

COMPENDIUM OF ROLLING COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAMMES

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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](#)

[Download Village Catalyst Programme Guidance Notes](#)

[Download Application Help Notes](#)

[Download Viability Report Template](#)

[Download Viability Report Guidance](#)

• 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](#)

[Download Village Catalyst Programme Guidance Notes](#)

[Download Application Help Notes](#)

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

[Northern Ireland | The Architectural Heritage Fund \(ahfund.org.uk\)](http://ahfund.org.uk)

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 Fund is open for submissions on the following deadlines:

- **26 May 2024 (midnight)**
- **25 August 2024 (midnight)**
- **3 November 2024 (midnight)**
- **26 January 2025 (midnight)**

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

Next deadline: 26 May 2024 (23:59 BST)

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

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](#) – scripted and non-scripted projects, development slates and interactive content
[Production](#) – feature film (including feature documentaries), television drama, animation, factual/entertainment television and interactive content.
- **Cultural**
Cultural funds include the [Irish Language Broadcast Fund \(ILBF\)](#) and the [Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund \(USBF\)](#).
- **Educational**
[Skills and Training](#)
- **Sectional Funding**
[Film Education](#); [Digital Film Archive](#); [Cultural Cinema and Film Festivals](#);

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>

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](#)
- [apply for Horizon Europe funding](#)
- [find partners and collaborators for Horizon Europe](#)
- [get guidance and help with Horizon Europe](#).

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 GRANTS

Motability: Active Travel Grants

Grants of **£100,000 to £4 million** are available to **medium to large charities and organisations** with established ways of working. They can be split over **one, two or three years**. Funding is intended to support Motability's key outcomes of:

- Access - Increased ability to access people and places using transport.
- Choice and control - Improved independence and control to make decisions.
- Connect - increased social connections and relationships.
- Education - increased ability to access education.
- Work - increased ability to work and pursue a career.
- Wellbeing - Improved sense of health and wellbeing.

Priority will be given to organisations who:

- Are making both immediate and longer term to the differences of disabled people.
- Can demonstrate that their application takes into account the views and needs of their beneficiaries, and they will continue to be involved during the delivery of the work.

<https://www.motability.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/active-travel-grant-programme/>

Motability Research Grants to develop & expand transport for Disabled people

National disability transport charity Motability is offering research grants to non-profit organisations across the UK, including academic institutions which are charitable in nature.

Grants of £50,000 to £1 million are on offer, and can be split over one, two or three years.

The fund is focused on **medium to large charities and organisations with established ways of working**. Applicants must:

- Have been established for at least three years.
- Be fully incorporated with a charitable purpose and undertaking research to support disabled people with their transport needs.
- Have had **an annual income of at least £150,000 per annum over the past three years**.
- Hold reserves of between three and twelve months of operating costs.

Proposals should use creative, ethical and appropriate research methods and evidence a clear need for the research. Applications can be submitted at any time, with Stage One decisions expected within four weeks.

For further information, see: <https://www.motability.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/research-grant-programme/>

Motability – Community Transport Grants

Grants of up between **£100,000 and £4 million are available for a maximum of three years** to local not-for-profit groups and medium & large charities for projects which **develop, expand and improve community transport options for disabled people in the UK**.

Funding is intended to address the gaps in the transport landscape and provide transport for the most vulnerable members of society, whose welfare is most impacted by these gaps. Match-funding proposals will be accepted, but it is preferred that applications are limited to an area that can be supported in its entirety by Motability. Grants should be used to cover:

- Staffing and/or volunteer costs to increase supply of Community Transport services.
- Leasing or buying Community Transport vehicles
- Initiatives to influence transport strategy, policy and funding.
- Partnerships/collaborations which drive efficiency at the organisational and systems level.
- Best practice interventions to continue/scale up work.

For more information, see: [Motability Community Transport Grants](#)

Motability – Wheelchair Sector Grants

Grants of between **£100,000 and £4 million are available for a maximum of three years** to not-for-profit groups and medium & large charities for projects which make immediate impact for disabled people, **by improving and expanding their access to good quality wheelchairs in the UK**.

Funding is intended to address challenges to accessing appropriate, quality and affordable wheelchairs. This has the potential to increase social, professional and leisure opportunities as well as improvements to basic mobility. Match-funding proposals will be accepted, but it is preferred that applications are limited to an area that can be supported in its entirety by Motability. Grants should be used to:

- Help individuals to source quality equipment by topping up self-funding.

- Raise awareness of the challenges faced by disabled people in obtaining suitable, quality and affordable wheelchairs.
- Develop or improve programmes which fund high quality and affordable equipment.
- Support existing initiatives which provide best practice solutions but need further support to remain operational or scale up.

Stage One applications are expected to receive a response within four months. The following timescales for Stage Two applications apply:

- Under £1 million: assessed on a monthly basis.
- Over £1 million: assessed quarterly.

[Motability Wheelchair Sector Grants](#)

Motability: Grants to Reduce Barriers to Driving for Disabled People

Motability is now inviting applications for its next large grants programme, offering between £100,000 and £2 million over one, two or three years. The following can be funded under the scheme:

- Activity which reduces or mitigates barriers to driving experienced by disabled people, without replicating the support offered by the Motability Scheme.
- Continuation funding for schemes, programmes and initiatives that already exist, and who provide best practice solutions, but need further support to remain operational or scale up the service they can provide to help more disabled people.
- Staff or volunteer training and costs.
- Full cost recovery grants which include indirect costs.

Applications will be accepted from medium or large charities and other charitable organisations with established ways of working. Groups must have been active for at least three years, with an annual income of at least £150,000 and between three and twelve months of reserves.

