants of up to £3,000 a year for three years**.

Funding will support a specific project which supplements the organisation’s core activities.

The grant may only cover identifiable items or activities such as:

* Publications.
* Staff/volunteer training.
* Publicity.
* Events and equipment which can benefit many people in the long-term.

UK organisations with charitable status may apply. In exceptional circumstances, applications may be considered from organisations that are established for "charitable purposes" and are recognised by HMRC as an exempt charity. There are two application windows each year.

**Deadlines for applications: 31 March** and **30 September**

<https://www.matrixlaw.co.uk/csr/matrix-causes-fund/>

**Matthew Good Foundation – Grants for Good**

Grants for Good invites local charities, voluntary groups or social enterprises that have an average annual income of less than £50,000 to apply to them for funding. **Every three months, the Foundation will share £15,000 between 5 shortlisted projects that have a positive impact on communities, people or the environment**. Projects are voted on by John Good employees. Following each vote, the project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £5,000, second place £3,500, third place £2,500 and fourth & fifth place £2,000.

Funding is awarded in April, July, October, and January, with an application deadline of the 15th of the month before.

<https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/apply-2/>

**McCarthy Stone - Core Cost Funding**

The Foundation awards unrestricted core funding to grassroots charitable organisations who have people **over 65** at the heart of their work. **Unrestricted funding is only available to registered charities and community groups.** Organisations who can demonstrate strong alignment with our charitable aims are invited to apply for unrestricted funding, **currently up to £7,500**.

We know that many small organisations don’t have the resources for complex or extensive grant applications and monitoring, so we will do our best to work with you to make the process simple, transparent and fair. We will also work with you to help report on the impact the grant will have. You can also find out more in our Grant Making Policy that covers the processes and criteria in greater depth:

<https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-policies/>

**McCarthy Stone - Project Funding**

We also invite application for Project Funding. This funding is open to registered charities, community groups and community interest companies limited by guarantee. This funding is to support a new or existing programme dedicated to **supporting people over 65** within an organisation. It can also be used towards community green space or building projects although it cannot be applied retrospectively. We encourage all organisations submitting an application for project funding to do so on a cost-recovery basis. You can find our more here:

<https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/cost-recovery-for-small-charities/>

For advice on either of the above funds, please get in touch using this form: <https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/contact/>

<https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/>

**Migrant Help Community Hubs Scheme**

This funding aims to **support new and existing community hubs and drop-in services that increases support and access to local services for asylum seekers and refugees** through:

* Supporting third sector organisations delivering non contracted services to asylum seekers and refugees.
* Encouraging community integration.
* Supporting the health and wellbeing of asylum seekers and refugees.
* Welcoming asylum seekers and refugees into communities around the UK
* Providing support to organisations and projects which may struggle to find support elsewhere.

Two grants are available:

* **Small bridging grants of up to £2,000**
  + To help with things like short-term running costs whilst seeking further funding or to provide essential needs that cannot be met elsewhere. This may include essentials like covering unexpected increases in bills / venue hire, activity costs, material items or for costs of training and advertising.
* **Sustainability and start up grants of up to £5,000**
  + To help start a new hub in an area of high need or to invest in an existing hub, creating sustainability, such as equipment, training for staff and volunteers, support in advertising opportunities or identifying partners, hosting launch days and community events etc.

The funding can be used for **Capital costs** such as equipment, furniture and materials, etc OR

**Revenue costs** such as staff wages, venue hire costs.

There are no deadlines for applications; however, when the maximum funding available for each year has been distributed, the applications will close until the following round in the next year. **The year runs from 1 April to 31 March the following calendar year.** Applications can be submitted at any time and will be assessed on a bi-monthly basis. Only one application per organisation can be made in any single funding round. An application form and guidelines are available on request by sending an email to: [info@migranthelpuk.org](mailto:info@migranthelpuk.org)

<https://www.migranthelpuk.org/>

**Music Venue Trust – Pipeline Investment Fund**

PIF allows small-scale grant applications (up to £5,000) from **UK-based Grassroots Music Venues to support two areas of work:**

* **Small-scale capital applications; including lights, sound, access, ventilation and minor building alterations**
* **Staff Training; diversifying your workforce, succession planning, skills development, and strengthening local community ties**

The fund will prioritise support for organisations who may be excluded from other available funding and we would ask venues to approach the fund appropriately and economically, for something that will make a real difference to your organisation and venue. PIF is open to all venues that meet any of the three definitions of a Grassroots Music Space –

[GMV Definition](https://www.musicvenuetrust.com/resources/grassroots-music-venue-gmvs-definition/)  
[GMP Definition](https://www.musicvenuetrust.com/resources/grassroots-music-pub-gmps-definition/)  
[GMAS Definition](https://www.musicvenuetrust.com/resources/grassroots-music-arts-space-gmas-definition/)

We recommend all applicants read our [frequently asked questions](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dR-AfvPxzNFzESOba1ZOpb1AYLGmJHuIYlg2MgDYFAo/edit?usp=sharing). A simplified application process is available to any subscribed venue member of the [Music Venues Alliance](https://www.musicvenuetrust.com/music-venues-alliance/).

If you have any queries, please e-mail: [pi\*@mu\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*.com](mailto:pi*@mu*************.com)

[Music Venue Trust - Pipeline Investment Fund](https://www.musicvenuetrust.com/pipeline-investment-fund/#:~:text=PIF%20allows%20small%2Dscale%20grant,ventilation%20and%20minor%20building%20alterations)

**National Churches Trust – Medium and Large Grants**

This supports church and chapel buildings open for worship throughout the UK. It funds urgent repairs and modernisation, provides expert advice on church maintenance and on how churches can continue to serve local communities and promote church heritage and tourism. The funding is for projects which can demonstrate how they meet the outcome in line with its strategy:

* Preserving heritage.
* Promoting sustainability.
* Inspiring support.

**The Small Grants programme has been merged into the Trust’s Medium Grants programme**

Places of worship of any Christian denomination and age can apply now for **grants of up to £10,000 to help with urgent and essential maintenance** and **repair projects costing up to £80,000**. Grants can also be used for project development - developing a church building project such as feasibility studies, options appraisals, investigative work and development work up to RIBA Planning Stage 1. **Match funding of at least 50% is required.**

Applications will be considered from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship across the UK.

To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate that:

* The building is a Christian place of worship (but not a cathedral) within the UK, and open for at least six services of public worship each year.
* They own the building or have the right to carry out the work. If the church is not part of a major denomination, then the denomination must be registered with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or have charitable status.
* The place of worship was built as a place of worship originally and is more than 30 years old.
* The works must be to the main church building either directly part of the building or attached to it.
* The building is open to the public for a minimum of 100 days a year beyond worship use.

**Next deadline: 15 April 2025**

**Large Grants** are intended **to support structural repairs and maintenance** issues.

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available.

Grants of between £40,000 and £50,000 are extremely limited.

In previous years **the average grant has been around £15,000. At least 50% match funding is required to be sourced by the applicant.**

The Trust has a very limited amount of funding available and can only offer grants to a small proportion of applicants. Priority for funding is for **urgent structural repairs (costed at more than £80,000 including VAT**), but the Trust will consider projects for **the installation of kitchens and accessible toilets (costed at more than £30,000 including VAT).**

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants>

**National Deaf Children’s Society – Make A Change Fund**

Groups of young deaf people **aged between 8 and 25 years** can apply for funding to create new and exciting projects that improve their lives and make positive changes for themselves and other young deaf people. **Grants of up to £1,000** are available to support young deaf people who wish to deliver projects and activities that benefit their lives.

Through the Fund, young deaf people can bring their own ideas to life, such as improving their local area, addressing an issue they and other young deaf people may 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.

Previously funded projects have included:

* A sign language club to help deaf and hearing classmates communicate with each other.
* Improve deaf awareness at local leisure centres.
* Providing deaf awareness tips with bus drivers and emergency services staff.

Groups can be a mixture of deaf and hearing young people. A youth worker or an organisation such as a school or youth group must be involved to support and manage the funds.

There is a two-stage application process. Stage 1 involves completing an Expression of Interest.

[Make a Change Fund (ndcs.org.uk)](https://www.ndcs.org.uk/our-services/services-for-families/apply-for-a-grant/make-a-change-fund/)

**National Garden Scheme – Community Garden Awards**

The funding is for gardening projects carried out within local communities in England, Wales or Northern Ireland. The scheme is committed to:

* **Sustainability in gardening** so proposals need to demonstrate that they will be using sustainable gardening methods – for instance being as far as possible peat-free.
* **Celebrating biodiversity** so projects that encourage biodiversity and wildlife, while not essential, will be a positive.

**Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available**. Match funding is not a requirement but organisations should state in their application if they have obtained, or are applying for, funding from elsewhere, giving the amount and the source. Applicants must be a fully set up community group, registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC) with a functioning non-personal bank account.

The funding is for the creation of a garden or a similar project (such as an allotment) with horticultural focus for the benefit of the local community. The project should aim to bring a community together by creating a space people can share, by the acquisition and sharing of gardening knowledge and skills and by inspiring a love of gardening. **The funding can be used for a number of things, including but not limited to: 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 strimmers), Materials for providing refreshment.**

<https://ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/community-garden-grants/>

**Nationwide Building Society – Community Grants**

Charities, Community Land Trusts and housing co-operatives who are making positive changes and have a great housing solution can apply for grants of between **£10,000 and £60,000. Your project will need to support one of our three aims:**

* helping people into a home,
* preventing them from losing their home or
* supporting them to thrive at home.

Nationwide will fund between 50% and 100% of the total project cost e.g. groups applying for a £60k project should apply for a minimum of £30k.

We’ll look at all applications and give a shortlist to our Community Board members, who’ll discuss and vote on which projects receive funding in their local area. **Take the eligibility quiz** [here](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/e6igCVPARfpQOxcGrQJIj?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)

[www.nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk](http://www.nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk)

**National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) for Northern Ireland  - Strengthening Communities**

The new fund is available to voluntary and community organisations across Northern Ireland and will invest £20 million each year in support of NLCF’s 2030 strategy  ‘[It starts with community](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/about/our-strategy)'.

