

## Additional Sources of Funding September 2018

Grant Details	Grant Amount	Deadlines	Comments
<b>Arts Council</b> <a href="https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants">https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants</a>	£1000 - £100,000	Rolling programme – no deadlines	Support a wide variety of arts-related activities, from dance to visual arts, literature to theatre, and music to combined arts. Also buildings and infrastructure. Open to: Individuals, organisations, libraries and museums.
<b>Architectural Heritage Mortgage Scheme</b> <a href="http://ahfund.org.uk/the/">http://ahfund.org.uk/the/</a>	Mortgage style loans of between £150,000 and £500,000	Submit at any time. Considered quarterly	To assist registered charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK to acquire buildings, or provide working capital for restoration projects
<b>Aviva Community Fund</b> <a href="https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/user/aboutthecompetition">https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/user/aboutthecompetition</a> Decision is by public vote	4 Funding levels: •Up to £1,000 •Up to £5,000 •Up to £10,000 •Up to £25,000	<b>Opened 11th September closes 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Applications should be from not for profit organisations which have been running for more than 6 months. Projects should make a positive difference to people lives in one of the following categories: •Health and wellbeing •Skills for life •Environment
<b>Awards for All</b> <a href="https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_a4a_eng">https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_a4a_eng</a>	£300 to £10,000	Ongoing	For voluntary and community organisations including schools and Parish/Town Councils. Aims: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To bring people together</li> <li>• Improve places and spaces that matter</li> <li>• Enable people to fulfil their potential</li> </ul>
<b>BBC Children in Need</b> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/childreninneed">http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/childreninneed</a> Various grants including: Small Grants Programme	Grants up to £10,000 for up to 3 years (total request of £30,000)	Application deadlines: 1 <sup>st</sup> March 18 13 <sup>th</sup> May 18 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 18 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 18</b>	Registered Charities and not – for –profit organisations. Supports children aged 18 and under who are disadvantaged through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Illness, distress, abuse or neglect.</li> <li>•Any kind of disability.</li> <li>•Behavioural or psychological difficulties.</li> <li>•Living in poverty or situations of deprivation</li> </ul>

<p><b>Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.bernardsunley.org/index.html">www.bernardsunley.org/index.html</a></p>	<p>80% of funding is via small grants of under £5,000. Grants over £25,000 are exceptional</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Projects must relate to; children and youth, community, education, arts, health, elderly, social welfare, religion, emergency and armed forces, environment, animal welfare, amateur sport.  Funding is available for capital projects and registered charities only</p>
<p><b>Biffaward</b>  <a href="http://www.biffa-award.org/">www.biffa-award.org/</a></p>	<p>Two stage process  Main grants - £10,000 to £75,000.</p>	<p>Various (see website)</p>	<p>There are three themes: Rebuilding Biodiversity, Community Buildings and Recreation.  Projects must generally be within 5 miles of a Biffa operation and 10 miles of an active Biffa landfill site – please use the on line postcode checker as advised</p>
<p><b>Big Lottery</b>  <a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/</a>  03454 102030  There are a range of Lottery grant programmes currently available to Voluntary and Community groups, including:  Reaching Communities</p>	<p>Over £10,000</p>	<p>On-going application process</p>	<p>For voluntary and community groups including schools, parish and community councils  Funding is for up to 5 years. It can fund: project activities, operating costs, organisational development and capital costs.  Three Funding Priorities:  •bring people together  •improve the places and spaces  •enable more people to fulfil their potential</p>
<p><b>Building a Stronger Britain Together Fund</b>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/building-a-stronger-britain-together">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/building-a-stronger-britain-together</a></p>	<p>Grant between:£1000 and £14,999  Or  £15,000 and £50,000  Also in kind support up to the value of £75,000</p>	<p><b>Closed 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018</b></p>	<p>Open to all not-for-profit organisations including charities and constituted voluntary sector groups.  Work to create more resilient communities and stand up to extremism. Outcomes should include:  •Fewer people holding attitudes, beliefs and feelings that oppose shared values.  •An increased sense of belonging and civic participation at the local level.  •More resilient communities.</p>

<p><b>Comic Relief</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.comicrelief.com/grants">www.comicrelief.com/grants</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives">http://www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives</a></p> <p>Safe Place To be – preventing homelessness and insecure shelter</p>	<p>£150,000 to £300,000</p>	<p><b>Closes 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018</b></p>	<p>For: registered organisations including; charitable incorporated organisations (CIO), community interest companies (CIC) limited by guarantee, community benefit societies and housing associations.</p> <p>Also for non-registered organisations which have a constitution</p>
<p><b>Community Foundation – Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/">www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/</a></p> <p>0116 262 4916</p>	<p>Up to £10,000</p>	<p>Various</p>	<p>The Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Foundation administers various funds on behalf of donors – the fund administrator can advise.</p>
<p><b>Coalfield Communities Grants – Coalfields Regeneration Trust</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/funding">https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/funding</a></p>	<p>Up to £10,000. Max £2,000 on capital projects.</p>	<p>Various</p>	<p>Applications should look to deliver activities that address at least one of the following themes:</p> <p>Skills: Growing the skills of people in order to increase their opportunities</p> <p>Employment: Developing pathways to increase the number of people in work</p> <p>Health: Supporting activities that improve the health and wellbeing of all age groups</p> <p>Leicestershire eligible wards are; Ashby Woulds, Castle Rock, Ibstock East. Priority Wards are; Greenhill and Measham</p>
<p><b>Community Fibre Partnerships – BT</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.communityfibre.bt.com/schools">http://www.communityfibre.bt.com/schools</a></p>	<p>Up to £30,000 (match funding required)</p>	<p>No deadlines</p>	<p>£2 million has been made available for communities in the final 5% of the UK not covered by fibre broadband rollout plans. Community needs to raise the other 50%. The new infrastructure must also serve the local Ofsted registered school or learning establishment</p>