<https://www.motability.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/reducing-barriers-to-driving-grant/>

Motability: Travel with Confidence Grants

Grants of £100,000 to £1 million are available and can be split over one, two or three years. The funding can be used for:

- Activity that improves the information, support and assistance available to disabled people using public transport.
- Activity that supports disabled people to have better journeys through increased confidence, resilience and training.
- Continuation funding for schemes, programmes and initiatives that already exist, and who provide best practice solutions, but need further support to remain operational or scale up.
- Staff or volunteer training and costs.
- Full cost recovery including indirect costs.
- Local, regional, or national initiatives to increase awareness of active travel and influence its inclusion in transport strategy and policy.

<https://www.motability.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/travelling-with-confidence-grant/>

National Archives: Archives Revealed

This partnership funding programme from The National Archives, The Pilgrim Trust and the Wolfson Foundation aims to ensure **significant archive collections, representing the lives and perspectives of all people across the UK, are made accessible to the public for research and enjoyment.** Archives Revealed has two funding strands:

- **Scoping Grant** provides up to £3,000 to fund an external expert consultant to report on collections management and development.
- **Cataloguing Grant** which provides grants of up to £45,000 for the cataloguing of archives.

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

National Archives: Resilience Grants

The Resilience Grants programme invites archives throughout the UK to apply for resilience-building projects of up to **£20,000**, with no minimum level of funding required. It is a one-stage application, completed through an [online application form](#). **The grant will fund projects lasting up to one year.** We ask that applicants submit, as a supporting document, a completed Archives and Records Association [Archives Service Resilience Indicator Tool](#), which is designed to provide archive services with a quick methodology for assessing resilience and identifying gaps or areas for development. You can download the [Archives Sector Resilience Indicator](#), and [guidance notes](#) from the Archives and Records Association.

The grant programme runs twice per year, with **deadlines in around January and July.**

[About these grants - Archives sector \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

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

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](#) 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](#). If this programme isn't suitable for your project idea, check out the funding available through other [National Lottery distributors](#).

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/awards-for-all-northern-ireland>

National Lottery - Sustainable Community Buildings NI

Sustainable Community Buildings will **open for applications from 11 September 2024 to 23 October 2024** in the **Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Derry City and Strabane District Council, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council or Fermanagh and Omagh District Council** areas.

Groups who own or hold a minimum of a 6-year unbreakable lease on their community building are eligible to apply. Buildings must have been built before 2005 and groups need to have an annual income of less than £500,000. Full eligibility criteria is outlined on the [programme page](#).

This funding is to help your organisation to:

- learn how to be more environmentally sustainable – by attending carbon literacy training
- understand what changes you can make to be more environmentally sustainable – by working with experts in sustainability to create an environment plan for your organisation
- improve the environmental performance of your building – for example, they could offer funding so that you can add solar panels, improve insulation or install energy-efficient lighting
- share the benefits of being more environmentally sustainable with your community
- monitor, measure and report on the impact of your funding – for example, track what difference the improvements have made to carbon emissions, energy savings, community engagement and behaviour change
- ultimately reduce your carbon footprint and energy bills.

This funding is part of their new strategy. One of their aims is to support communities to be environmentally sustainable. **Grants of up to £50K available (capital funding only).**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/sustainable-community-buildings>

National Lottery - Climate Action Fund UK

This Fund is about inspiring more people to take climate action. We'll fund projects that reach more people by either:

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

You should be in a partnership with

- a mix of organisations and sectors
- smaller groups that represent the people you're working with.

You do not have to be a climate or environment-focused organisation to apply

We want to reach people who are new to climate action by funding other types of organisations too. And by using people's everyday activities and interests as a starting point for climate action. For example, your project might:

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

The **minimum you can ask for is £500,000.**

We expect to fund **most projects for between £1 million and £1.5 million over 3 to 5 years.**

We may fund some exceptional projects up to £3 million, and for up to 7 years. We aim to fund up to 25 projects.

For more information, you can attend one of our webinars:

- [Thursday 16 May 2024 – register for webinar \(English and Welsh\)](#)
- [Tuesday 21 May 2024 - register for webinar \(English\)](#)

Here is a recording of the Climate Action Fund “Our Shared Future” webinar held on 27 March 2024 - see [webpage](#).

Please also find links to i) a copy of the Webinar Slides and ii) Frequent Asked Questions in the links below:



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

The (National Lottery) UK Fund

The UK Fund is one of The National Lottery Community Fund's first significant commitments as part of their [new strategy, 'It starts with community.'](#)

They're looking to fund organisations that want to do more **to help communities come together and help make us a better-connected society. Your project must either work across the UK, or be able to inform, influence or scale across the UK.**

This programme will support projects that:

- strengthen relationships between people whose experiences of life have not been the same. For example, relationships between people of different ethnic backgrounds, generations, occupations or geographies
- create connections between online and offline worlds
- help make sure people from all backgrounds can shape the future of their communities.

They will fund ambitious projects that aim to create longer-term, transformational change.

They'll also take an equity-based approach to tackle inequality. This means they'll fund where there's greatest need. You can read their blog for [examples of projects they're likely to fund](#). Please note that there is high demand for The UK Fund. We can only fund the strongest projects.

Area: You must either work across the UK, or be able to inform, influence or scale across the UK.

Funding size: **£500,000 to £5million**

Length of grants: They expect most projects to run from **2 to 5 years** but may consider funding for up to 10 years.

Area: UK-wide

Watch their webinar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00wOz-UWtr0> and [View these slides](#) before applying. Then create an account to apply, see: <https://account.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/Account/Register>

If you have any more questions, please e-mail: TheUKFund@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk and the team will be happy to assist you further.

<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 : **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** 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.