**Grants of between £20,001 and £500,000 are available for up to five years.**

**Grants of between £20,001 and £200,000 are available to organisations with an annual income of under £500,000.**

**Grants of between £200,000 and £500,000 are available to any size of organisation.**

The Fund has a targeted approach distinct from previous programmes, as it is intended for **projects focused on early intervention with a particular focus on people who experience poverty, disadvantage or discrimination.** The Fund will start by targeting two of the NLCF's mission areas:

* **Help children and young people thrive.**
* **Enable people to live healthier lives.**

Projects must align with at least one of the following outcomes:

* **Communities help to reduce health inequalities.**
* **Communities support people’s physical health, mental health and wellbeing.**
* **People have positive relationships and connections.**
* **Communities help young people to reach their potential and thrive as adults.**
* **Children and young people develop good social and emotional skills.**

Organisations are encouraged to consider how to make their **projects accessible to vulnerable and excluded communities.** The Fund is interested in vulnerable or excluded communities that struggle to access support for reasons such as:

* Living in an isolated area.
* They are socially excluded.
* They can't use online services.

**Organisations are encouraged to make their project inclusive and accessible for these groups.**

The following costs are eligible for funding: Equipment, staff costs, training costs, transport, utilities, volunteer expenses, small refurbishment projects that are needed to deliver a service, overheads for the project.

**Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis (no deadlines).**

For more info, see: [Strengthening Communities | The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/strengthening-communities)

**NatureSave Trust**

Each year the Trust donates a percentage of their income generated from Naturesave Insurance and uses these funds **to support environmental and conservation projects across the UK. Check website for opening dates for applications and the focus of new projects.**

[https://www.naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/Kdp6CYvW8iLDOY7F0WWV4n?domain=u3134542.ct.sendgrid.net)

**NFU Mutual Charitable Trust Grants (Agriculture & Rural)**

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust is offering **grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 to charities and other not-for-profit organisations working in agriculture, rural development, and insurance** across the UK for projects that deliver on one or more of the Trust’s main objectives:

* To advance the education of the public using research and dissemination of information concerning agriculture.
* To advance the education of young people within rural areas.
* To relieve poverty within rural areas.
* To promote the benefit and social welfare of inhabitants of rural communities by associating together with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure.
* To promote research into agricultural-associated activities.
* To advance the education of the public using research and dissemination of information concerning insurance.

Priority will be given to larger initiatives that would have a significant impact on rural communities, as well as initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas. Trustees met twice a year to consider applications, typically in June and November.

[NFU Mutual Charitable Trust: What do we do | NFU Mutual](https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/charitable-trust/)

**Nineveh Charitable Trust (UK)**

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

<https://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/>

**NI Electricity Networks**

**Grants of between £200 to £1500, are available to registered charities in NI,** although awards of a higher value may be made depending on the circumstance. NI Electricity Networks funds:

* tangible benefits like **special equipment, IT apparatus, promotional goods etc**. that will improve and enhance lives in NI
* the advancement of **education, health or saving of lives**
* The advancement of **citizenship or community development**
* The **relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage**
* **Other charitable purposes**.

Apply for funding online at any time using the link below. It must be two years since your organisation last applied for funding.

<https://www.nienetworks.co.uk/about-us/charities-fund>

**Ofcom Community Radio Fund**

The Community Radio Fund is managed by Ofcom with funding from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). **Grants are available to support the core costs of running Ofcom-licensed community radio stations in the UK that are currently broadcasting.** Community Radio is a tier of very local, not-for-profit (or not profit distributing) radio, run by local people, for local people about local issues.

In addition, Community Digital Sound Programme (“C-DSP”) stations will be eligible for grants, alongside existing analogue community radio stations, if the station is broadcasting on a digital radio multiplex at the date of their application.

The total amount available in 2023/24 is £404,020 (which includes an underspend from the previous year). **There is no set level of funding.** In the last round, the **grants awarded ranged from £1,500 up to £24,570 for individual positions, with an average of £14,789. Grants will be made as a single lump sum and must be spent within 14 months.**

Licensees that hold a Community Digital Sound Programme (C-DSP) licence are eligible to apply for the Fund if the station is broadcasting on a digital radio multiplex at the date of their application. Grants can only be made to Ofcom-licensed community radio stations in the UK, broadcasting on AM, FM, or via a C-DSP licence on a digital radio multiplex.

Applicant stations must be on air as at the date of their application for their application to be considered by the Panel. Payment can only be made to stations that have launched.

For analogue community radio stations, there should be a minimum of fifteen months remaining on the licence from the closing date for applications. If there are less than fifteen months remaining on the licence, the licensee must have submitted an extension application to Ofcom by the closing date. C-DSP licences do not have an end date.

The funding can support **the core costs** of running Ofcom licensed community radio stations including:

* Management
* Fundraising to support the station (eg, grants, commercial funding)
* Administration
* Financial management and reporting
* Community outreach
* Volunteer organisation and support.

**There are normally two funding rounds per year**. Check the website for deadlines, guidance notes and application forms.

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund>

**Parkinson’s UK – Physical Activity Grants**

Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available to support physical activity projects for people with Parkinson's within the UK. The funding is for projects that can demonstrate the following desired impact:

* People with Parkinson's become and stay active, and/or significantly increase their levels of activity if they are already active.
* More physical activity provision for everyone with Parkinson’s across the UK.
* Improved social wellbeing in people with Parkinson’s as a result of attending the project.

Priority will be given to innovative and new projects that will help people with Parkinson's:

* Become and stay active, or
* Who are already active to significantly increase their levels of physical activity.

Projects should reach and engage with a wide range of people with Parkinson's especially those who may be from the following groups:

* Newly diagnosed.
* Young onset.
* People and groups seen as 'under represented’ - including socially isolated, not digitally connected or ethnic communities.
* People who are not engaged with Parkinson’s UK.
* People who are inactive, or active at low levels.
* People who are still working.

Projects must run **for a minimum of three months and a maximum of 12 months and must start within three months of receiving the grant.**

Parkinson's UK will be hosting the following free ‘Meet the Funder’ webinar on **8 April 25 (14:00 - 15:00).** [**Registration is required**](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/q-j5CpQ81CzE8zjhPfpUGSEET?domain=docs.google.com)and can be done via the funder's website.

**Applications are open and will be accepted until all of the funding has been allocated**.

[Grants for physical activity providers | Parkinson's UK](https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/information-and-support/grants-physical-activity-providers)

**Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Arts Fund**

Long-term grants of between **£90,000 and £300,000 for a period of three years** are available to support the core costs of not-for-profit cultural organisations **working at the intersection of art and social change so they can continue the work they are already doing and for programmes which are central to their mission.**

The Arts Fund supports organisations to do the following:

* **Build capacity and resources for culture within historically underfunded communities**
* **Explore the role that artists can play in addressing issues of social justice**
* **Create the infrastructure for a more equitable cultural sector.**

The support is for not-for-profit cultural organisations who:

* Use their creative practice to help us engage with the complexity of the world around us.
* Centre the lived experience of those affected by injustice in their programmes, leadership and governance.
* Are exploring how values of care, equity and justice can be embedded in their own organisational culture.
* Have a clear sense of their own role in supporting change as part of a wider ecosystem.
* Are generous with their learning and working with other organisations towards mutual aims.
* Use their creative practice to challenge traditional cultural hierarchies of genre and art form.

The Arts Fund supports the long-term development and transformation of these organisations **as a route towards social justice and sustainability.** PHF definition of ‘arts’ includes **crafts, creative writing (including poetry), dance, design, film, music, opera, photography, digital arts and media, theatre and drama, the visual arts and cross-arts practices.**

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/arts-fund>

**Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Arts-Based Learning Fund**

This Fund supports work which enables pupils in formal education settings, particularly those experiencing systemic inequality or disadvantage, to thrive through engagement with high quality, arts-based learning. Arts-based learning here means learning experiences which incorporate arts-based content, and/or use arts-based approaches to secure access to or to enhance engagement with the curriculum. Formal education settings may include Early Years, Primary, Secondary, Alternative Provision and Higher Education.

Grants of between £30,000 and £400,000 are available, the majority of which are between £150,000 and £250,000 over two to three years. Please see the website for more details about the criteria for applications. There is a two or three step application process. Pre-application access support and a bursary of up to £500 is available to help you apply, if appropriate. You can book an optional Enquiry Call with the Arts-Based Learning Team to discuss your proposal.

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/arts-based-learning-fund/>

**Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Migration Fund**

The Migration Fund, formerly the Shared Ground Fund, is provided and administered by PHF.

The Foundation’s new shared vision for the Migration Fund is: a world in which everyone is free to move, and no one is forced to move.**The Migration Fund focuses both on *how* organisations work, and *what*they seek to achieve.**

The funding is for not-for-profit organisations of any size working anywhere in the UK who are working towards:

* Embedding anti-racist practice across their organisation and work.
* Adopting an organisational culture that centres care and wellbeing.
* Shifting power to migrants and diaspora communities so their interests, perspectives and contributions are centred across the organisation’s work.
* Building solidarity and collaboration across communities, while working towards transformational change that benefits us all.
* Unlearning and challenging the harm, inequity, and oppression within their organisational structures and work.
* Learning, reflecting and being responsive to change.

**Newly established and unincorporated groups who meet the Fund’s criteria are also welcome to apply.** There are two levels of funding:

* Grants of **up to £60,000 per year for three to four years**.
* Grants of **up to £50,000 per year for five years**.

Consideration will be given to larger grants for partnerships to ensure all partners are fairly compensated for their contributions. In addition, **pre-application Access Support and a bursary of up to £500 are available**.

Priority will be given to applications from organisations:

* Led by migrants and diaspora communities.
* That work with historically underfunded groups and regions.
* With an annual turnover under £500,000.
* That have less access to funding from other sources.

PHF remains committed to addressing historical under-resourcing of smaller community organisations led by and for migrants and diaspora communities. For organisations with an annual turnover of up to £120,000, the funder is open to considering grants that cover up to 50% of their annual income.

The funding will support work that helps:

* Build a society based on respect, care, and interdependence **by dismantling the hostile environment** and other harmful laws, policies and practices that negatively affect migrants and diaspora communities.
* **Contextualise and tackle root causes of injustice** migrants face, building on lessons from our past to dismantle wider systems of oppression and connect with other social justice issues.
* **Build collective power** within migrant communities through an intersectional lens so they can shape decisions that affect them and create momentum for transformational and positive change.
* **Foster solidarity** between communities, leading to greater understanding and helping to overcome division.
* **Strengthen infrastructure** for the migrant justice and related fields, including through supporting greater connection, learning and exchange.
* **Explore alternative futures** built on self-determination, justice, acknowledgment and repair for the harms of the past, and where all of us are free to choose where we live.