<p><b>Co-op Community Dividend Fund</b></p> <p><a href="https://communities.centralengland.coop/">https://communities.centralengland.coop/</a></p>	<p>£100 to £5000 Average grant is £2000</p>	<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b></p>	<p>Grant criteria includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Clearly benefit the community group</li> <li>•Grants must be for a specific item or service</li> <li>•The project must be consistent with Co-operative Values and Principles</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.co-operative.coop/about-us/values">https://www.co-operative.coop/about-us/values</a></p>
<p><b>Defra and DCLG – Litter Innovation Fund</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/litter-innovation-fund">http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/litter-innovation-fund</a></p>	<p>Up to £10,000</p>	<p><b>Expression of interest by 5<sup>th</sup> October</b></p>	<p>Projects which investigate, run new ways of reducing litter and evaluate for wider replication.</p> <p>A range of not for profit organisations can apply including: Faith Groups, Scouting/Guiding, Charities and Local Authorities including Parish/Town Councils. Small to Medium Enterprises and Registered Social Landlords can also apply</p>
<p><b>East Midlands Airport Community Fund</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/supporting-the-local-community/charitable-giving/">https://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/supporting-the-local-community/charitable-giving/</a></p>	<p>Grants of up to £2,000</p>	<p>6 closing dates see web site</p>	<p>In order for an application to be successful it must meet at least one of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure time activities.</li> <li>• Support young people to prepare for the world of work</li> <li>• Offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation.</li> <li>• Improve awareness of environmental issues through environmental education.</li> <li>• Encourage and/or protect wildlife.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Esmee Fairbairn Foundation</b></p> <p><a href="#">Esmée Fairbairn Funding</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/">www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>Grant range from £2000 to £1.5million</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>The funding focus is in the; arts, children and young people, environment, food and social change.</p> <p>Grants can be for up to 5 years</p> <p><b>Grants are for core projects costs including salaries and overheads, not building or equipment costs</b></p>

<p><b>Florence Turner Trust</b> Florence Turner Trust, Shakespeares, Two Colton Square, Leicester, LE1 1QH</p> <p>Tel: 0116 2576126 Email: <a href="mailto:emily.izzo@shma.co.uk">emily.izzo@shma.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Grant amount not specified.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Strong preference for Leicestershire and Rutland.</p> <p>General charitable purposes supported. Support people in need of all ages, particularly at risk groups and those that are socially isolated, disabled or poor.</p>
<p><b>Football Foundation Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/premier-league-the-fa-facilities-fund/">http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/premier-league-the-fa-facilities-fund/</a></p>	<p>Between £10,000 and £500,000</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve facilities for football and other sport for local communities</li> <li>• Sustain or increase participation</li> <li>• Help children and adults to develop their physical, mental , social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport</li> </ul>
<p><b>Garfield Weston Foundation</b> <a href="http://www.garfieldweston.org/">Garfield Weston Foundation</a> <a href="http://www.garfieldweston.org/">www.garfieldweston.org/</a></p>	<p>Not specified Annual spend of c£40m</p>	<p>None but must allow 4 months for a decision.</p>	<p>Various Themes: Arts, Community, Education Environment, Faith, Health, Museums and Heritage, Welfare ,Youth.</p> <p>Please see further information for each Theme on the website</p> <p>Capital funding only Can be the 100% of funding required Total project must not exceed £300,000 Project to be completed by end of 2020</p>
<p><b>George Ernest Ellis Foundation</b> Further information and written applications to; Mathew Ellis, Secretary, GEE Foundation, Stone Cottage, 4 Green lane, Ashley, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 8HD E-mail: <a href="mailto:matthew@mywealthmanagement.co.uk">matthew@mywealthmanagement.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Generally up to £1,500</p>	<p>Applications by end of May each year</p>	<p>Activity within Leicester and Leicestershire is supported. Supported activities should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobilise voluntary activity</li> <li>• Be clearly inclusive</li> <li>• Foster good relationships in a complex society</li> <li>• Seek to address disadvantage or neglect.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Greggs Foundation Local Community Projects Fund</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund">https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund</a></p>	<p>Up to £2000</p>	<p><b>Deadline for round 3 is 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b></p>	<p>Supports not for profit organisations to deliver projects for those who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabled or suffering chronic illness</li> <li>• Living in poverty</li> <li>• Voluntary carers</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless</li> <li>• Isolated older people</li> <li>• Other demonstrable significant need</li> </ul> <p>Please see web site for non-eligible activity.</p>
<p><b>Environmental Grant Scheme</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grant">https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grant</a></p> <p>The funding can be used to cover the purchase of equipment, sessional salary costs, purchase of trees/plants, small capital projects and learning activities.</p>	Up to £2000	<b>Round 3 closes 28th September 2018</b>	<p>Projects that deliver a real benefit to the environment that address one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving the local environment.</li> <li>• Insuring involvement of local communities.</li> <li>• Delivering a sustainable and measurable difference.</li> <li>• Supporting people in need.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Help the Homeless Grants</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/">http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/</a></p>	Up to £5000	<p>4 deadlines:</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p><b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Grants for small/medium sized charitable organisations with the aim of helping people return to the community and enable them to resume normal life.</p> <p>Capital costs only.</p>
<p><b>Heritage Lottery Fund</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.hlf.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx">www.hlf.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx</a></p> <p>There are a wide range of grant schemes available.</p>	From £3,000	There are a range of deadline dates depending on which funding programme you apply for	Heritage can take many forms including memories and experiences, traditions, buildings and wildlife.
<p><b>Henry Smith Charity</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/">www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Various grants including;</p> <p>Holiday Grants for Children,</p> <p>County grants Leicestershire is one of 8</p>			Priority is given to work with groups experiencing social and/or economic disadvantage, for example, people with disabilities; and work that tackles problems in areas of high deprivation, i.e. those that fall within the bottom third of the