Organisations that are undertaking charitable activities can apply and the Trust welcomes applications from a wide range of organisations, **including registered charities, voluntary organisations, think tanks, campaigning groups, research bodies and universities.** See website for the eligibility criteria and types of eligible expenditure.

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.

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

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

Now re-opened!!!

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. To 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 directly or indirectly respond to COVID 19 and 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: **i) encourage youth volunteering, ii) have a positive impact on disadvantaged communities and individuals and iii) 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/>

Alpkit Foundation Grants

Alpkit Foundation Grants are available to get projects off the ground. This could be:

- £50 to £500 cash to individuals, community groups, schools and organisations to encourage people to get outdoors and have great experiences that otherwise couldn't happen; e.g. giving a cash grant to a school to fund transport costs
- Providing discounted equipment for outdoor adventures and trips to individuals, groups, schools and organisations that wouldn't be viable without support from the Alpkit Foundation
- Supporting outdoor educational programs; e.g. grants for outdoor First Aiders or Mountain Leader Training that wouldn't be possible without Alpkit Foundation support
- Supporting proactive conservation and environmental projects; e.g. community gardens and allotments or grants to help re-wild woodland and protect their wild places
- Supporting projects which encourage the development of facilities for outdoor skills and activities to be experienced by wider groups who otherwise may miss out e.g. cycling, climbing, outdoor swimming facilities.

You can apply at any time and there's no limit to the number of times you can apply for an award. They welcome multiple awards over time and each award is assessed on its own merit. The only criteria they apply in making awards is that the project meets the funding criteria and the Alpkit Foundation has the enough money in the pot.

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

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 are asked to allow at least eight weeks between submitting applications and the time by which they need a decision. 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.

<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**
- **U18 Better Starts Grant**
- **Cost of Living Grant**
- **Investing in Spaces and Places Grant**
- **Colleague Match Funding for Local Causes**
- **Local Community Emergency Donations**
- **Partnerships**
- **Green Token Giving**

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 £5,000 are 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/>

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

The Trust has announced the themes for 2024 and 2025 for which it will offer grants of either £1,000 or £5,000 depending on the grant round. The Trust operates a three-year rotation system, with different fields of interests being funded each year.

In 2024, support will be available for the following priorities:

- **Rounds 1 and 2 – Disability**, specifically employment and training for people living with disabilities to ensure better access.

- **Rounds 3 and 4 – Food Poverty** (due to the increasing levels across the UK).

In 2025, support will be available for the following priorities (full details published toward the end of 2024):

- **Rounds 1 and 2 - Access to the Arts**
- **Rounds 3 and 4 - Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

Organisations registered with the Charity Commission (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or OSCR, or exempt from registration, can apply. The level of grant awarded is determined by the income of the charity:

- **Grants of £1,000 are available for charities with an operating income of between £100,000 and £1 million.**
- **Grants of £5,000 are available for charities with a minimum operating income of £1 million. There is no maximum level.**

There are four grant rounds each year. **Charities may only apply for one grant per calendar year.** [Home - The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust \(austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk\)](https://www.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](#)

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.

Next deadline under the **General Grants Programme (for grants over £9,000): 1 August 2024**
Applications under the **Small Grants Programme (for grants under £9,000)** can be submitted at **any time**.

[General programme | Baily Thomas Charitable Fund](#)

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/movement-for-good/) 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). Further details are on the website.

<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 12 living in Northern Ireland**. The Trust rarely makes grants of more than £1,000. A grant is unlikely to be made where the grant would be less than 10% of the total cost of the project. **The average amount of grants is £600**. Application Forms and Guidelines are available on written request from trusts@cfrlaw.co.uk. **Deadlines annually are 31 May, 31 October, and 31 January.**

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](#)

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.
- Secondly, 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](#) 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](#).

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](#)

BBC Children in Need Funding – 3 Programmes

1. BBC Emergency Essentials Programme

BBC Children in Need are expanding their Emergency Essentials programme to include a broader range of basic essentials **to support children and young people living with severe poverty across the UK**. The fund supports families with children who are living with financial, health and social difficulties, by providing items that meet children's most basic needs such as kitchen appliances, furniture, baby equipment, beds, clothing, and other items and services that are critical to children's wellbeing. **Applications must come through a registered referral agency that is supporting the family or young person**. The programme is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. Applications can be made at any time.

<https://www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk/emergency-essentials/>

2. BBC Children in Need – Project Costs

Project Costs support the aims and delivery of a **specific piece of work**. This work will usually be time-limited and based on a defined set of activities. Our Project Costs Funding Stream is for charities and not-for-profit organisations. Applicants to this programme can apply for **grants for up to three years**. We aim to give quicker decisions for grants of **£15,000 or less per year**.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/project-costs-funding-stream/>

3. BBC Children in Need - Core Costs

Core Costs support essential organisational and administrative spending. These are the key expenses required to keep your organisation running. Our Core Costs funding can be spent on your organisation's central day-to-day operations. Applicants to this programme can apply for **grants for up to three years**. We aim to give quicker decisions for grants of **£15,000 or less per year**.

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

BBC Children in Need: A Million & Me – Big Sky Programme (8-13 year olds)

This “A Million & Me” fund supports children aged 8-13 years old. It focuses on their **emotional wellbeing and mental health**. This fund aims to provide support at an early stage, before mental health problems are established. **Applications are by invitation only but will be developed through conversations with BBC Children in Need teams in each of the 4 nations and draws on their local knowledge and insight**. Contact details for local teams are [here](#).

Committed to funding grassroots organisations across the UK including current grant holders, but they are keen to previously unfunded organisations and groups. **Funding of up to £5,000 will be awarded**. Organisations can apply for up to 2 years, with no application deadlines. Applications must fit within BBC CiN localised funding plans and rural identifiers developed at a local level.