**See examples of work on the website.**

There is a two-step application process:

* The first step is to request an enquiry call via the PHF website. PHF aims to respond to an enquiry call request within four weeks.
* Those who are successful will be invited to make a written application through the PHF grants portal.

It can take between four to nine months to receive a decision. Unsuccessful applicants must wait 12 months from the date of the declination before reapplying to this fund.

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/migration-fund/>

**Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Youth Fund (complex transitions to adulthood)**

The Youth Fund supports organisations whose main purpose is working with and for young people (aged 14-25) who face complex transitions to adulthood.

We understand that the current context is increasing demand for work with and for young people, whilst at the same time making it more challenging to deliver. Despite these difficult conditions, many organisations continue to have ambitious plans for the future.

We provide **core funding** for organisations that:

* Seek to sustain, prepare to grow, or grow impact with and for young people.
* Put young people at the centre in terms of power, voice and agency – as part of an [asset-based approach](https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/youth-fund/#asset-based-approaches), starting with recognising and building on young people’s strengths and potential.
* Aim to achieve wide impact for young people (for example, going beyond direct delivery and focusing on systemic or structural change).
* Are committed to continuous improvement in [asset-based approaches](https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/youth-fund/#asset-based-approaches) to working with and for young people.
* Support young people who are facing complex transitions, challenges and barriers to accessing support and opportunities. Particularly young people who are socially excluded or marginalised; whose experiences can be hidden or less well known; and whose voices are often erased or ignored.

You can take a look at our webinar online to learn more about the Fund’s priorities and the application process, and you can read responses to questions raised during the webinar in our [Youth Fund FAQs](https://www.phf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/QA-document-v3.docx).

We fund:

* **Core operating costs. Organisations can request up to £150,000 spread over three years i.e. up to £50,000 per year.** The Youth Fund is designed to be a strategic investment in your organisation, so we only fund for the full three years and at the amount appropriate to your plans for wider impact. **We do not make grants of less than £90,000 over three years.**
* Organisations which provide direct services or infrastructure support.

**We make around 25 grants per year through the Youth Fund. On average we fund around 12% of the applications we receive**. We will prioritise work that takes place outside of London.

We will prioritise work which is committed to anti-racism and to applying an intersectional lens to inequity.

We define anti-racism as ‘the active work to identify and oppose racism, which includes changing systems, structures, policies and practices, as well as attitudes to create a more equitable society.’ **By intersectionality we mean an approach which takes account of multiple and overlapping identities as they relate to areas such as race, class, disability and gender and understanding how this might impact and compound inequity.**

For further information, see: <https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/youth-fund/>

**Percy Bilton Charity – Grants for Organisations**

Funding is available to UK registered charities assisting one or more of the following groups:

* **Disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (persons under 25)**
* **People with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities or mental health problems)**
* **Older people (aged over 60)**

Two grant programmes are in operation as follows:

* **Large grants** - **one off payments for capital expenditure of approximately £2,000 and over for up to 12 months. The majority of grants fall within the range of £2,000 to £5,000.** Applicant organisations must be registered UK charities for large grants.
* **Small grants** - donations **up to £750 for up to 12 months.** Organisations do not need to be registered charities to apply for a small grant but will need to supply a reference from a registered charity or from the Voluntary Service Council.

**The Trustees prefer to use the Charity’s funding to complete projects**. This means that minibuses, building and refurbishment works are only considered in the final stage of the fundraising appeal once the applicant has a shortfall of £15,000 or less. The Charity does not fund revenue costs i.e. running expenses for the organisation or individual projects, salaries, training costs or office equipment/furniture. **Please check the website for details of eligible costs.**

Applications may be submitted online at any time. Large Grants are considered at the next appropriate Board meeting and Small Grant submissions are considered monthly.

[The Percy Bilton Charity (percy-bilton-charity.org)](https://www.percy-bilton-charity.org/)

**Peter Harrison Foundation – Two Funding Programmes (Active Lives and Positive Futures)**

The Peter Harrison Foundation has announced that it **will close to new funding applications to BOTH its grant programmes until further notice from 2 April 2025 due to ‘an unprecedented surge in demand for funding’**. **Applications are currently being accepted until** **1 April 2025 @ (17:00).** After the closure, the Foundation plans to review its grant-making strategy and processes to ensure that the funds they offer can have the greatest possible impact in the future. The full announcement can be read on the Foundation's website.

The Foundation supports **projects working with children, young people and adults who are disadvantaged or with disabilities and offers small and major grants to charities and community amateur sports clubs in the UK.**

* **Positive Futures Grant Programme** **is for South East of England only**
* **Active Lives Grant Programme** offers grants of £5,001 to £30,000 to UK charities (priority given to those with an annual turnover of less than £5 million) to **support grassroots sports projects which provide opportunities for self-development for people living in the most disadvantaged areas in the UK who encounter physical, mental, social, or economic barriers.**

Priority will be given to applications that meet all of the following:

* Work with children and young people living in the top 10% of areas of deprivation (Indices of Multiple Deprivation decile 1) AND
* Are from organisations with a track record of working with this population AND
* Have a robust plan for wider impact of the project through dissemination, training etc.

<https://peterharrisonfoundation.org/about-our-grant-programmes/>

**The Pilgrim Trust**

The Pilgrim Trust runs two grant programmes (click on links below for details):

* [**Preservation and Scholarship**](https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/grants/preservation-and-scholarship/) – aims to preserve the fabric of historically important buildings and to conserve significant collections and artefacts. We want present and future generations to enjoy the rich and diverse heritage found throughout the UK.

[**Young Women’s Mental Health**](https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/grants/young-women-and-mental-health/)- Our new £5million funding programme over the next 5 years (2021-2026) aims to improve the mental health of young women (16-25) in the UK. This fund will support access for young women to high quality, age and gender informed mental health services.

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

**The Pixel Fund (Mental Health & Well-Being for the under 26s)**

The Pixel Fund is offering grants of between **£2,500 and £5,000** for small to medium-sized registered UK-based **charities to deliver a wide range of projects that improve the mental health and well-being of children and young people aged 26 and under.**

The trustees have a strong preference for organisations with an annual income of less than £10 million with priority for organisations with an annual income of less than £2 million. **Typically, no single grant will be worth more than 5% of an organisation’s annual income.**

To apply, groups must first check the new eligibility checklist, before attending a Pixel Fund Applicants pre-meeting to discuss their ideas. Eligible charities will then be required to complete an Eligibility Requirements questionnaire and due diligence form before being assessed and potentially invited to complete a full application.

<https://www.pixelfund.org.uk/>

**Power NI Brighter Communities Fund (for equipment and activities)**

A fund for **charitable, sports and community organisations in Northern Ireland for equipment purchases or projects and activities** that enhance their offering within their local community is accepting applications. The funding will help them implement innovative and creative projects which will change and improve their local community for the better.

Grants of **up to £1,000** are available through the funding programme. Applicants must:

* Be a community organisation based in Northern Ireland.
* Not have any political links.
* Use the funds within 6-8 weeks of receiving them.
* Agree to all PR and marketing activity following the journey of spending their grant.

Funding will be awarded only to tangible projects and cannot be used for overall running costs or overheads. Applications are ongoing and can be made at any time.

<https://powerni.co.uk/brightercommunities/>

**Poundland Foundation (Kit for Kids’ Sports Teams)**

Grants of **up to £750** are available for **local charities, community interest companies and unregistered community organisations across the UK to provide kit (clothing) for local children’s sports teams. Applications will be prioritised from the most deprived areas**.

Applicants must have an income of under £10,000 and hold reserves of under £5,000. Organisations must have child protection and safeguarding policies that can be evidenced in their application.

<https://poundlandfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-support/>

**Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust Awards for Craftspeople**

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| Eligible craftspeople can apply through the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust for:   * up to £18,000 in funding for [Scholarships](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/TMwtCxvngi18Z5gco9jnt?domain=my.newzapp.co.uk) * up to £10,000 for [Emerging Maker Grants](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/F0zVCyrojirDYPQCXrxL-?domain=my.newzapp.co.uk) ; and * up to £12,000 for [Apprenticeship](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/0rIjCzKvkfMDKYyu595p-?domain=my.newzapp.co.uk) training.   The Trust offers these grants for the training and education of talented craftspeople to sustain vital skills in traditional and contemporary crafts and contribute to excellence in the British craft industry.  <https://www.qest.org.uk/apply/scholarships/> |
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**The Radcliffe Trust (Heritage & Crafts; Music)**

Grants of generally between **£2,500 to £7,500** are available for:

**Music**

The Trust supports classical music performance and training, especially chamber music, composition and music education. Particular interests within music education are music for children and adults with special needs, youth orchestras and projects at secondary and higher levels, including academic research. The Trustees respond to applications and also initiate their own projects.

**Heritage & Crafts**

The Trust supports the development and practice of the skills, knowledge and experience that underpin the UK’s heritage and crafts sector. This includes support for emerging craftspeople of high quality, craft and conservation projects and training, projects demonstrating creative outcomes by designer-makers, projects with potential for capacity building within the sector, and some special needs projects focusing on the therapeutic benefits of skills development.

The Trustees will consider making occasional grants in other areas of cultural creativity related to their concerns for heritage and crafts, including theatre, performance, and literature, especially where projects can be shown to contribute to the promotion and development of high-level skills among early career practitioners and disadvantaged groups.Applications should be submitted for both schemes by:

* **31 January** each year for consideration at the **June** meeting of the Trustees; and
* **31July** each year for consideration at the **December** meeting of the Trustees.

<https://theradcliffetrust.org/>

**The Rank Foundation – Pebble Grants (charity and church fundraising)**

Pebbles is our small funding stream for **UK registered charities and recognised churches** which are raising money for projects where the total cost is less than £150,000. This money can be spent on **short breaks**(such as an annual respite break or holiday for disadvantaged young people), **equipment**(such as white goods), or **capital costs**(building work or refurbishment).

Pebble grant applications are processed on a rolling basis. It can take up to 3 months for a decision and payment to be made. Grants are awarded on a discretionary basis; the Rank Foundation’s contribution ranges **from £250 up to and including £4,000**, depending on the total cost of the project. Applicants must have arranged one third of their costs.