<p>counties eligible for these grants.</p> <p><b>Henry Smith</b>  Holiday Grants for Children  <a href="http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html">www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html</a></p> <p><b>Henry Smith Charity</b>  County Grants  <a href="http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/small-county-grants.html">www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/small-county-grants.html</a>  020 7264 4970</p>	<p>£500 - £2500</p> <p>£500 - £20,000</p>	<p>Various depending on proposed trip date</p> <p>No deadlines</p>	<p>National Indices of Deprivation. Applications can be made for revenue funding (projects, running costs) and capital expenditure (buildings, equipment).</p> <p>Recreational trips and holidays for groups of children aged 13 and under who are disable or disadvantaged.  For schools , small charities and not-for-profit organisations, - priority to the 20% most deprived areas in the UK deprivation</p> <p>You must be a not-for-profit organisation or UK registered charity with an annual income of under £250,000 to be eligible. Grants can be used towards running costs, salaries, project costs, or one-off capital expenditure such as building refurbishment or equipment.</p>
<p><b>Homeless Link Social Investment</b>  <a href="http://www.homeless.org.uk/connect/news/2017/may/23/homeless-link-launches-social-investment-fund">http://www.homeless.org.uk/connect/news/2017/may/23/homeless-link-launches-social-investment-fund</a></p>	<p>Unsecured loans of between £25,000 and £150,000</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Increase the homelessness sector’s knowledge and experience of social investment.</li> <li>•Develop new models for income generation and funding.</li> <li>•Improve their long-term sustainability</li> </ul>
<p><b>The J Reginald Corah Foundation Fund</b>  Stuart Makings - Taxation Services Llp., The Park House, Glaston Park, Spring Lane, Glaston, Oakham, LE15 9BW  Telephone: 01572 824000  <a href="mailto:gsmfambus@btconnect.com">gsmfambus@btconnect.com</a></p>	<p>Grants range from a few hundred pounds up to £10,000.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Grants for general charitable purposes in the city of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, including support for a range of charitable purposes, including; youth initiatives, education and training.</p>

<p><b>Leicester Charity Link</b>  <a href="http://www.charity-link.org">www.charity-link.org</a></p>			<p>Administer a number of funds that cover Leicestershire as well as the City; Nicholson Memorial Fund (children and disadvantaged young people), R Daphne Plunkett Trust (project supporting people in need) and Poor's Platt Charity (groups, schools and charities working to benefit residents of Barwell).</p>
<p><b>LIBOR Fund</b>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/libor-funding-applications">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/libor-funding-applications</a></p>	<p>£100,000 to £5 million</p>	<p>Currently closed</p>	<p>Open to applications from registered charities, CICs, and Armed Forces unit with a UIN. Projects which deliver positive outcome for people in one or more of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Serving members of the Armed Forces.</li> <li>•Family members of those serving in the Armed Forces.</li> <li>•Veterans of the Armed Forces.</li> <li>•Serving Emergency Services personnel.</li> <li>•Family members of Emergency Services.</li> <li>•Former Emergency Services personnel.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lloyds Bank Foundation</b></p> <p>The Lloyds Bank Foundation invests in charities supporting people to break out of disadvantage at critical points in their lives, and promote practical approaches to lasting change.</p> <p><a href="http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/">www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Registered Charity or CIO's that have income between £25,000 and £1 million in their previous accounts can apply.</p>	<p><b>Enable</b> grants up to £15K for 1 to 2 years</p> <p><b>Invest</b> – grants from £30K to £100K over 3 years. Additional funding may be available to extend to a period of 6 years</p>	<p>On-going application process.</p> <p><b>Invest</b> - Open from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018</p>	<p>Grants for specific organisational development. To develop or trial new approaches to strengthen the effectiveness of the charity. Applicants must be a registered charity.</p> <p>Longer term funding of core or delivery costs for charities delivering clear outcomes for disadvantaged people.</p>