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](#)

B&Q Foundation Grants UK

A wide range of UK registered charities can apply for **one-off grants of up to £5,000 for garden projects or up to £10,000 for building or indoor projects**. 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. Projects need to be delivered within six months of receiving the grant.

Remaining deadline in 2024: **17 May (at 9.30am)**

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

British Foreign School Society (Education for Under 25s/Marginalised)

Grants are available for UK projects of between **£30,000 and £100,000** and for international projects of up to £60,000 to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational projects with children and young people under the age of 25 in marginalised communities within the UK and internationally.

For UK projects the focus is on projects to **improve the educational outcomes and life chances of Young Carers and Children Looked After**. For international projects the focus will be on improving the **quality, sustainability, and access to education for young people within international marginalised and deprived communities**.

<https://bfss.org.uk/grant-giving/>

Church of Ireland - Priorities Fund

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to not-for-profit groups, voluntary and community organisations and registered charities operating within the Church of Ireland in either Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland for projects that support the themes of the Fund which are:

- **Training - Lay and Ordained** - Training in the following areas: post-ordination, clergy in-service, lay ministry, youth ministry, children's ministry, student chaplaincy.
- **Christian Education** - Development of RE in schools, children's ministry, youth work, adult education.
- **Outreach Initiatives** - To encourage creative and innovative projects, which reach out to the communities our parishes serve, including church plants and missional areas.
- **Innovative Ministry in a Rural Context** - To encourage creative and innovative ministry projects in the sparsely populated areas of the country, in rural or village settings.

The Fund prioritises grants for 'seed capital'. Applications will be accepted from parishes and community organisations located across the island of Ireland. Applications may be made at any time in-year, with the Fund's **annual deadline being 31 October**.

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

Congregational and General Charitable Trust

This independent grant-making Trust makes contributes grants for the **capital costs of community church projects**. **Grants range from a minimum of £1,000 to a maximum of £25,000 at 25% of total cost of projects costing less than £1 million**. Eligible applicants are **United Reformed and Congregational denominations and other churches of the Protestant tradition**. There are no deadlines for applications which are considered at the quarterly meetings of the Trustees.

<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](#)

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 service 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/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.

Next deadline: 23 August 2024 <https://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/cruach-trust>

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>

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](#) 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 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).

The Expression of Interest form can be found on the DofE website.

<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/>

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.**

Applications must be submitted one month before the relevant quarterly meeting of the Trustees.

<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/>

Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund (Museums and Galleries)

Provided by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and administered by the Museums Association (MA), the Collections Fund supports **museums and their community partners to develop together, using existing collections**. The fund is open to all museums and galleries in the UK with priority given to smaller and medium-sized organisations where funding of this size can make the most difference in the long term.

Following a period of review last year, the fund currently supports **museums that have established strategic aims for diversity, equity and inclusion; and that are ready to use their collections and Esmée Fairbairn Foundation funding to support social and climate justice, in ways that are relevant to local contexts and relationships**.

Grants of **£40,000–£100,000 are available over a period of up to three years**. It is expected that around 12 grants per year will be awarded over the two funding rounds in 2024. The funding can be used for **core costs**, a change from previous years.

Successful applicants are required to join the Collections Network and should reserve resources to allow at least one to two people to attend network meetings at least twice a year. Alongside informal peer support, the Collections Network includes coaching conversations and action learning sets to support planning, evaluation and legacy.

Deadline: 16 September 2024

<https://www.museumsassociation.org/funding/esmee-fairbairn-collections-fund/>

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

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 provides **grants and services for families on low incomes raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person, up to the age of 24**. 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](#).

The easiest way to apply is to [register for an online account](#) 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](#). You can find out more on the website below or call us on 01904 550055, email us at info@familyfund.org.uk or join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

<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 is the only open-access funder in the UK **offering development funding and strategic support to early-stage charities and social enterprises who have exceptional leadership, innovative idea and cost-effective solutions**.

The Fore offers a 'wraparound' package of **unrestricted, multi-year grant-funding (up to £30,000) training, skilled volunteers, peer-to-peer networks and impact measurement** to UK registered charities, CIOs, CICs, and social enterprises with an annual revenue of less than £500,000 in the previous completed financial year.

The funding is intended to have a transformational impact on the organisations being supported by unlocking exponential growth, sustainability, efficiency or some other major step forward.

The **unrestricted funding can be used for any purpose, including core costs and capital funding**. The grant could help, for example, an organisation grow, increase internal capacity, serve new beneficiary groups, become more sustainable or more efficient, etc. Applications for core costs must show how the funding will move the organisation forward rather than enabling 'business as usual'. Projects to date have ranged from mental health support, preventing environmental damage, reducing education inequality and improving racial justice.

There are three funding rounds each year (Spring, Summer, Autumn).

[Applying for Funding - The Fore](#)

Foyle Foundation – Main and Small Grants Schemes & School Library Scheme

PLEASE NOTE: Grants programming will end in 2025 with closing application dates as follows:

- Main Grant scheme capital requests of £75,000 and over will **close to stage one enquiries on 31 May 2024**.
- Main Grant scheme applications for grants of less than £75,000 will **close on 31 January 2025**.
- Small Grant scheme applications will **close on 30 April 2025**.
- Foyle School Library Programme applications can be made at any time until the **final cut off date of 30 September 2024**.

The Foyle Foundation is an independent grant making trust that distributes grants to UK charities and does not support applications from individuals. They welcome applications from across the country and encourage applications from all areas outside London and the South East.