<https://rankfoundation.com/pebble-grants/>

**Rayne Foundation**

The Foundation's objective is **to contribute to lasting social change by funding creative and collaborative approaches that build and test solutions to some of society’s most difficult challenges.** Grants are typically **£10,000 to £30,000 per year for up to three years and can be used to fund project and salary costs**. The Foundation will consider applications for core costs but prefers to do so when it has an established relationship with the applicant, usually through previous project funding. Match funding is required as the Foundation is unlikely to fund a project in full.

Expressions of interest are accepted from voluntary, statutory and not-for-profit organisations (including CICs and CIOs). Organisations should be able to demonstrate:

* Why the funding is needed.
* How the funding will be used to unlock and overcome barriers.
* That they are committing funding and/or support in kind from its own resources proportionate to its capacity.

Statutory organisations will need to consider **how a grant will enable transformation over and above delivering statutory obligations**. For-profit organisations will need to show that charitable funding is **necessary to enable transformative change**. Statutory and for-profit organisations will be expected to work collaboratively with the voluntary sector.

The grants programme is focused exclusively on its **three areas of special interest:**

**Children and young people’s improved mental health and wellbeing** – the Foundation prioritises work that:

* Supports early childhood (0-5 years including the perinatal period) with family/carer interventions that aim to reduce the impact of early childhood trauma.
* Supports the care-experienced, those on the edge of care, or leaving care, with interventions that prioritise improved mental health and wellbeing.

**Refugees and asylum seekers**– the Foundation prioritises work that:

* Creates significant new opportunities relating to employability, entrepreneurial endeavours and personal development for refugees and asylum seekers
* Supports the mental health of survivors of torture
* Open to arts and creative endeavours which actively encourage building community between migrants and the wider community.

**Older people and their carers/**

The Foundation is not currently accepting applications through the open grants programme. Its funding is focused on the Better Careers for Better Care programme (covered in a separate scheme). It expects to reopen to applications in this area in the future.

As well as being within one of its three priority areas, the proposed work must meet the following essential criteria:

* **Approaches issues differently and enables innovation.**
* **Has potential for wider application beyond the funded proposal.**
* **Is informed by direct delivery and has a clear, positive impact on people’s lives.**
* **Can demonstrate match-funding contributions to the project.**

And ideally the following three desirable criteria:

* Enables and encourages collaboration between sectors and silos.
* Develops best practice and captures learnings to share with others.
* Adds to sector expertise and leadership.

There is a two-stage application process. Applicants must first complete the online expression of interest form on the Foundation's website. Successful expressions of interest will then be invited to complete a full application. A typical grant application takes 4–6 months to complete.

<https://www.raynefoundation.org.uk/>

**The Richard Overall Trust (Disability)**

The Richard Overall Trust was set up in 2001 in memory of 20 year-old Richard Overall who had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The Trust is run by his friends and family.

Discretionary grants are available to advance the physical education of severely disabled young people and groups to allow their participation in or attendance at sporting events with the aim of improving their quality of life. Grants are also made for the research into the cause and alleviation and care of such disabilities. Match funding is not required. Individuals, groups, family and carers who are UK citizens are eligible. Applicants are advised to contact the Trust to confirm that exclusions do not apply. Applications may be submitted at any time.

For further information, please e-mail: [therichardoveralltrust@gmail.com](mailto:therichardoveralltrust@gmail.com) or telephone: 01420 511375.

**The Robert McAlpine Foundation Grants**  
  
The Foundation was established by the family of Sir Robert McAlpine and gives grants to support small charities situated throughout the UK that fall within specific categories - namely **children, youth, the elderly, social and medical research.** The Trustees meet **annually in November** to approve grants.  **An application must be received no later than 31 August in order for it to be considered for inclusion in the next meeting.**  
  
<https://www.robertmcalpinefoundation.org/how-to-apply>

**The Rowing Foundation**

The Foundation offers **grants to clubs, schools and organisations within the UK who are involved in rowing and need help in buying equipment or refurbishing a boat.**

Although most of the Foundation’s grants go to UK Rowing Clubs, **any club or organisation involved in ‘on water rowing-type’ activities can apply. Please note grants do not support kayaking, sailing or swimming.** The funding should either be **for the benefit of young people or those in full time education, or for the disabled.**

UK clubs and organisations can apply for grants to purchase equipment to assist their Adaptive Rowing programmes, and to encourage Adaptive Rowers of all ages. There is particular interest in awarding a grant to any organisation who is helping to get more people with any type of disability out on to the water. There are two funding streams:

* **Equipment grants of up to £4,000 in any three-year period**; this can be comprised of a single grant or smaller grants aggregated over the period. Grants are for up to 50% of the overall project costs.
* **Boat refurbishment grants of up to £4,000 for up to 50% of the costs of refurbishments of boats used by juniors.**

<https://therowingfoundation.org.uk/>

**The R S Brownless Charitable Trust**

The R S Brownless Charitable Trust aims to support charities throughout the UK undertaking general charitable purposes. The Trustees’ have expressed a particular interest in supporting projects within the following areas: **Long-term and terminal illness; Disability; and Disadvantage.** Grants are usually one-off, ranging between £100 and £2,000. For more information and how to apply please contact:

Mrs P M A Nicolai, Trustee, c/o The R S Brownless Charitable Trust, Hennerton Holt, Wargrave, Reading, RG10 8PD. Telephone: 0118 940 4029

**The Royal Society: Tomorrow’s Climate Scientists Programme**

This Programme give students across the UK the opportunity to take action to address **climate and biodiversity issues. Grants of up to £3,000 are available to UK primary or secondary schools to run a STEM investigation project for students aged between 5 and 18.** There needs to be two project partners to the scheme with the lead applicant being a school and the second partner being a STEM professional from academia or industry. Funding should predominantly be used to buy equipment.

[https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants/tomorrows-climate-scientists/](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/4pABC2vxMipkJZjFnQjupS?domain=u3134542.ct.sendgrid.net)

**St Stephen’s Green Trust**

**St Stephen’s Green Trust is an all-island independent grant-maker which supports groups to effect positive social change in critical areas of social justice. They have grants programmes for:**

* **Families affected by imprisonment programme**
* **Traveller accommodation programme**
* **Traveller enterprise and employment policy programme**
* **Traveller justice initiative programme**
* **Integration support for asylum seekers programme**
* **Strengthening democracy programme.**

<https://www.ssgt.ie/about-us-what-we-do/>

**Schroder Charity Trust (temporarily closed)**

Grants of £5,000 are available for UK charities supporting work under the following categories:

* Arts, culture and heritage.
* Education, training and employment.
* Environment and conservation.
* Health and wellbeing.
* Strengthening communities.

The Trustees are particularly interested in applications which can demonstrate the following:

* Building strong communities and an understanding on how to engage with intended beneficiaries.
* Replicable and sustainable work, rather than one off events.
* Value for money.
* Maximising the use of volunteers.
* Support of older people.
* Support for marginalised/vulnerable younger people.
* The use of helplines and information support services.
* Sustainability of funding i.e.the charity will not be solely reliant on a grant from the Schroder Charity Trust for their work.

Grants can be used to cover both core costs and specific project costs, but not large capital appeals. Applications are accepted at any time. There are two grant rounds each year. Applicants should be aware that decisions can take up to nine months.

<https://schrodercharitytrust.org/homepage>

**Scops Arts Trust**

Scops Art Trust is offering grants of **up to £30,000 to registered charities, and other constituted, not-for-profit organisations across the UK**, to deliver projects and activities that help people **to understand, participate in, and enjoy the arts, particularly the performing arts (music, drama, opera, and dance).**

In 2025, the Trust will once again focus each of their three grant rounds on a different category of music projects. Priority will be given to small-to-medium-sized organisations. Most grants will be awarded for specific projects, but the Trust will also contribute towards the core costs of smaller organisations where a grant could make an impact.  Both one-off and multi-year grants will be considered. There is a two-stage application process. Groups must first complete an eligibility check before being invited to submit a Stage 1 application. The **application periods for 2025** are as follows:

* Round 1 - Local music festivals (children's performances are excluded) – **Now Closed**
* Round 2 - **Early career musicians focusing on performance opportunities** - **20 May to 19 August**.
* Round 3 - **Children and young people's instrumental music education (choirs are excluded)** - **9 September to 9 December**.

The application process is as follows:

* To start the application process, organisations should first take complete the eligibility checks which can be accessed on the Scops Arts Trust website.
* Organisations that fulfill the criteria will be invited to make a Stage 1 online application.
* A Stage 2 shortlist will then be drawn up and the selected applicants will be invited to complete a Stage 2 online application form. <https://www.scopsartstrust.org.uk/>

**The Scout Association – Scout Grants Committee Uk HQ Grants**

Grants are available to **Scout groups for activities, events and equipment that will benefit local Scouting** while other grants **support individual members who are experiencing financial hardship** to continue to be involved in Scouting activities. A number of funds are available with varying levels of grant – see website for details. The amount of the applicant's own available funds will be taken into account when deciding the level of grant to be offered. **The majority of grants are provided on a matched funding basis.**

Scout groups in the UK are eligible to apply. Applicants, if eligible, can apply for **one grant from each fund per year**. Grants are **not** available for:

* Individuals - individuals must apply through a Scout group, district, or county/area, region.
* Retrospective costs.
* Groups/units who are in a position to support themselves.

[The Scout Association - Funding](https://search.mygrantfinder.co.uk/Scheme/OpenLink/GRUKBP3!S35616?uri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.scouts.org.uk%2Fvolunteers%2Frunning-things-locally%2Fgrants-and-funds-for-your-local-group%2Fgrants-from-ukhq%2F)

**Screwfix Foundation**

Local registered charities and not-for-profit organisations can apply for **grants of up to £5,000 for projects which improve a physical building (or land attached to it) that is used by people in need**. The funding is to be used for the following types of projects:

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

Registered charities, Community Benefit Societies, Cooperative Societies and Community Interest Companies can apply as long as they have suitable governance to manage the fund and are supporting people in need whether by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability or other disadvantage or distress.

<https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/>

**Sea-Changers Grants Programmes (marine conservation)**

Sea-Changers is offering **one-off grants of up to £2,500** for not-for-profit groups across the UK to deliver marine conversation projects that achieve one or more of the following objectives:

* To address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.
* To prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and/or species.
* To add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.

Sea-Changers offers the following levels of funding:

* Small Grants of up to £500.
* Main Grants programme of between £500 and £2,500.

Preference will be given to grassroots projects that galvanise community action and projects.

Small grants of up to £500 are available at any time. Main Grants of between £500 and £2,500 have two application rounds per year with deadlines of **31 March** and **30 September**.