<p><b>Locality Bright Ideas Fund</b>  <a href="http://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/bright-ideas-fund/">http://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/bright-ideas-fund/</a>  0300 020 1864</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Grants</p> <p><a href="http://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/neighbourhood-planning/">http://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/neighbourhood-planning/</a></p>	<p>up to £15,000</p> <p>Grants up to £9000 additional grants for eligible groups up to £8000</p>	<p><b>Currently closed</b></p> <p>Reopened April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018. Please check the website for updates</p>	<p>The Community Business Bright Ideas Fund aims to give your community group the support and tools to start setting up your community business. It will also give your group the early stage finance that you need to <b>carry out consultation with local people and feasibility studies to develop a community business idea</b> the community wants and needs.</p> <p>For groups writing a Neighbourhood Plan or Neighbourhood Development Order.</p>
<p><b>Loughborough University Community Donations Fund</b>  <a href="http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/community/donations-fund/">www.lboro.ac.uk/services/community/donations-fund/</a></p>	<p>Open Fund up to £750</p> <p>Inside Out Fund up to £500</p> <p>Special Projects Fund up to £7000</p>	<p>Various deadlines please see web site</p>	<p>To support voluntary and community groups throughout the Charnwood region. The programme is available to fund projects in Charnwood that will benefit the local community, covering a broad range of activity areas including local sports clubs, music organisations, residents associations and women's groups and people with disabilities. In particular, the programme wishes to support projects or activities that increase engagement between the University and the community.</p>
<p><b>Magna Park Community Fund</b>  <a href="http://lutterworth.magnapark.co.uk/community-fund/">http://lutterworth.magnapark.co.uk/community-fund/</a></p>	<p>The amount of any grant awarded will not normally be less than £250 or greater than £2,500</p>	<p>Panel meets twice a year during April and October</p>	<p>List of eligible parishes available on website. Supported activities include education, well-being and health, sport and recreation, environment, community connectedness and youth activity. A strong preference will also be given to business and employment led projects.</p>
<p><b>Market Harborough Building Society Charitable Foundation</b>  <a href="http://Market Harborough Charitable Foundation">Market Harborough Charitable Foundation</a></p> <p>There is an online map showing the preferred areas of support</p>	<p>Grants between £250 and £5,000.</p>	<p>Four decision meetings per year</p>	<p>The Foundation provides support for charitable and voluntary organisations in Leicestershire. Grant funding is normally for <b>capital expenditure</b>, i.e. to acquire or upgrade physical assets such as buildings, fixtures and fittings, machinery, furniture and other equipment.</p>

<p><b>Mick George Community Fund</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.mickgeorge.co.uk/explore/community/mick-george-community-fund">https://www.mickgeorge.co.uk/explore/community/mick-george-community-fund</a></p>	<p>Grants of between £5,000 and £50,000</p>	<p>Next closing dates:</p> <p><b>26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018</b>  9<sup>th</sup> January 2019  3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019</p>	<p>Projects must be within a specific boundary line which is on the website. There is a postcode checker to assist locating your project. Total project cost needs to be under £100,000. Grants will be available for capital improvement works to public amenity projects. Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Village halls</li> <li>•Village greens</li> <li>•Public playgrounds</li> <li>•Sports fields and facilities</li> <li>•Nature reserves</li> <li>•Cycle paths</li> <li>•Country parks</li> </ul>
<p><b>Money Saving Charity (MSE) Innovation Round</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/site/mse-charity-fund">http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/site/mse-charity-fund</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.msecharity.com/what-we-fund/grant-themes">http://www.msecharity.com/what-we-fund/grant-themes</a></p>	<p>Max grant £7,500</p> <p>Building and Developing Resilience</p>	<p>Round 2:  Apply between 1st September – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018</p>	<p>Each round will focus on delivering financial life skills to different defined groups. <b>Please check web site for details of specific rounds.</b></p> <p>Developing financial capability skills for groups who support those with; mental health, cook well for less, independent living skills, training others, peer mentoring</p>
<p><b>Morrisons Foundation</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/">www.morrisonsfoundation.com/</a></p>	<p>Up to £1000 match funding 2 times per year</p>	<p>Not specified</p>	<p>Grants are available to registered charities for new projects which directly improve the lives of local people or communities, especially those that are vulnerable or disadvantaged, in England, Scotland or Wales.</p>
<p><b>Moto in the Community Trust</b>  Community Grants scheme</p> <p><a href="http://motointhecommunity.co.uk/">http://motointhecommunity.co.uk/</a></p>	<p>Average grant £1000</p>		<p>The programme is intended to support voluntary and community groups wishing to conduct community projects within a 15 mile radius of a Moto site. The scheme is particularly keen to fund projects or activities that provide opportunities for Moto employees to get involved.</p>

<p><b>National Churches Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants">http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants</a></p> <p><b>A range of grant including:</b></p> <p><b>Cornerstone Grant</b></p> <p><b>Maintenance Grants</b></p> <p><b>Grant programmes will be changing after 26<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>	<p>£10,000 and £50,000</p> <p>£500 - £3000</p>	<p>Application deadlines:  <b>5<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>  4<sup>th</sup> March 2019  1<sup>st</sup> July 2019</p> <p><b>26<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b></p>	<p>Projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. Should include toilets or catering facilities.</p> <p>Towards the cost of urgent and essential structural repairs with estimated costs of at least £100,000</p> <p>For small urgent maintenance issues and repairs</p>
<p><b>National Forest Programme Development Fund</b>  <a href="https://www.nationalforest.org/about/partner-with-us/grant-opportunities">https://www.nationalforest.org/about/partner-with-us/grant-opportunities</a></p> <p>01283 551 211</p> <p>There is a range of funding opportunities to support projects that help to create or sustain the National Forest.</p>			<p>Please note that only projects which directly benefit The National Forest are eligible for grant assistance.</p> <p>Projects that may be suitable for funding include works relating to site development, access and conservation (e.g. orchards and hedgerows), heritage, communities, tourism, partnerships and management.</p>
<p><b>Parish Councils</b></p>	<p>Variable</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Potential small contributions for community projects.</p>
<p><b>P C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.hickinbothamtrust.org.uk">www.hickinbothamtrust.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Generally £250 to £1000</p>		<p>Grants for charities in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, North Wales and Northern Ireland. Projects include: disability, social deprivation, homelessness, substance and alcohol abuse, prisoner education and rehabilitation, asylum and immigration issues, rehabilitation of prostitutes, the arts, cultural projects, historical projects, youth, community development, environmental improvements.</p>