The Foundation supports charities in three main areas:

- Main Grants Scheme, supporting charities whose core work covers [Arts](#) and [Learning](#)
- [The Foyle School Library Scheme](#)
- [Small Grants Scheme](#), (£2k - £10k) supporting charities in all fields with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum. With priority given to projects focussing on the **young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community**.

The Trustees of the Foundation are keeping its grant making policy under constant review in the light of social and economic developments in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please refer to our website regularly as we expect to refine our approach, depending on the length and impact of the pandemic as they affect the sectors we support.

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/>

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: Capital means building works or repairs, or equipment that's necessary to your organisation's work.

Operating/Core costs: Operating/Core cost grants are made towards the general costs of running your organisation.

Projects/specific activity: 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 can be made at any time throughout the year and are considered at quarterly meetings. 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

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.**

Golsoncott 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](#)

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.

The Greenhall Foundation has previously awarded grants to support several programmes aimed at enhancing the lives of vulnerable populations. These include funding for education programmes for individuals with disabilities, support for the elderly through the provision of daily nutritious meals, and mental health support for young people facing poverty, social isolation, and unemployment.

<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

The Growth Impact Fund is a social investment fund, helping fast growth early-stage social businesses to grow their impact. It is offering between **£50,000 and £1,500,000** of social investment and supporting **grants up to £20,000.**

For further information, your local contact is: Nuala at nualasmyth@unltd.org.uk

For more info see: www.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](#)

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 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.)

A rolling programme - you can apply at any time. [Read More](#)

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

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://www.halifaxfoundationni.org/>

Hamish Ogston Foundation

Grants are available for charities across the UK to deliver **heritage, music, and health projects that promote long-term sustainability and measurable social outcomes.** Successful applicants can expect **a minimum investment of £1.5 million and close cooperation with the Foundation over a number of years.** The total amount awarded is discretionary. Charities that align with the Foundation's guiding strategy and donation criteria can apply.

Funding will support projects and activities that focus on the following areas:

- **Heritage** – Protecting the heritage of important sites across the UK and preserving structures, their craftsmanship, and their traditions.
- **Music** – Promoting the UK's choral and organ traditions, including related initiatives and apprenticeships, to preserve their knowledge and culture.
- **Health** – Working towards eliminating the disparities in both access to medical treatment and health awareness amongst the most disadvantaged sections of society.

Funding will be awarded to projects that align with the Foundation's guiding strategy:

- **Encourage an entrepreneurial mind set** – Secure the long-term sustainability of funded projects and, where appropriate, **promote sustainable apprenticeships and employment.**
- **Maximise the benefit** – Provide a **commercially-minded input** to ensure that no money is wasted.
- **Address the North-South divide** – Help address the economic divide between the South of England and the rest of the UK. **Preference will be given to projects north of the line from the Severn to The Wash.**
- **Easy to measure outcomes** – Have measurable outcomes that are easily monitored to ensure a visible and lasting difference.

There is a two-stage application process and applicants should first submit an outline application providing basic information about the organisation, proposed activities, and costs. The Foundation aims to acknowledge all applications within seven days.

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

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](#)

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](#) 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.**

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

Hilden Charitable Fund

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.

The 2024 application window opens 30 May (10:00) and closes 11 July 2024 (15:00)

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

Hinrichson Foundation (Music promotion)

Two levels of funding is available to support **organisations and individuals undertaking projects to promote music, particularly contemporary music, in the UK:**

- One-off **small grants typically between £500 and £2,500 (for new applicants and former beneficiaries).**
- **Larger projects or concert series generally £2,000 and over.**

Multi-year partnerships may be considered. The Foundation prefers to support organisations that are making a contribution themselves to the total costs required. The Trustees are principally concerned with **providing support for the performance of contemporary music, which may include commissioning of new work, non-commercial recording or even publication.** The Trustees will occasionally provide funds for research projects not being conducted under the aegis of an academic institution.

Applications are considered at the end of March, June, September and December.

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

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**](#).

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.

For those who were unable to join the webinar to find out more about the Homewards Fund in Northern Ireland , a recording can be found at [**Homewards Introductory Webinar - Northern Ireland on Vimeo.**](#)

[Homewards Fund - The Royal Foundation - Homewards](#)

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](#).

We welcome applications from **local charitable organisations** for assistance of **up to £1,500** 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 and the next deadline is **1 September 2024**. Evidence of expenditure of grant must be provided within 6 months. Any unspent monies must be returned.

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

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). Deadlines run throughout the year – check website for latest dates. <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 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Application form - Download a sample application form \(PDF\)](#)
- [Application guidance - Download the application guidance notes \(PDF\)](#)
- [Find a Knowledge Provider partner for your project](#)

See: [Innovation Vouchers | Funding to develop & grow | Invest NI](#)

Ironmongers Company Children's & Young People Grant

Funding of **up to £10,000** (average grant £4,000) is available to UK registered charities to support projects that provide **opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential**. Projects must meet all of the following criteria:

- 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.

The Company is looking for projects that deliver clearly defined **educational benefits** to a specific group of children or young people. Items of equipment will be considered only where a full explanation is given of how they will support this activity. The Company is particularly interested in **enabling primary age children to develop a strong foundation for the future** by e.g. supporting special educational needs, addressing behavioural problems or promoting citizenship, parenting or life skills. Preference will be given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience.

Deadlines for receipt of **postal application forms** are **31 July** and **15 December** each year.

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

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](#). There are annual deadlines on: **10 January, 1 May and 1 September**.

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

Jerwood Foundation (Arts)

Grants are available to support organisations throughout the UK that focus on **making visual and performance art available for public benefit and promoting emerging talent in the arts**. Up to £2 million is available per year to support a variety 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:

- Brixton Chamber Orchestra to enable their Christmas 2023 and Summer 2024 tours of housing estates in Lambeth.
- 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.
- Persona Arts to help fund the production of the Flying Dutchman performances in July 2024.
- 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.