<https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/how-to-apply>

**Seven Friends Foundation**

Grants of between **£300 and £3,000** are available. **Most grants will be for less than £1,000. The grant period is normally one year from receipt of the grant.**

Funding isfor charitable organisations and **causes that are unpopular or do not receive widespread public attention.** This could be due to negative focus within the media; due to difficulty in accessing statutory, voluntary and institutional funding; due to the cause being seen as politically controversial; or because the issue is not typically seen as a charitable cause. **E**xamples of these types of causes or groups may be:

* Asylum seekers and refugees
* Migrant communities
* Offenders and ex-offenders
* People experiencing violence or abuse
* Sex workers
* Trafficking and modern slavery
* Dependency or Addiction
* LGBT+
* Sexual and reproductive health.

This is not an exclusive list and groups with charitable causes that do not fall within this list are encouraged to contact the Foundation to discuss their work. Applications will be considered from registered charities and other organisations which are not charities but which seek funding for charitable work.  To be eligible, applicants must have:

* An average annual income of under £300,000.
* A bank account in the organisation’s name.
* A safeguarding policy if working with children or vulnerable adults.

 Organisations can work anywhere in the UK with a preference for those **working in areas of deprivation**. Applications are encouraged from organisations that work together and can demonstrate how their work improves collaboration across the sector. The funding can be used for overheads, core costs, or administrative costs where they improve the sustainability and long-term success of an organisation.

<https://sevenfriends.org/>

**Skipton Building Society**

The Charitable Foundation has identified two focus areas through which it aims to drive social impact. **Helping people experiencing hardship and/or underserved groups to:**

* **access a place to call home**
* **and improve financial wellbeing.**

The trustees will prioritise charities supporting people in the top 50% of the UK Index of Multiple Deprivation.  
  
**Next Deadline: 1 May 2025 (at 5pm)**  
  
<https://www.skiptoncharitablefoundation.co.uk/#AboutUs>

**The Society Foundation (moving the disadvantaged into work)**

The Foundation offers grants to programmes or organisations that are **seeking to help people from one or more of the following groups move towards paid employment**:

* **the recently homeless or vulnerably housed;**
* **ex-offenders;**
* **16-24 year olds not in employment, education or training.**

If you think that your organisation's work might fit with our aims, then we would love to hear from you. We typically **offer micro-grants of up to £2,500 GBP** to small or growing organisations with a turnover of up to £500,000. We provide funding for **capacity building activities, including IT infrastructure and equipment, staff training and development, and external consultancy/support.** [Click here](https://society-foundation.org/news/article/266) for details of recently funded projects.

<https://society-foundation.org/about>

**7 Stars Foundation Grants**

The7stars foundation awards grants to UK charities **supporting young people, aged 16 years and under**. Our grants are targeted to further the potential and opportunity of children and young people who are **surviving abuse, at risk of or experiencing homelessness, caring for a loved one, and challenged by addiction (either personally or through a member of their family).**

All of our programmes look to support young people experiencing challenges related to these funding priorities. The following three grant programmes apply to Northern Ireland:   
**Shine Bright:** Grants for charities to purchase educational, wellbeing, or recreational items for young people, aged 16 years old or under, aligned to our prioritised themes.  
  
**Social Impact:** We offer grants of up to £1,500 to charities across the year, aligned to the awareness days (see website for full list)  
  
**Individual Funding:** Grants for individuals represented by a safeguarding, legal, social or outreach referee. Grants are to promote happiness, offer opportunity, or fulfil potential.

<https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply>

**Strategic Legal Fund for migrants**

The SLF supports **strategic legal work in the UK which benefits asylum seekers, refugees and migrants**. This includes but is not restricted to **potential cases in the areas of: Immigration, Asylum and asylum support, Human rights, Education, Housing, Welfare benefits, Discrimination, Access to justice and Community care.**

The maximum grant for any one application is £30,000, however, groups are encouraged to apply for lesser amounts. **The average grant size is around £12,000**. The maximum grant length is 12 months, though most grants are for six months or less. Depending on the amount of grants being awarded, around two to three grants are awarded on a bimonthly basis.

Applications will be considered from:

* Not-for-profit organisations that provide specialist level legal advice to people discriminated or disadvantaged by their migration status.
* Firms of solicitors that provide specialist level legal advice to people discriminated or disadvantaged by their migration status. Firms need to demonstrate that the funded work does not include any element of profit and there is a pro bono element included.

**The funding will cover 'any reasonable revenue costs' that are incurred to undertake proposed pre-litigation research or to prepare third party intervention. This includes temporary staffing, freeing up or extending existing staff hours, volunteer expenses, travel and subcontracting with other voluntary and community organisations.**

**Applicants should check the list of previous SLF grants to make sure their proposal does not duplicate any existing work.**

There are usually **six closing dates** for applications during the year. Applicants are 'strongly encouraged' to discuss their proposal with the SLF Project Manager before submitting their application form.

<http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/about/>

**Steel Charitable Trust**

Charities, charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) and municipally funded museums across the UK with an annual income of more than £50,000 can apply for funding to deliver a variety of projects and activities across the following core categories: **Arts and Heritage, Education, Environment, Health, Social or Economic Disadvantage.**

Proposed projects for the health category should have a focus on one of the following:

* Programmes and activities that aim to support, maintain, and improve mental health in any demographic.
* Health care for older people.

Proposed projects for the social or economic disadvantage categories should focus on one of the following:

* Disadvantaged children.
* Housing and homeless people.

Funding can be used to cover **core costs, capital works, and specific projects.**

**The minimum grant size is £10,000. Awards of more than £25,000 are rare.**

There are typically four application periods throughout the year.

[steelcharitabletrust.org.uk](https://steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/)

**SWEF Entreprise Fund (Northern Ireland)**

**Community Foundation NI is working in partnership with SWEF Enterprise Fund which helps young people from Northern Ireland develop their business idea and gain support with business investment that they would otherwise not be able to afford.**

**Grants of up to £2,000 are available to help young people in Northern Ireland who are running their own business which has been trading for no more than 2 years or planning to start their own business imminently, to help a business expand or become more sustainable.** To be eligible to apply, you need to:

* Be between the ages of 18-30
* Live in Northern Ireland
* Be running your own business which has been trading for no more than 2 years or planning to start your own business imminently
* Be from a low-income household or facing other financial challenges preventing you from developing your business.

You must be able to demonstrate that you have already taken steps to get your business off the ground, even if this is at a very early stage. Examples may include, but are not limited to, evidence of making your first sales, free/pro bono work delivered in order to develop examples of your work, market research to identify market potential and business plans.

The grant can be used for **equipment, materials, product development, stock for a new product line, one-off costs such as a website build or other services.**

**You cannot apply for** your salary or living costs, debt repayment, rent and utilities, stock for an existing product line or ongoing software subscriptions.

**We welcome applications from groups that are often underrepresented in business, including people on low incomes, women, migrants, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, people with few or no formal qualifications.**

If you meet the above criteria you can apply for a grant of up to £2,000, regardless of your background or how well you did in your education. If you ask for £500 or less and are successful, you will be able to re-apply for a second grant at a later stage. Very early-stage businesses should consider if an initial smaller grant is helpful, before applying for a larger amount.

[The SWEF Enterprise Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland (communityfoundationni.org)](https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/swef/?dm_i=24PQ,8NNBF,79CSHP,ZX35Y,1)

**The Swire Charitable Trust**

The Trust has three main discretionary grant-making programmes – **Opportunity, Heritage, and Environment** – and we have specific aims underpinning each one of these, as well as overarching priorities to help guide us in our grant making. Details of these can be found [here](http://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/our-work/).

The Swire Charitable Trust is governed by a board of six trustees who meet regularly to consider eligible funding requests and award grants.

<https://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/our-work/>

**Tabhair Charitable Trust**

The Trust supports charitable organisations and projects across the UK and Ireland with projects that **provide opportunities for disadvantaged people through education, training, community action and personal advancement**. Grants typically range between £500 and £5,000. Registered small to medium-sized charities that combine support services with an enterprising mission to improve social well-being and employment opportunities in the lives of the disengaged and disadvantaged can apply. Groups can apply once per year. Funding can be used for project or core costs (where core costs are requested, the maximum length of commitment considered would be three years).

Previous awards have included:

* Regenerate – support for core costs while developing The Feel Good Bakery, a social enterprise that aims to support, train and employ young people helping them to develop life skills that prepare them for the workplace and enhance their futures.
* Fix-it UK Ltd – support for the expansion and development of new opportunities for local young people to develop employability skills, build resilience, gain industry-recognised qualifications, and acquire practical work experience in motor vehicle maintenance.

Applications can be submitted at any time. The trustees meet twice a year to distribute funding. The application process will typically take between two and six months. Guidance notes and an online application form are available from the Tabhair Charitable Trust website. Applications can also be submitted in writing.

[http://www.tabhair.org.uk**/**](http://www.tabhair.org.uk/)

**Take It Away Scheme (Interest-free loans for Musical Instruments NI)**

Interest-free loans are available to musicians at all stages for the purchase of musical instruments and equipment, to help ensure that more people Northern Ireland can access instruments and learn to play music. The loans which are made available through the Take it Away Scheme works with 130 music retailers to allow applicants to buy almost any musical instrument and can also be used for musical equipment, software and tuition. The Scheme which is backed by the Arts Council Northern Ireland makes **loans of up to £2,000 to all ages in Northern Ireland**. Applications can be made at any time.

[Take it away – Interest-free loans to buy musical instruments, equipment and software](https://takeitaway.org.uk/)

**Tesco Stronger Start Grants (UK)**

Tesco Stronger Starts supports thousands of local community projects and good causes across the UK. The scheme is **open to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people**. Examples of eligible applications with **a focus on food security, children and young people** could be:

* A school providing pupils with food for breakfast clubs or snacks throughout the day.
* A school wanting to buy equipment for outdoor or indoor activities.
* A school wanting to develop a food growing area.
* A school supporting an after school club.
* A voluntary organisation working with families to run a food bank.
* An organisation addressing holiday hunger.
* A healthy eating project that supports families to cook healthy meals on a budget.
* A Brownie or Scout group needing funding for new play equipment or activities.

If you are a Tesco colleague or customer, you can also[nominate](https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/nominate/)[a cause that you’d like to see supported.](https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/nominate/) Tesco colleagues in each store will help select those needing a little help in your local area and when our customers are given a blue token, in any of our Tesco stores at the checkout, they can vote for their favourite charity to receive a grant.