<p><b>Persimmon Community Champions</b>  <a href="http://www.persimmonhomes.com/charity/">www.persimmonhomes.com/charity/</a></p> <p>Community Champions</p>	Up to £1000	Monthly announcements	Their charity match programme gives donations to local UK groups and charities, which have already raised vital funds themselves
<p><b>People's Postcode Trust Grants</b>  <a href="http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/">http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Two stage grant process</p>	£500 up to £20,000 (Charities only) Max grant of £2000 (all other eligible groups)	<b>Currently closed. The next round will open in 2019</b>	<p>Can fund new projects or significant expansion of existing projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employability and skills development</li> <li>• Poverty prevention</li> <li>• Promotion of human rights by combatting discrimination</li> </ul> <p>Community Groups, Charities and Not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply</p>
<p><b>Prince's Countryside Fund</b>  <a href="http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme">http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme</a></p>	Up to £50,000	<b>Grant will reopen Autumn 2018</b>	<p>For innovative projects that provide long term positive impact on rural communities by helping people that live and work in the countryside.</p> <p>Aims to tackle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To improve the prospects of viability for family farm businesses</li> <li>• To sustain rural communities and drive economic vibrancy</li> <li>• To support aid delivery in emergency and building resilience</li> </ul>
<p><b>Police and Crime Commissioners Prevention Fund</b>  <a href="https://www.leics.pcc.police.uk/Planning-and-Money/Commissioning/Funding-2018-19.aspx">https://www.leics.pcc.police.uk/Planning-and-Money/Commissioning/Funding-2018-19.aspx</a></p>	Up to £9,999 Or £10,000 - £25,000	No deadline	For community based grassroots organisations to address challenging issues which have a serious impact on public safety including hate crime, domestic violence and child sexual exploitation
<p><b>Royal British Legion</b>  <a href="http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/finance/grants/external-grants/">http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/finance/grants/external-grants/</a></p>	Grants will not exceed £50,000. Smaller applications are encouraged	Unspecified	There are a range of specific grants for projects that directly benefit ex-services personnel and or their families. Applications for projects supporting the following

<a href="mailto:externalgrants@britishlegion.org.uk">externalgrants@britishlegion.org.uk</a>			outcome themes will be prioritised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Employment and training</li> <li>•Family support</li> <li>•Homelessness and outreach</li> <li>•Supporting the elderly</li> </ul>
<b>Rural Community Energy Fund</b> <a href="http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/rural-community-energy-fund">http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/rural-community-energy-fund</a>  supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects which provide economic and social benefits to the community	Stage 1: Grant up to £20,000  Stage 2: Unsecured loan up to £130,000		Initial investigation into feasibility of renewable energy project  To support planning applications and develop business case to attract further investment
<b>Santander Foundation</b> <a href="http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/">www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/</a> Discovery Grants	Up to £5,000	None	The Santander Foundation provides grants to support knowledge, skills and innovation to give disadvantaged people the confidence to discover and create a new world of opportunities
<b>Screw- Fix</b> <a href="http://www.screwfix.com/jsp/landing.jsp?id=ScrewfixFoundation">http://www.screwfix.com/jsp/landing.jsp?id=ScrewfixFoundation</a>	Up to £5000	Applications reviewed quarterly	Support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need in the UK.
<b>SHIRE Climate Change Grants</b> Leicestershire County Council <a href="https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/climate-change-grant.html">https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/climate-change-grant.html</a>  Contact: Nailesh Ramaiya on 0116 3058111 <a href="mailto:nailesh.ramaiya@leics.gov.uk">nailesh.ramaiya@leics.gov.uk</a>	Up to £5,000 and up to 50% of project costs (75% for energy audits).	<b>Closing dates:</b> <b>31st October 2018</b> 28th February 2019	Available to Parish Councils/Meetings and Town Councils, local community groups, faith groups, charities and village/community building management committees. Grants can assist with a variety of schemes (energy audits, events and training for communities and practical installation projects) that help to improve energy efficiency and reduce the potential impacts of climate change.
<b>SHIRE Community Grants</b> Leicestershire County Council <a href="https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/">https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/</a>	Grant of up to £3000 or over £3000 and up to £10,000	Closing dates: <b>12th Nov 2018</b>	Grants for constituted not-for-profit community groups, registered charities, social enterprises and Parish/Town Councils. Funding for projects that help communities to deliver sustainable preventative and early intervention activity and

<p>Contact: Andy Hayes on 0116 3057269  <a href="mailto:andy.hayes@leics.gov.uk">andy.hayes@leics.gov.uk</a></p>			<p>services for vulnerable or disadvantaged people.</p> <p>Particularly interested in projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities</li> <li>• provide early intervention and preventative solutions that help reduce demand for high-cost services;</li> <li>• complement existing services</li> <li>• develop alternative services to make up for public service reductions</li> </ul>
<p><b>SHIRE Recycling Grant</b>  <a href="https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/recycling-grant.html">https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/recycling-grant.html</a></p>	<p>Up to £3000</p>	<p>Closing dates:  <b>28th Sept 2018</b>  28th Dec 2018</p>	<p>For community based groups /organisations to deliver local waste prevention, recycling and composting projects. Examples: Give and Take events, community food waste cafés, bag for life projects, community composting projects and second hand toy libraries</p>
<p><b>Sir Andrew Martin Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.sirandrewmartintrust.org">www.sirandrewmartintrust.org</a></p>	<p>£100 - £250  Up to £1000</p>		<p>To individuals and groups.  For young people aged 12 to 21 in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland</p>
<p><b>Sport England</b>  <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx">Sport England - Funding Guidelines</a>  <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx">http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx</a></p> <p>For football projects see also the Football Foundation <a href="http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk">www.footballfoundation.org.uk</a></p> <p>A range of funding schemes including :</p>	<p>Small Grants  £300 to £10,000</p> <p>Community Asset Fund  £1000 to £150,000</p>	<p>Open all year</p> <p>Open all year</p>	<p>To support not-for-profit organisations to help more young people (aged 14+) and adults take and keep a sporting habit for life.</p> <p>Capital fund to enhance local community spaces. Can be buildings as well as parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve and protect existing sports facilities</li> <li>• Invest in new and different places that meet the needs of the local community</li> </ul>