Funding is for projects **starting more than three months, but less than 12 months, from the funding round closing date.**

Next deadline: **14 June 2024 (5pm)**

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

The John Ellerman Foundation

The Foundation is focussed on 3 themes: **the arts, environment and social action. The minimum grant available is £10,000. There is no maximum limit. Most grants are for two or 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.**

The Foundation funds three categories as follows: **Arts , Environment and Social Action.** Please check the website for the kinds of activities which are eligible under each category.

<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 and ensure that children 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/>

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/>

Online applications are accepted at any time and are considered by the Small Grant Committee in **February, May, July and October**. Applications submitted one month before the small grant committee meeting will be considered at the next meeting.

<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](#)

Leathersellers' Charitable Fund – Small Grants Programme

These are fast-track one-off **grants of up to £5,000 for small projects**, e.g. to cover unexpected expenses. To be eligible organisations must be:

- Providing assistance to vulnerable people in their community.
- Be working in a geographical area of deprivation in the UK.
- Have an annual income under £200,000.

The funder is looking for organisations that are open and transparent about their work and finances, provide good value for money and are working in partnership with others.

There are 10 application windows throughout the year and each window will close when 45 applications have been received. Please see the Key Dates on the website.

<https://leathersellers.co.uk/small-grants-programme/>

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](#)** which includes your consent to us

holding your personal data for the purpose of processing your application [\[data privacy\]](#). 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 Foundation provides UK registered charities with **small grants of up to £1,000** to support **those in need of a safe and secure home** for projects 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.

Applications are accepted at any time, however, you should allow at least 3 months from application to when you need the funds.

<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 of 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

Material Focus, an independent not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to stop electricals from being hoarded and thrown away, is once again **offering grants to communities across the UK to reuse and recycle small household electricals**.

A total of £750,000 is being made available in 2024 to support two types of projects:

- **Growing existing services** – grants of **up to £100,000 for projects that grow existing collection methods for small electricals**. This could be community drop points in libraries and other community locations, adding cages under refuse collection vehicles, bring banks/WEEE banks.
- **Innovating new methods** – grants of **up to £50,000 to come up with new approaches to repair, reuse and/or recycle electricals**, for example, collection points at large offices/campuses, drop-offs at post offices, major supermarkets, large shopping centres, retail parks, collection of waste electricals using the return journey/spare capacity during collection/delivery of parcels, or projects that support tackling the growing concerns around digital inclusion.

The funding can be used for:

- The purchase of new bins/collection points ('bring banks').
- The adaptation of waste collection vehicles to include cages for kerbside WEEE.
- Vehicle rental.
- Installation of bins.
- Communication and marketing materials.
- Staffing costs to cover the time spent planning and delivering the project.
- Salaries if the person is working to deliver the funded project.

A range of registered organisations can apply, including charities, local authorities, waste partnerships, private waste contractors, other private companies, and compliance schemes. Material Focus will provide successful applicants with project management support.

<https://www.materialfocus.org.uk/partnerships-with-material-focus/funding-information/funded-project-electrical-recycling-easier-across-uk/>

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 £10,000 between 5 shortlisted projects that have a positive impact on communities, people or the environment.**

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 out 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@migranthehelpuk.org

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

The Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity

The MSE Charity is dedicated to supporting UK voluntary groups **deliver financial life skills, which make a lasting impact on the way people think, behave & manage their money.** **Grants of up to £7,500 are available for project cost recovery (but not core funding).**

We prefer to fund small to medium-sized non-profit organisations with a constitution for example registered Charities, CICs, Credit Unions, excluding statutory organisations. Organisations should have an annual income under £750,000 and have less than six months free reserves.

The remaining funding rounds are as follows:

- **Building and Developing Resilience (Mental Health, Wellbeing, Cook for Less, Training others, independent living skills, peer mentoring)**
Applications accepted from 2 – 27 September 2024

- **Children, Youth and Families (school-based work, migrants, lone parents, victims and survivors of domestic abuse, family outreach)**
Applications accepted from **13 January to 14 February 2025**

Each round will focus on delivering financial life skills projects to organisations who assist and support the above defined groups.

<https://www.msecharity.com/what-we-fund>

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
GMP Definition
GMAS Definition

We recommend all applicants read our [frequently asked questions](#). A simplified application process is available to any subscribed venue member of the [Music Venues Alliance](#). If you have any queries, please e-mail: pi*@mu*****.com

[Music Venue Trust - Pipeline Investment Fund](#)

National Churches Trust – Small, 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.

Small grants support small but urgent maintenance and repair issues or help fund small investigative works. These will continue to provide funding of up to £5,000 but the maximum project costs will increase from £10,000 to £20,000 making it possible for more projects to be eligible for funding and quicker decisions. Decisions on applications will be considered on a bi-monthly rolling basis i.e. decisions will be made in April, June, August and in October.

Medium grants fund small repair work or the development of projects such as preparing for a major project or preparing to approach a major grant funder. These will continue to provide grants of up to £10,000 but the project costs will change to between £20,000 and £80,000. Projects of under £20,000 are eligible for our Small grants and those above £80,000 for our Large grants.

The first time you can apply will be in March 2023 with a deadline in May, and with decisions on funding announced in July 2023. There will be another decision round in December. In 2024 we expect to have three application rounds.

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)

National Garden Scheme – Community Garden Awards

Grants are available to amateur gardeners from community groups or CICs in England, Wales and Northern Ireland **to create a garden or similar project with horticultural focus for the benefit of their local community. Grant size: £500 to £5,000.** Opens mid-October each year.