<https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

**Theatre Trust’s Small Grant Programme**

This Trust funds small projects that make a big impact to a theatre’s **resilience, sustainability, accessibility or improving the diversity of audiences.** This scheme provides grants of **up to £5,000 for essential works** to enable not-for-profit theatres across the UK to be viable and thrive in the future. Eligible projects include **small capital works, the installation of key plant and machinery and works which make theatre buildings digital-ready**.

This scheme will prioritise improvements to buildings that protect theatre use and remove barriers to participation and attendance. Please note that **revenue and survey costs are ineligible**. This fund is to support improvements and repairs to the building fabric, and the key plant and machinery or the purchase of key equipment (not software) to improve digital infrastructure.

To be eligible to apply to the scheme, applicants must demonstrate that they:

* own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
* run a year-round programme of live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year
* have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.

<http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/smallgrants>

**Thomas Pocklington Trust** (for blind and partially sighted)

Thomas Pocklington Trust (TPT) is a national charity which supports blind and partially sighted people with a focus on **Education, Employment and Engagement**. TPT offer **grants of up to £10,000 for registered charities** across the UK to deliver a broad range of projects and activities that achieve positive outcomes for blind and partially sighted people. Please check the website for when Expressions of Interest in funding programmes are open and what the criteria are.

<https://pocklington.my.site.com/TPTgrantsportal/s/>

**Thomas Wall Trust – Grants for Individuals (Vocational Training)**

Individual grants of **up to £1,500** are available to support motivated adults living in the UK to undertake **accredited vocational training up to Level 3** **AND/OR costs associated with studying** including: child care, travel and mobility costs and accessible study materials. We do contribute towards funding specialist equipment but rarely at the maximum grant amount. Individuals may re-apply if their course lasts for more than a year. For this, we would expect to see evidence of successful progress. **Please see the website for eligibility criteria including income thresholds**. We prioritise:

* Little or no past experience
* Lack of school qualifications
* Courses that aren’t eligible for a 19+ Advanced Learner Loan
* Applications that demonstrate a realistic plan to seek employment
* Courses that provide support and advice into employment.

The grants programme is normally open all year round and is awarded on a first come first served basis. We aim to process each application within 8 weeks. Please make sure you and your referee are able to respond to e-mails to avoid delay.

<https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-individuals/>

**Thomas Wall Trust – Grants for Registered Charities**

Grants of **up to £5,000 are available for UK registered charities for specific projects that improve communication skills for disadvantaged adults and supports NEET people into employment**. This funder views communication skills as critical capabilities for people who want to improve their employment prospects, self-confidence, resilience, and life chances.

Applications will be accepted from UK charities, registered with the Charity Commission for least three years, with an annual turnover of between £25,000 and £500,000 that are **working to develop communication skills for people from disadvantaged groups who want to improve their employment prospects. Beneficiaries must gain at least one accredited vocational qualification during delivery.**

Proposals are particularly welcome which **target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups demonstrably facing major hurdles to employment**, especially women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, and refugees.

**Priority will be given to match funded projects and self-sustainable projects**, with a view to becoming less reliant on grants in the future. Grants cannot be used for capital costs. There is a two-stage application process. **Next deadline: 5 May 2025**

<https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/>

**The Toy Trust**

Grants of **up to £5,000** are available to registered charities **to fund equipment and services** to support **disabled and disadvantaged children under the age of 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. Funding decisions are made at quarterly meetings. Check website for deadlines.

<https://www.toytrust.co.uk/apply/>

**The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund** (re-opening April 2025)

This UK-wide grant-giving Trust is keen to receive **more applications from Northern Ireland based organisations for their scheme opening in April 2025.** Their focus since 2024 has been **to support projects working with young women and girls with a history of offending or who are at a high risk of registering a first offence**. Applicants must be a registered charity, a not-for-profit social enterprise or a community interest company working within the UK, with a UK office. There is no maximum annual income threshold for applicants who can apply for **grants of between £10,000 and £80,000 for a duration of 12 months to two years. A maximum of £40,000 per year can be requested.**

[The Triangle Trust](https://www.triangletrust.org.uk/)

**Trusthouse Charitable Foundation – Small Grants and Major Grants**

The Foundation offers two categories of grant to UK charitable organisations carrying out work addressing the challenges of local communities in areas of extreme deprivation. The following list gives examples of projects they fund, but they are always interested to hear about different projects which provide appropriate solutions to local problems: **community services, community centres, alternative education, counselling, family support services, youth services, substance misuse recovery.**

The Foundation prefers to fund front line organisations working directly with people in need and are unlikely to support campaigning, organisational development or capacity building. Consideration will be given to new work which is a logical extension of existing work, but do not support work which represents a significant shift away from existing core aims and experience. The two categories of grants are as follows:

* **Small grants of £2,000 - £10,000** for core costs, salaries, running and project costs relating to **Community Support Projects**;
* **Major grants of £10,000 and £500,000 for Organisations with a Family Support focus** for core costs, salaries, running and project costs.

**Please check the IMD deprivation rank of your organisation’s postcode as you will need this information to know whether you are eligible. Please see the**[**FAQs**](https://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants/frequently-asked-questions)**for directions on how to do this.**

<https://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants>

**UK Community Play Fund**

Community groups, schools, parents, and caregivers across the UK can apply for **grants of £500 to £5,000 per new 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. The Community Play Fund can be used to support a variety of projects that promote play, such as:

* building new playgrounds,
* creating after-school play programmes,
* providing training for play leaders,
* and developing new play resources.

<https://www.changex.org/gb/funds/community-play-fund-uk>

**Ulster Garden Villages (NI) (Matchfunding) *(Funding currently paused)***

Ulster Garden Villages Limited aim to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of people in NI.  OurCommon Fund is the bedrock of our grant-making and we continue **to support a wide range of charitable activities.**

The assisted charities must demonstrate a clear need and evidence of the impact of their work along with their capacity to deliver, govern and sustain the initiative. Our grants are conditional on the applicants successfully using our funding to leverage funds from other sources. The main objectives to which funds may be allocated are:

**Health, Disadvantaged sections of our society, Young people, Culture and heritage, and Environment.**

Information on our Grant-making can be found in the [**Annual Report and Financial Statements**](https://ulstergardenvillages.co.uk/sites/default/files/UGV%20Annual%20Report%202019%20proof%202.pdf). The Report contains a detailed list of projects supported and shows the breadth of charitable activities that have been recently supported.

Meetings are held quarterly to consider Grant Applications. The closing dates for Applications can be found in the ‘News’ section of the website. For any queries, please e-mail: [admin@ulstergardenvillages.do.uk](mailto:admin@ulstergardenvillages.do.uk)

For further information, see: <https://ulstergardenvillages.co.uk/>

**Ulster-Scots Agency: Financial Assistance Scheme /Partnership Funding**

* **Application for Financial Assistance Scheme for Voluntary and Community Groups**

[Download Application Form](https://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/fs/doc/2014-grant-forms/FAS_Other_Application_form_-_Voluntary_and_Community_Groups_(Uploaded_27-10-11).doc) and [Guidance Notes](https://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/fs/doc/2014-grant-forms/FAS_Other__Guidance_Notes_-_Voluntary_&_Community_Groups_(2011).doc)

Applications for Financial Assistance Scheme funding is open all year but needs to be submitted at least 3 calendar months prior to the start date of your event/project.

* **Partnership funding**

[Download Application Form and Guidance Notes](https://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/fs/doc/2014-grant-forms/Partnership_Funding_Application_Form__&_Guidance_Notes_(Revised_scheme_Aug_09).doc)

Applications for Partnership funding is open all year but needs to be submitted at least 2 calendar months prior to the start date of your event/project.

<https://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/>

**Universal Music UK Sound Foundation School Fund**

Schools teaching the national curriculum, based in the UK and Ireland, can apply for grants **to fund music education in the form of instruments, equipment and workshops (with the exception of statutory national curriculum music teaching). Music teachers working within schools** can apply for funding towards **a recognised course, training or a qualification to aid their career progression.** The maximum grant is **£1,000** per applicant. There are two funding rounds per year.

<https://www.umuksoundfoundation.com/>

**UnLtd Awards (for social entrepreneurs)**

**Funding and specialist support are available for UK social entrepreneurs to help them develop as social leaders, and to start up or grow their idea for a social venture**. UnLtd is inviting applications **from social entrepreneurs aged 16 and over who are living in the UK and who are the founder of the social business**. Depending on the stage of development UnLtd can offer:

* Funding of **up to £8,000 for entrepreneurs who are starting up their venture**.
* Funding of **up to £18,000 for entrepreneurs who are scaling up their venture**.

To be eligible, the social entrepreneur must:

* Have identified a social issue and developed a business model that works to solve it.
* Be committed to, and have a track record of, delivering local, regional or national social impact at scale.
* Be experienced, ambitious and capable of growing their venture.
* Have a realistic growth plan.
* Be committed to working full-time in their social venture.

Their social venture must:

* Be less than four years old.
* Have a turnover of less than £250,000 in their last financial year.
* Be dynamic and ready to grow to local, regional or national scale and have a logical and appropriate plan to deliver this.
* Have a compelling performance to date and/or a logical and appropriate plan for rapid growth to reach local, regional or national scale.
* Not solely exist to secure investment in the year ahead.
* Target beneficiaries predominantly based in the UK.

UnLtd are committed **to providing 50% of their awards to Black, Asian and minority ethnic social entrepreneurs, and/or disabled social entrepreneurs**. **Priority will be given to social ventures which are tackling inequality and focusing on the most marginalised communities and those with high levels of need.** Together with funding, award recipients will be assigned to one of UnLtd's dedicated programmes to provide support aligned with the needs of their social venture for up to one year.

<https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards>

**Versus Arthritis – Inspiring Active Communities**

Grants of **between £1,000 and £5,000** are available for local community groups and organisations to support activities that increase the availability of exercise opportunities for people with musculoskeletal conditions, including arthritis, in Northern Ireland (NI), Scotland and Wales. The fund has been set up to support projects which:

* Help aid recovery from Covid-19 and reduce the long-term impact.
* Reduce the widening of the inequalities in sport and physical activity for people with musculoskeletal conditions.
* Support specific activities to increase availability of exercise opportunities in local communities across NI, Scotland and Wales.

All grants must be spent within six months of award. Applicant organisations must be working with people with MSK conditions like arthritis. Applications may be made at any time while funding remains available.