<p><b>SUEZ Community Trust</b> (previously SITA)</p> <p><a href="http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/">http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>Up to £50,000 (overall cost less than £250,000)</p>	<p>No application deadline. Two stage application process</p>	<p>Not for profit organisations. For projects which are for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public amenities – leisure and recreation</li> <li>• Biodiversity – habitat restoration or creation</li> <li>• Historic Buildings , Structures or Sites - repair and restore</li> </ul> <p>Project needs to be within 3 miles of a qualifying SUEZ recycling and waste processing site Please use the post code checker: <a href="http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/postcode-checker">www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/postcode-checker</a></p>
<p><b>Tesco Charitable Trust</b> <b>Tesco Local Community Grants</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.tesco.com/carrier-bags/">https://www.tesco.com/carrier-bags/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco-local-community-scheme-uk-programmes">https://www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco-local-community-scheme-uk-programmes</a></p>	<p>Grant up to £4000</p>	<p>Monthly voting</p>	<p>For capital projects that improve the local environment. Projects will include building new pocket parks, sports facilities, woodland walks and community gardens.</p> <p>In store voting decides where the money goes. Scheme administered by Groundwork</p>
<p><b>Transform Foundation</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/">https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/</a></p> <p><b>Facebook Grant</b></p>	<p>£5000</p>	<p>No application deadlines</p>	<p>Aims to help charities with their digital profile: to provide the initial funding to small and mid-size charities to help them prove the potential of online marketing as a way of recruiting donors, volunteers, campaigners, or helping beneficiaries</p> <p>For facebook advertising</p>
<p><b>Tudor Trust</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.tudortrust.org.uk/">www.tudortrust.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>Not specified</p>	<p>Ongoing. Two stage application process.</p>	<p>The Tudor Trust makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. Assistance is particularly focused on help smaller, community-led organisations which work directly with people who are at the margins of society: organisations which support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities.</p>

<p><b>Veolia</b>  <b>The Veolia Environmental Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.veoliatrust.org">www.veoliatrust.org</a></p> <p>Please use the postcode checker on web site to check if eligible.</p>	<p>Min of £10,000 up to £75,000</p>	<p>Two stage application process, which open quarterly</p>	<p>The Trust funds projects related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community buildings including village halls, religious buildings and scout/guide buildings and</li> <li>• Outdoor space including parks, nature reserves and recreational routes</li> <li>• Play and recreation including play areas, multi-use games courts, pavilions and changing rooms</li> </ul>
<p><b>War Memorials Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/">http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/</a></p>	<p>Normal max £30,000</p>		<p>Up to 75% of eligible cost of repair and conservation projects</p>
<p><b>WH Smith Trust Community Grant</b>  <a href="https://blog.whsmith.co.uk/community-grants-application/">https://blog.whsmith.co.uk/community-grants-application/</a></p>	<p>Up to £500</p>	<p>2 rounds per year  1st April to 30th September  1st October to 31st March</p>	<p>Aims to support good causes in the local communities where WHSmith operates. Charities, Constituted Community Groups, Schools and Pre-Schools can apply.</p>
<p><b>WREN</b>  <a href="http://www.wren.org.uk/">www.wren.org.uk/</a>  01953 717165 <a href="mailto:info@wren.org.uk">info@wren.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>FCC Community Action Fund</b></p>	<p>£2000 – £50,000 for projects under £500,000</p>	<p>On line application process.  Various closing dates:  <b>12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018</b>  13th March 2019  12th June 2019</p>	<p>WREN no longer has operations in Leicestershire, but is still present in surrounding counties. Projects must be within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site in WREN's operating area.  Please use the distance checker on our website <a href="http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/distcalc">http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/distcalc</a>  The primary intent of the project must be for the protection of the environment, the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park; or another public amenity including buildings.</p>



DISTRICT/BOROUGH SPECIFIC FUNDS			
Grant Details	Grant Amount	Deadlines	Comments
<p><b>Blaby District Council Community Grants</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.blaby.gov.uk/resident/benefits-and-grants/community-grants/">www.blaby.gov.uk/resident/benefits-and-grants/community-grants/</a></p>	<p>Community Revenue Grants - up to £750</p> <p>Capital Grants - up to £3,000</p> <p>Youth Grants up to £1,000</p> <p>Everyone Active £500</p>	<p><b>15th November 2018</b></p> <p>21st February 2019</p>	<p>There are four grant schemes aimed at not-for-profit community groups wishing to expand or develop services:</p> <p>Community Revenue Grants are to help develop projects or small capital purchases that benefit the community.</p> <p>Capital Grants are for work to provide or improve facilities for the benefit of the community, matching funds are required.</p> <p>Youth Grants are for developing activities/projects that make a positive difference to children and young people aged 8-19 (or up to 24 with additional needs)</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing - Everyone Active to support purchase of equipment, coaches, and running activities</p>
<p><b>Charnwood Borough Council</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/charnwoodgrants">https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/charnwoodgrants</a></p> <p><a href="#">Community Development and Engagement Grants</a></p> <p><a href="#">Community Facilities Grants and Feasibility Studies Grants</a></p>	<p>Community Development and Engagement Grants up to £10,000</p> <p>Community Facilities Grant scheme - up to £20,000, to a maximum of 50% of project cost.</p>	<p>3 Rounds per year. April, July and October. Please check the website.</p> <p>As above</p>	<p>This scheme provides revenue funding Including organisational running costs for community bodies, one-off contributions to projects with community benefit and grants to individuals.</p> <p>The Community Facilities Grants scheme provides capital funding for voluntary organisations, to assist with the renovation, improvement and provision of community buildings, and small-scale environmental improvement schemes.</p> <p>The Feasibility Studies Grant scheme provides</p>