Annual deadline: **31 January**

<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](#)**

www.nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk

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/>

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](#)

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>

Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Arts Fund

We see **culture as the heart of a just society, where all people and communities have a right to express themselves through art and culture.** We believe that art and artists can help us see the world differently, bringing unheard stories and narratives to the fore and opening up new imaginative possibilities. To realise this potential, we believe **the sector needs long-term structural and cultural change.**

Our ambition is to support a portfolio of organisations **who represent this change to develop, learn from each other and (further) explore the potential of art for personal, cultural and social transformation.** Together, we want to:

- 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.

Key information

- **Amount:** £90,000 to £300,000 per application
- **Open for applications:** 4 April – **31 May 2024** & 14 August – **14 October 2024**
- **Duration:** 3 years

We offer support for organisations with **core costs** so you can continue the work you are already doing and for programmes which are central to your organisation's mission

[Access and Participation 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.**
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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**, 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** 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](#).

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 \(percy-bilton-charity.org\)](http://percy-bilton-charity.org)

Peter Harrison Foundation – Opportunities Through Sport Programme

Grants are available to UK charities running sports projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and develop personal and life skills. Applications accepted from charities and CASCs throughout the UK. The Trustees welcome applications for physical activity initiatives that:

- Provide a focus for skills development and confidence building
- Have a strong training and/or educational theme
- Provide sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people
- Have a high degree of involvement from beneficiaries and those with lived experience
- Have a plan for sustainability.

Two levels of funding are available:

- **Major grants - £5,001 to £30,000.**
- **Small grants - up to £5,000** (for organisations with a turnover of up to £500,000).

The foundation provides single year or multi-year funding. Match funding is not a specified requirement. We will consider applications for **capital, revenue or project funding**.

Initial applications can be made at any time. There is a two-stage process. **Applicants should first submit an enquiry using the online form.** Selected entries will then be invited to complete a full application. Full applications are considered quarterly. The application deadlines for the trustees' meetings each year are: 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October.

<https://peterharrisonfoundation.org/grant-programmes/how-apply>

The Pilgrim Trust

The Pilgrim Trust runs two grant programmes (click on links below for details):

- **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- 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.

The next application window is expected to open in April 2024. The full eligibility criteria for the next round will be available in Spring 2024.

<https://poundlandfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-support/>

Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust Awards for Craftspeople (re-opens 8 July 2024)

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) offers **scholarships of up to £18,000** for the training and education of talented craftspeople. We want to sustain vital skills in traditional and contemporary crafts and contribute to excellence in the British craft industry.

To sign up, please click here: [Register here: How to apply for a QEST Scholarship – Spring 2024.](#)

<https://www.qest.org.uk/apply/scholarships/>

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.

Funding is ongoing. Applications should be submitted for both schemes by:

- **31 January** each year for consideration at the **June** meeting of the Trustees; and
- **31 July** 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

Grants of between **£10,000 and £20,000 for up to three years** are available to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations. Rayne Foundation's open grants programme is focused exclusively on the following four areas of special interest:

- Young people's improved mental health
- Arts as a tool to achieve social change
- Improved quality of life for carers and for older people
- Better opportunities for refugees and asylum seekers

The funding is intended to support salaries and project costs (including a reasonable contribution to overheads or on-costs). Core costs may be considered (see website). There is a two stage application process.

<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 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 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/>

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

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

Grants of **up to £30,000** are available to UK registered charities, social enterprises, community groups and other third sector organisations for high quality projects that **provide opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to access, participate in and enjoy the arts, particularly the performing arts (music, drama, opera and dance).**

Most grants are considerably less than the maximum £30,000 multi annual grants and only a small number of grants are made available each year. Organisations should first take the Eligibility Quiz on the Trust's website. If they fulfil the criteria, they will be invited to make a Stage 1 application via email. A Stage 2 shortlist will then be drawn up and 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

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.

Remaining deadlines for 2024: 10 May, 10 August and 10 November (at 12 noon)

<https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/>

Sea-Changers Grants Programmes (marine conservation)

Sea-Changers welcome applications from a wide variety of groups and entities for one-off grants towards tackling marine conservation. 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 is for 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.

Examples 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/>

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](#) for details of recently funded projects.

<https://society-foundation.org/about>

7 Stars Foundation – two grants

- **Shine Bright Funding** - Grants of **up to £1,500** are awarded to purchase educational and art materials; toys; books; and emotional support items **for young people aged 16 and under** who have been challenged by **abuse; addiction; homelessness; or those who are child carers**. Please note, they are only able to fund charitable organisations.
- **Project Funding** - Project grants awarded **up to £2,500 to support young people aged 16 years and under** responding to one or more of the 7 stars priorities: **abuse, addiction, homelessness and child carers**.

Funding is intended to cover the costs of projects which:

- Enable young people to have the best start in life and aim high.
- Have a direct impact and respond to a need in an immediate manner.
- Are hosted in geographical areas of deprivation and socioeconomic disadvantage.
- Respond to one or more of the funding priorities of the 7stars foundation.
- Address a lack of provision (due to a lack of funding from alternative sources).
- Provide immediate support, not just in the short-term but with long-term benefits too.

Applications can be submitted at any time ahead of the deadline for each round. You will be notified mid-month of any successful funding decisions applicable to you.

<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, roughly every two months. 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.

Next deadline: 11 July 2024

steelcharitabletrust.org.uk

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](#). 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/>

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](#)

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 a cause that you'd like to see supported](#). 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.

Next deadlines: **7 June 2024 (12 noon)**
17 January 2025 (12 noon)

<http://www.theatrust.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.