<https://www.versusarthritis.org/active_communities>

**Victoria Homes Trust (NI)**

Grants of between **£500 and £2,500** are available for voluntary projects that assist the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people in Northern Ireland under 21 years of age. Examples of eligible areas include: alcohol and drugs abuse; homelessness; and counselling for those in need of guidance, advice and support. The main objectives of the Trust are:

* To help and educate young people of both sexes under the age of 21.
* To develop their physical, mental, spiritual and moral capacities so that they grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.
* To assist in the training of young people to enable them to maintain themselves at the termination of their education and training.
* To assist other non-statutory bodies in carrying out any of the above objectives.

Applications are invited from registered charities, voluntary organisations and groups in NI.  The Trust has a preference for supporting short-term projects where visible benefits and outcomes are expected over a period of 3-12 months. This means that the Trust is less likely to assist with projects that involve the improvement of lands or buildings.

<https://www.victoriahomestrust.com/>

**Victoria Wood Foundation**

Commemorating the comedian Victoria Wood this Foundation supports **the arts, in all forms**.

No minimum or maximum grant amount is specified. Arts organisations and groups in the UK are welcome to apply for grants to cover costs associated with **eligible arts projects**. The Trustees normally meet twice a year, in **July and December**. Applications should be received at least two weeks before the following meeting. Applications should be made in writing via the contact form on the website.

<https://victoriawoodfoundation.org.uk/>

**WCIT – IT4Good Grants Programme**

The WCIT Charity is offering grants of **up to £15,000 for educational establishments and not-for-profit organisations across the UK to support IT projects and activities**.

The IT4Good Grants Programme will **support activities within the themes of education, inclusion, IT for charities, and understanding of IT, such as the development and delivery of new services, solutions, training, apps, analytics, AI, robotics, or accessibility features/hardware.**

Projects that are more likely to be funded include:

* Projects where WCIT is a material or sole funder.
* Projects where WCIT is the sole funder of the IT component of a larger project.
* Organisations that could benefit from pro-bono support.

**Proposals should demonstrate an innovative use of IT, be scalable for wider replication, and be sustainable over time**. Grants of over £15,000 may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

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

**Weavers’ Company Benevolent Fund**

**UK registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations** that can demonstrate **impact with ex-offenders, young offenders or young people at risk of offending, either within a local area or nationally may apply for small grants of up to £5,000 or larger grants with no set limit**.The funding is intended for registered charities working to:

* Support offenders and ex-offenders into work, specifically for those looking to build skills and capability to get into sustainable work.
* Help specific groups within the criminal justice sector that are less popular with funders than others.
* Support young people (up to 25 years) from disadvantaged and socio-economically challenged groups, such as immigrants, to ensure they are given every possible chance to realise their full potential and to participate fully in society.

Grants are normally awarded for one year only, though exceptions can be made.

Whilst the size of organisation is not relevant when making an application, it may be easier for smaller organisations to demonstrate impact. The grants can be used for pump priming, project funding, associated project costs, core costs for new projects and innovative or pioneering work.

**Deadlines for 2025**

**3 July 2025 (to be considered in Oct 25)  
13 November 2025 (to be considered in Feb 26)**

NB: Applications **must** be printed, signed and posted to the office and **must** arrive **by midday on the closing date.**

<https://www.weavers.org.uk/charity/charitable-grants/>

**Weston Loan Fund with Art Fund**

This Fund helps **regional and smaller museums to borrow works of outstanding quality and significance from national and major lending institutions across the UK.**

The grants help to cover the practical elements of strategic loans projects as well as funding funds activities to maximise the impact of the loaned items and develop the skills of museums professionals.

There are two categories of grants:

* **Grants of between £5,000 and £35,000 to cover 100% of the costs associated with securing, displaying and publicising a loan.**
* **Research and development grants of up to £5,000 to support the development of plans for a loans project. Activities might include research, travel and consultation.**

UK public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives can apply as long as they:

* Have permanent collections.
* Are regional and/or run by local authorities or universities or have independent/charitable trust status.
* Are open for at least half the week for at least six months of the year.
* Are at least provisionally accredited under the Arts Council Accreditation scheme.

Applications can also be considered from small and contemporary arts spaces and other non-collecting institutions, provided they meet the programme’s aims. Non-national institutions that are on the list of eligible lenders can also apply.

[Weston Loan Programme with Art Fund - Get funding - Art Fund](https://www.artfund.org/professional/get-funding/programmes/weston-loan-programme-with-art-fund)

**William and Jane Morris Fund: Church Conservation Grants**

Church Conservation Grants scheme awards **grants of £500-£5000 to churches, chapels and other places of worship** in the UK.

They fund **smaller programmes of work concerned with the conservation of decorative or non-structural features inside the building**. This might include, for example: stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments and tombs, or wall paintings. The object must have been made no later than 1896 (the year of William Morris’s death), even if it is in a building which is older.

[Our Grant Programmes - Society of Antiquaries of London (sal.org.uk)](https://www.sal.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/our-grant-programmes/)

**Wingate Foundation**

Discretionary grants are available to UK registered charitable organisations active in the following categories**: i) Jewish life and learning, ii) performing arts (excluding music), iii) music and iv) medical research travel grants.** Grants are intended to support activity which creates a significant impact on individuals and/or communities and leaves a lasting legacy. No minimum or maximum level of grant is specified other than medical research travel grants, which are for up to £1,000.

<https://wingate.org.uk/>

**The Wolfson Foundation: Funding for Places**

The Wolfson Foundation awards grants to support and promote excellence in the fields of **science and medicine, the arts and humanities, education and health and disability.** Charities and organisations with charitable status (or equivalent) can apply for grants to **fund capital projects, such as buildings or refurbishment and equipment**. **Capital projects that offer training, education and employment are also applicable.** The Foundation does not specify a maximum amount that organisations can apply for and operates a two stage process. Those applicants successful in Stage 1 will be invited to progress onto the second. Continuous rolling programme with two funding rounds each year.

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/>

**Wooden Spoon Charity (disadvantaged/disabled children)**

Grants are available for UK organisations with a legal status that are working to support disadvantaged and disabled children. Wooden Spoon is the children's charity of the sport of rugby. Their funding is for projects that **enhance the quality of life of children and young people under 25 who are mentally, socially or physically disadvantaged**. **Projects must normally be of a capital nature, with a reasonably long-term prospective lifetime.** There is neither a minimum nor maximum grant level. However, it is unlikely that a project of a physical nature that is under £5,000 will have sufficient substance and scale to qualify.

**Applicants are encouraged to contribute a percentage of the funds required.** The funding is for projects that address the following areas: **health and wellbeing, sensory rooms and gardens, specialist equipment and facilities, playgrounds and outdoor activities and education projects.** Projects must:

* Enhance and support the lives of children and young people (under the age of 25) who are disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially.
* Work directly with children and young people and have a positive influence on their lives as a result of the activities or service provided.
* Benefit those located in the UK or Ireland.
* Support a group.

<https://woodenspoon.org.uk/>

**Woodward Charitable Trust – General Small Grants**

Small grants of **up to £3,000** available. The Trustees look to fund projects that help families and young people and that are aiming to improve the life chances of the beneficiaries; and projects that promote community cohesion and the development of skills that will change the outlook and outcomes for the users. Organisations that promote volunteering and involve both past and present users in their operations or management are encouraged. **They only consider applications for** **core costs** and are looking for organisations which aim to achieve a positive impact in at least one of the following areas:

* **Children and young people** who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in anti-social behaviour and projects to help those who have been in the care system. This also covers gang violence and knife crime, education and mentoring as well as projects that work to raise self-esteem and employment opportunities and encourage an active involvement in and contribution towards the local community;
* **Disadvantaged families,**this covers parenting support and guidance, mental health, food poverty, refuges and domestic violence projects and would also include projects that benefit travellers, ethnic minorities and refugee families;
* **Prisoners and ex-offenders**and specifically projects that maintain and develop contact with prisoners’ families and help with the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders after their release.

There are two application windows each year with applications usually considered in March and November. An online application form is available to complete on the Trust's website. The link to the form will be made available on the guidelines page when the round opens. All applications must be supported by a current budget for the year, management accounts and safeguarding, child and/or vulnerable adult policies.

<http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general_applications/>

**Woodroffe Benton Foundation**

Grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available to smaller UK registered charities or educational institutions to support projects that provide: relief from hardship, care for the sick and elderly, conserve and improve the environment and conservation, promote education and youth development, promote human and physical wellbeing and help those in need as a result of disaster or as a consequence of social and economic circumstances. Online applications are considered at the Trustees meetings in January, May and September.

[woodroffebenton.org.uk/](https://www.woodroffebenton.org.uk/)

**Worshipful Company of Information Techologists Grants**

The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists (WCIT) is an IT charity, so all projects they fund must **make use of information technology and must relate to one or more of their priority areas - education, inclusion, IT for charities, and public understanding of IT**.

Projects need to demonstrate an innovative use of IT, be scalable for wider replication, and be sustainable over time. You are eligible for their funding if you are a registered charity, educational establishment or organisation with a formal not-for-profit constitution (such as a community interest company). CICs limited by shares may also apply.

[Apply For A Grant - WCIT Charity](https://wcitcharity.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/)

**Youth Music NextGen Fund**

The NextGen Fund provided by Youth Music is intended help **early-stage musicians and wider music adjacent creatives** to invest in their own projects and make their ideas happen. The fund is especially aimed at those whose lack of finance holds them back from pursuing their goals.

This round of the programme is accepting **applications from 18-25 year old creatives (and up to 30 year olds who identify as d/Deaf or disabled) in the UK** to support the development of a creative project or idea. Applicants may include singers, rappers, songwriters, producers, DJs, A&Rs, managers and agents, right through to roles that have yet to be defined.

Priority will be given to:

* People who do not have the financial means to invest in themselves to get their ideas started.
* People that are too early-stage to be funded by larger grant programmes such as Arts Council England and PRS Foundation.
* Those who might be discriminated against, for reasons that could include gender, race, disability, location or other characteristics.
* People who are creative, entrepreneurial and are multi-disciplinary - even if they do not recognise themselves as such.

Grants of **up to £3,000 are available**, to support costs linked to **training, career development, travel, audience development, marketing, equipment, software and business development**.