<p><a href="#">Loughborough Community Grants</a></p> <p><a href="#">Sports and Leisure Grants</a></p>	<p>Feasibility Studies Grant scheme - up to £5,000, to a maximum of 50% of the cost.</p> <p>Up to £2,000.</p> <p>Various grant categories ranging from £20 to £1,500</p>	<p>As above</p> <p>4 Rounds per year. Please see check the website.</p>	<p>support with the commissioning of feasibility studies as part of the development plan to undertake substantial refurbishment or propose a new-build community facility.</p> <p>Loughborough Community Grants are revenue grants to cover the running costs of small projects run by voluntary sector organisations in Loughborough.</p> <p>This scheme offers the following grants:  Development Grants - to support new sports clubs or groups and existing clubs in developing their programmes  Coach Education Grants – for the development of coaches and officials.  Talent Support Fund – to support individual talented sports performers from Charnwood  Facility Development Grants - To assist sports organisations with playing facilities and ancillary accommodation.</p>
<p><b>North West Leicestershire District Council</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/grants_and_funding">https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/grants_and_funding</a></p> <p>Various funding schemes including: Small Grants Fund</p> <p>Green Grants</p>	<p>Grants of up to £500</p> <p>Up to £500</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Community based projects that are new and exciting and will make a huge difference to your community in North West Leicestershire</p> <p>Grants are for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary or community organisations</li> <li>• Parish or town councils</li> <li>• Joint partnerships</li> <li>• Schools, academies or colleges</li> </ul> <p>To support community projects – 50% match funding required.</p> <p>For environmentally focussed projects. 50% match funding required</p>

<p>Coalville Special Expenses Community Chest</p> <p>Enterprising Town Centres  <a href="http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/funding_for_businesses">http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/funding_for_businesses</a></p>	<p>Max£250</p> <p>£500 - £25,000</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Currently closed</p>	<p>Community activities and initiatives in Coalville, Bardon, Snibston, Thringstone and Greenhill</p> <p>For Social Enterprises – see web site for more details</p>
<p><b>Oadby and Wigston Community and Youth Grants</b>  <a href="http://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/community_grant_scheme">www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/community_grant_scheme</a></p>	<p>None but small fund</p>	<p><b>7<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>  6<sup>th</sup> February 2019  (usually 4 closing dates per year)</p>	<p>Financial assistance for local groups and youth groups for one-off projects taking place within Oadby and Wigston that directly benefit local communities.</p> <p>Can't be used for running costs such as rent or room hire</p>
<p><b>Hinckley &amp; Bosworth Borough Council</b></p> <p>Parish Community Initiative Fund  <a href="https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/200335/funding_for_community_projects/509/community_initiative_funds">https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/200335/funding_for_community_projects/509/community_initiative_funds</a></p> <p>The Hinckley Community Initiative Fund</p> <p><b>Hinckley &amp; Bosworth Borough Council</b>  <a href="#">Voluntary and Community Sector Commissioning</a></p>	<p>Maximum £12,000 per Parish area and maximum £10,000 per project</p> <p>Up to £10,000</p>	<p><b>Opens October 2018</b></p> <p><b>Opens in January 2019</b></p> <p>There are deadlines for each Theme</p>	<p>These grants fund a wide variety of capital projects such as play areas, village hall improvements, landscaping projects, new pathways, heritage trails and village signs. c50% match funding is required.</p> <p>Capital projects within Hinckley Town</p> <p>Commissioning will be under the following Themes:  Health and wellbeing, Mental health and emotional wellbeing, Reducing social isolation, Enhancing life skills, Heritage and culture, Community safety</p>
<p><b>Harborough District Council</b></p> <p>Community Grant Fund 2018/19  <a href="http://www.harborough.gov.uk/community-grant-fund">www.harborough.gov.uk/community-grant-fund</a></p>	<p>£1,000 to £5,000</p>	<p><b>Closes 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018</b></p>	<p>Parish Councils and all community /voluntary groups can apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase participation in physical activity</li> </ul>

<p>Contact: HDC Grant Assistant, Nada Hankin  <a href="mailto:n.hankin@harborough.gov.uk">n.hankin@harborough.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Harborough District Section 106 Grants  <a href="http://www.harborough.gov.uk/section106">http://www.harborough.gov.uk/section106</a></p>	<p>Dependant on Section 106 balance/s in specific parish. Please check the website</p>	<p><b>Round 2 closes 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable the voluntary sector to support vulnerable people</li> <li>• Stronger Communities – services to be provided in the locality</li> </ul> <p>Capital Grants towards Community Facilities and Offsite Recreation  <b>Please see website for Section 106 grant criteria and eligible areas.</b></p>
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## **Support with identifying funding for your organisation/project**

**Voluntary Action LeicesterShire** provides free advice to VCS groups in Leicestershire around setting up your organisation, applying for funding, managing volunteers and accessing training. You can contact VAL's Helpline for information and support on 0116 257 5050, or via their website: <http://www.valonline.org.uk/>.