For more information, see: <https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-individuals/>

Thomas Wall Trust – Grants for Registered Charities

The Trust offers grants **up to £5,000 to specific projects or core activities** that develop these **critical life skills for people from disadvantaged groups**. The Trust believes that communication skills are critical capabilities for people who want to improve their employment prospects, self-confidence, resilience, and life chances. The Trust recognises that communication is underpinned by a set of key features and skills such as empathy, listening, emotional intelligence, confidence, and clarity, amongst others. We are an inclusive charity, welcoming proposals which target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups demonstrably facing major hurdles to employment, especially: women, people with physical, mental or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers.

There is a 2 stage application process. For Stage 1, complete the online Expression of Interest form. If successful, you will be invited to Stage 2 and asked to submit a Project Plan using the template available for download from the website.

<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/>

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 £100,000 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](#) 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)

Ulster Garden Villages Limited aim to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of people in NI. Our Common 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**. 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

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 and Guidance Notes

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
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/>

UnLtd Awards (for social entrepreneurs)

The funding is intended to support social entrepreneurs by helping them nurture their social ventures and grow their impact. The following levels of funding and support are available:

- **Start Up** - for social entrepreneurs with an idea or who are in the early stages of development.
 - **Funding of between £500 and £8,000 to support essential start-up costs** (except wages).
 - Support from an UnLtd Social Entrepreneur Support Manager.
 - Access to UnLtd Connect, a network of skilled experts for advice and mentors.
- **Scaling Up** - for social entrepreneurs to grow their existing social venture to help it make a bigger difference.
 - **Funding of up to £18,000 to support wages and living costs.**
 - 12 months' mentoring and tailored support from an UnLtd Social Entrepreneur Support Manager, providing advice on operations and growth strategies.
 - Expert advice including access to workshops and masterclasses.
 - Connections to investors, corporate partners and other successful entrepreneurs, helping the social entrepreneur to develop their networks.

Applications will be accepted from social entrepreneurs aged 16 and over who are living in the UK and who are the founder of the social business. 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.

The social venture must:

- Be at least one year old and 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 is committed to **50% of its awards going to Black, Asian and minority ethnic social entrepreneurs, and/or disabled social entrepreneurs across its funding programmes.** Applications are assessed on a quarterly basis. You need to register online to apply.

For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Carol Stewart on 07944 060322 or e-mail the NI Social Entrepreneur Support Manager: NualaSmyth@unltd.org.uk

The deadlines for applications are:

- **30 June 2024**
- **30 September 2024**

<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/>

Weavers' Company Benevolent Fund

The Fund's principal aim is to support **people in trouble, particularly young offenders and ex-offenders, and other disadvantaged young people particularly those at risk of criminal involvement**. Organisations must normally be registered charities or in the process of applying for registration. The Company will consider funding up to £15,000 per annum. Applications are considered three times per year. See website for more details.

<https://www.weavers.org.uk/charity/charitable-grants/>

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.

Deadline: 31 August 2024

[Our Grant Programmes - Society of Antiquaries of London \(sal.org.uk\)](http://sal.org.uk)

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. One remaining round in 2024:

Round 2

Open to Stage 1 applications: 14 May

Stage 1 application deadline: **1 July**

Stage 2 application deadline: 1 September *(by invitation only)*

Funding decision: December

If a deadline date falls during a weekend, applications that arrive by 9am on the following Monday will be accepted. <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.

General grants are usually allocated following Trustees' meetings in February/March and October/November each year but you need to apply around four months in advance of the meetings.

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. **Check website for latest deadline.** woodroffebenton.org.uk/

Worshipful Company of Information Technologists 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.

Applications are reviewed quarterly. Applicants can expect to be informed of the outcome six weeks after that deadline. [Apply For A Grant - WCIT Charity](#)

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 £2,500 are available**, to support costs linked to **training, career development, travel, audience development, marketing, equipment, software and business development.**

Deadlines for next funding rounds: **28 June 2024 at 5pm**
15 November 2024 at 5pm

[NextGen Fund | Youth Music](#)

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.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have a clear charitable purpose and social impact. They do not need to be a registered charity; however, companies limited by shares are not eligible unless wholly owned by a charity. Community interest companies (CIC) limited by shares are eligible.
- Be incorporated and registered in the UK, but can have international projects.
- Have been trading for at least one year and can provide evidence either from donations or trading.

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: All Ireland Recovery Loan Fund

Community Finance Ireland has launched a £/€10 million All-Island Recovery Loan Fund. The fund will offer flexible loans of **£10,000-£250,000 (NI)** and **€10,000 to €500,000 (RoI)** to community sector organisations including faith-based groups, sports clubs and social enterprise. The flexible nature of the fund with the added value of a one-to-one relationship with a dedicated client manager who knows the sector and the local area, makes it a great option for communities exploring how they can become more attractive locations for people to live and work.

Short term bridging loans are available to facilitate retrospective drawing of grant support (interest only, plus grant upon redemption). Longer term loans with bespoke repayment schedules are also available. The term range is from 1 month to 180 months. The interest rate is a 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 offer this. No security is required on bridging loans. Most term loans are also unsecured. No Personal Guarantees are required. There is no Early Repayment penalty. It takes 48 hours for any loan request of up to £/€200k once we have all of your final information and up to 4-6 weeks for loan request in excess of £/€200k.

If you need to chat before applying online, click [here](#) and we will arrange a follow up call with either Phelim, Peter, Emmett, Barry or Anne depending on where you and your team are located.

<https://communityfinanceireland.com/options>

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 £75,000 are 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.

required on website). Decisions made at meetings of the Trustees. <https://coopfinance.coop/>

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/>

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](#) 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](#)
- [Documents & links](#)
- [Contacts](#)

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](#)

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