[NextGen Fund | Youth Music](https://youthmusic.org.uk/nextgen/nextgen-fund)

**LOAN FUNDS**

**Charities Aid Foundation – Venturesome Impact Fund**

CAF has launched their new Venturesome Impact Fund and invites enquires from charities, community groups and social enterprises from across the UK. This **extensive and flexible social investment fund is open to all causes and areas in UK and is designed to deliver social impact, investing for three to five years into organisations**.

The Fund offers repayable loans between £50,000 and £1 million, with a 5.5% fixed interest rate that will not change during the lifetime of the facility. Additional commitment and legal fees apply.

The flexible investment types include:

* Unsecured loans
* Blended finance (part loan/part grant)
* Standby facilities (a pre-approved loan to draw on if it is needed).

Typically, loans are between three and five years with a regular payment schedule, but this can be increased up to 10 years under exceptional circumstances. Charities, community groups and social enterprises with a minimum annual turnover of £75,000 can apply. The unrestricted social investment can fund:

* Working capital/cashflow management.
* Delivering products and/or services to new customers.
* Building organisational resilience such as investing in improving impact measurement and reporting, designing and developing products or services, systems and processes, sales and marketing, hiring new staff, and purchasing assets.

<https://www.cafonline.org/about-us/caf-venturesome>

**Community Finance Ireland: Loan Fund**

The funding is intended to support local economic development in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland by providing loan finance and assistance to community enterprises. It covers a range of projects in areas including sports, church and faith, environment, housing, community projects, education/training, arts and heritage, childcare, and enterprise. **Loans typically range from £10,000 to £600,000.**

Community Finance Ireland offers:

* Long-term loans and short-term bridging finance. Loan terms are tailored to suit each borrower.
* Competitive interest rates that will depend on the individual circumstances of each borrower.
* No early repayment penalties.

Applications will be accepted from community organisations, charities and social enterprises (large and small) that are based in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Loans are available for many purposes including:

* Buildings and equipment.
* Working capital.
* Cash shortfalls.
* Bridging finance against delayed grants or other confirmed income.
* Restructuring of debt.

Eligible projects might include:

* Faith-based initiatives.
* Sports clubs.
* Training initiatives.
* Childcare schemes.
* Housing Associations.
* Community transport schemes
* Rural development projects.

Applications may be made at any time. Interested parties should contact Community Finance Ireland for application guidance and further information.

<https://communityfinanceireland.com>

**Community Finance Ireland – All Ireland Sports Flexible Loan Fund**

Community Finance Ireland has launched a £5 million fund aimed at sports clubs throughout the island of Ireland. The new fund will make **flexible loans of £10,000-£500,000 available to sports organisations** seeking to make a change in their local community whether that is to renovate changing or training facilities for their players and participants, or to improve local infrastructure that makes their club grounds more accessible for the local community.

Short term bridging loans are available to facilitate retrospective drawing of grant support (interest only, plus grant upon redemption) and longer term loans with bespoke repayment schedules. The loan range is £10k – £500k (NI) and €10k – €500k (RoI).The term range is 1 month – 180 months. The interest rate is Maximum 6.25%\*, calculated on a reducing balance.\*The lowest maximum rate across the island. There is no arrangement fee - the only bridging product available across the entire island to do so. No security on bridging loans. Most of our term loans are also unsecured. No Personal Guarantees are required.

No early repayment penalty. Decision takes 48 hours for any loan request of up to £/€200k once we have all of your final information. Up to 4-6 weeks for loan request in excess of £/€200k.

<https://communityfinanceireland.com/community-finance-ireland-launch-new-5m-all-island-sports-fund-in-anticipation-of-increased-demand-from-sports-clubs/>

**Co-operative and Community Finance (UK)**

Loans of between £10,000 and £75,000are available to support UK social enterprises, co-operative and employee-owned businesses which are economically viable to enable people to own and democratically control the businesses in which they work, or which operate in their local community.  This is achieved by the provision of finance and financial services to enterprises which practise or support the principles of cooperation; common ownership; employee, community or social ownership; equal opportunity and workplace democracy; and sustainable development. There is no set lending term; as far as is possible, loans will be tailored to the needs of the business and the capacity to make repayments.  The maximum term is usually ten years. Loans may be used for match funding public or private grants. Each enterprise must be able to demonstrate the ability to pay interest and repay the capital on any agreed loan finance.

Applications are welcome from:

* those starting a social enterprise, co-operative or employee-owned business;
* those who are seeking to expand a social enterprise, co-operative or employee-owned business;
* those wishing to take over an existing business and convert it to a co-operative or social enterprise.  This may be where a *business* would otherwise close, be sold to a third party, or become a privatised public utility.

<https://coopfinance.coop/>

**Figurative Arts and Culture Impact Fund**

The world’s biggest social impact investment fund for the creative arts is offering secured and unsecured finance up to £1 million to socially driven arts, culture and heritage organisations registered and operating in the UK. Organisations who want to acquire new assets, improve built infrastructure, develop new ventures or scale up existing revenue streams can apply now.

The Fund offers repayable finance **between £150,000 and £1 million with a repayment term until May 2032 and interest rates ranging between 3% and 8.5%.** The following fees apply:

* 1% completion fee
* 2% per annum, pro rata holding fee (minimum holding period is six months)
* No early repayment fee.

Eligible organisations must:

* Be registered and operating in the UK. Digital organisations will need to demonstrate their primary audiences are based in the UK.
* Have core operations or primary activity in the arts, culture and heritage.
* Have a clear social mission, reflected in its structure and governance.
* Be able to demonstrate measurable social impact on individuals or communities in the UK.

And work in one of the following disciplines:

***Architecture, Combined arts, Craft, Culture and heritage in the natural environment, Dance,***

***Fashion design and textiles, Film, Graphic design, Heritage, Libraries and archives, Literature, Museums, Music, Sector support organisation, Theatre and performance, Visual arts, Workspace provider.***

[Arts & Culture Impact Fund - Figurative](https://figurative.org.uk/fund/arts-culture-impact-fund/)

**Investment Fund for Northern Ireland (IFNI) (Debt Finance and Equity Finance)**

The Investment Fund for Northern Ireland will deliver a £70 million commitment of **new funding to smaller businesses.** The fund aims to drive sustainable economic growth by supporting innovation and creating local opportunity for new and growing businesses across NI.

The Fund offers two different commercial finance options of loans ranging from £25,000 to £2 million and equity investments up to £5 million. The fund covers the whole of Northern Ireland, including rural, coastal and urban areas. It is increasing the supply and diversity of **early-stage finance for smaller businesses across Northern Ireland**, providing funds to businesses that might otherwise not receive investment and helping to break down barriers in access to finance. The new fund has embedded ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) awareness into its design and will help support the UK economy’s transition to net zero.

<https://www.british-business-bank.co.uk/nations-and-regions-investment-funds/investment-fund-for-northern-ireland-ifni/>

**NI Social Capital Loan Scheme (DfC)**

The Social Capital Loan Scheme is managed by Community Finance Ireland (CFI) with funding provided by the Northern Ireland Executive's Department for Communities. The scheme has a total value of £13 million, which will be made available **to the VCSE sector in three tranches**, via Community Finance Ireland, up to 2025/26. All loans are to be repaid to the Department for Communities over a period of 15 years from drawdown. Applications will be accepted from voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations in Northern Ireland.

The funding is intended to support the following objectives:

* **To enable the VCSE sector to access social loan capital to invest in assets aligned to the objectives set out in the Northern Ireland Executive's Programme for Government (PfG) Outcomes Framework.**
* **To improve VCSE sector sustainability and reduce reliance on public grant.**
* **To deliver social value by investing in assets.**
* **To enable the VCSE sector to borrow capital for up to 15 years**.

CFI will apply its existing business model to select projects for investment and manage repayments to the Department for Communities. **The funding may be used to develop assets aligned to the objectives set out in the Northern Ireland Executive's Programme for Government (PfG) Outcomes Framework. Supported projects must be sustainable to meet a social need.**

[Department for Communities - Social Capital Loan Scheme](https://search.mygrantfinder.co.uk/Scheme/OpenLink/GRUKBP3!S52363?uri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.communities-ni.gov.uk%2Farticles%2Fsocial-capital-loan-scheme)

**The StartUp Loans Scheme**

These loans are funded by the UK Government and will be administered by appointed regional distribution partners who will provide ongoing business mentoring. Nationally, the programme is overseen by the British Business Bank. The programme is designed to go some way to help solve the problem of supporting people who have a feasible business idea but no access to finance. The programme aims to equip enterprising individuals with the tools needed to make their businesses a success. Successful applicants will receive **a low-cost unsecured loan, business mentoring and a range of business products.** **The average loan is around £7,200, although loans of up to £25,000 are available.**

The programme’s eligibility support businesses that have been **trading for up to three years**. Previously the scheme supported firms trading up to two years. Businesses can apply immediately under the new criteria. A **new second loan is also available to businesses operating for up to five years, providing eligible businesses between three and five years with Government-backed finance to support their expansion.** Start Up Loans provide **a fixed interest rate of 6%, as well as mentoring, support and funding** to aspiring business owners across the UK, providing support to those who might find it difficult to secure loans from traditional lenders.

See: [FAQs](https://search.mygrantfinder.co.uk/Scheme/OpenLink/GRUKBP3!S38446?uri=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.startuploans.co.uk%2Ffaqs%2F) and <https://www.startuploans.co.uk/>

**Social and Sustainable Housing (SASH 3) Loans**

Social and Sustainable Housing is provided by Social and Sustainable Capital (SASC).

Loans are available to social sector organisations across the UK to enable them to increase their provision of safe, quality homes and support for the vulnerable people they serve and become financially stronger, allowing them to buy housing in a low risk way.

* [Further details](javascript:scrollToElement('furtherDetails');)
* [Documents & links](javascript:scrollToElement('relatedLinks');)
* [Contacts](javascript:scrollToElement('relatedAddresses');)

The fund is intended to support charitable organisations to enable them to buy housing in a low risk way and provide safe and appropriate housing for vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the UK.Flexible and secured loans of between £2 million and £10 million are available.

Registered charities, community interest companies (CIC) or other regulated social sector organisations based and operating in the UK can apply. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate the following:

* A track record of property and tenancy management.
* Recognition of the value of home ownership to their organisation.
* An unmet demand for housing for the vulnerable individuals they support.
* Local property market knowledge.
* Measurable social impact.
* An annual income over £500,000.
* Strong management and governance.

[Social and Sustainable Housing - Social and Sustainable Capital](https://www.socialandsustainable.com/social-and-sustainable-housing/)

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