In addition to the above selected possible funding sources the **Leicestershire Funding Toolkit** website effectively provides advice and information to community/voluntary groups and charities around accessing funding. Moreover, the website contains a searchable funding database, which can be used to identify sources of funding. The link to the website is [www.fundingtoolkit.org](http://www.fundingtoolkit.org). The step by step guide at **Appendix A** is a helpful guide to searching for potential funding opportunities for your project's activities.

For sports groups and projects, specialist funding advice is available from **Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport's** website ([www.lrsport.org/funding](http://www.lrsport.org/funding)) or from their Sports Development Officer, Annette Kendrick, tel: (01509) 564858, email: [a.kendrick@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:a.kendrick@lboro.ac.uk)

Funding can also be searched via the **Funding Central** web site at [www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx) or [www.governmentfunding.org.uk/default.aspx](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/default.aspx).

A comprehensive list is also available at: [www.melton.gov.uk/directory/27/community\\_grants/category/327](http://www.melton.gov.uk/directory/27/community_grants/category/327) . Donated products can be acquired via [www.inkindirect.org](http://www.inkindirect.org) and [www.givingworldonline.com](http://www.givingworldonline.com).

If you are a social enterprise, co-operative or Community Interest Company (CIC) in Leicestershire, you can access support from **CASE** <http://case.coop/> , or tel: (0116) 2225010.

## **Loan and Investment Finance**

Community Development Finance Institutions lend money to businesses, social enterprises and individuals that might not be able to get finance from high street banks and loan companies. [www.cdfa.org.uk](http://www.cdfa.org.uk). Organisations specialising in finance for social enterprise, charities and community organisations include Charity Bank ([www.charitybank.org](http://www.charitybank.org)), Deutsche Bank ([www.db.com/unitedkingdom/content/en/social\\_investments.html](http://www.db.com/unitedkingdom/content/en/social_investments.html)), the Social Investment Business ([www.sibgroup.org.uk](http://www.sibgroup.org.uk)), Triodos Bank ([www.triodos.co.uk](http://www.triodos.co.uk)), The Key Fund ([www.thekeyfund.co.uk](http://www.thekeyfund.co.uk)).

## **Crowd-funding**

Online crowd-funding platforms allow organisations to pitch their projects and attract donations and investment from the public. Examples include: [www.crowdfunder.co.uk](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk); [www.ethex.org.uk](http://www.ethex.org.uk); [www.spacehive.com](http://www.spacehive.com).

## **Community Share Offers**

Help with raising funds through community share offers is available from [www.communityshares.org.uk](http://www.communityshares.org.uk) and [www.microgenius.org.uk](http://www.microgenius.org.uk).

## Appendix A

# A Step By Step Guide To Using The Leicestershire Funding Toolkit

The **Leicestershire Funding Toolkit** contains a range of useful information for voluntary/community groups, including a Funding Database, which you can register on to search for potential sources of funding for your community group/project.

The following is a simple step-by-step guide to searching for funding, using the Leicestershire Funding Toolkit:-

1. Go to the Funding Toolkit website [www.fundingtoolkit.org](http://www.fundingtoolkit.org)
2. This will take you to the Leicestershire Funding Toolkit website. Before you begin searching for funding, you will need to register on the website as a user.
3. To register as a user, click the second orange tab in the top left corner which says 'Search For Funding' (or any of the tabs after this) – this will open a section for you to register as a user, by providing your details, details of your organisation, an email address (which will be your username) and a password.
4. You will then be automatically registered on L4C and you can begin searching for sources of funding that may be relevant to your project by clicking on any of the boxes on the 'homepage', i.e. -
  - 'Search for Funding'
  - 'Browse Funding'
  - 'View Local Schemes'
  - 'Help and Advice'
5. By clicking on any of these boxes, you will then be taken to another page with a wider range of categories to help you narrow down your search, e.g. Community; Heritage and the Arts; Young People and Youth Issues, along with many other categories.
6. It is also possible to filter the search results down further by clicking on the 'Filter results further' icon within each category box.
7. You can also use the funding database to do a more specific search for funding. To do this, click on the 'Search for Funding' box on the homepage or the 'Search for Funding' blue tab at the top of the page.
8. You will then be asked to provide specific details in relation to what you are searching for funding for, i.e. -

- the focus of your project
- your organisation type
- how long your group/organisation has been active
- what you are looking for funding for

9. Once you have entered your search criteria, click the 'Search now' orange icon at the bottom on the form.

10. You will then be provided with a number of potential sources of funding (i.e. the results of your search), broken down by Local Funding and National Funding.

11. You will need to click on each of the search results and go through the details of various schemes/funding programmes to see if you think you may be eligible for funding from any of these sources (these are listed in categories of Local, Regional and National funding programmes).

12. The details provided are very comprehensive and will also provide links to other websites with more information about the particular funding programmes.

13. This might be quite a time consuming exercise, but it is also highly worthwhile!!

14. If you feel your project does not meet the criteria for any of the funding programmes listed, try doing another search, using different criteria, e.g. for 'focus of your project' and/or 'what you are looking for funding for'.

15. There is also the option of saving your search results, by clicking on the 'Save Search' orange icon on the right hand side of the page.

16. You can also save selected schemes, by following the 'Select Schemes' section on the right hand side of the page.

17. Finally, you can also import details of funding programmes into Word to create a report, by clicking the 'Produce Report' orange icon on the right.

18. If you need any further advice at this stage, feel free to contact Voluntary Action Leicestershire, email [helpline@valonline.org.uk](mailto:helpline@valonline.org.uk), or ring 0116 2575050.

19. Good luck!!