

## Monthly Funding Information April 2019

Below is a list of current grants and funding opportunities primarily for Voluntary & Community Sector Groups and Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises.

**Where the Grant title includes an asterisk (\*), Local Authorities and other partner organisations may also be eligible to apply for the funding.**

This information can also be accessed via the Leicestershire Communities [website](#) .

Please note that Leicestershire County Council has a contract with [Voluntary Action LeicesterShire](#) (VAL) to provide support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leicestershire, including help with identifying and securing funding. If you are a VCS organisation who is seeking to apply for funding, or bid for contracts, please contact VAL's Sector Support Team for assistance, advice and guidance. You can also sign up for further e-bulletins from VAL, including, news, information, events, funding opportunities and job vacancies. More details can be seen on the VAL [website](#).

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<a href="#"><u>Plunkett Foundation - More than a Pub</u></a>	Open
<a href="#"><u>Pub is The Hub Community Services Fund</u></a>	Open
<a href="#"><u>Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants</u></a>	Open
<a href="#"><u>Ministry of Housing, Communities &amp; Local Government - Stronger Towns Fund</u></a>	Open until 2026
<a href="#"><u>ACRE - Village Hall Grant Scheme</u></a>	Open from 5 <sup>th</sup> April

## Funding for projects which support Adults

### [Smart Energy GB - Communities Fund 2019\\*](#)

Funding for large, regionally based organisations that can deliver support to people over the age of 65 to help them address their concerns and increase the number of people over 65 getting a smart meter.

The Smart Energy GB in Communities Fund was set up by Smart Energy GB, the voice of the smart meter rollout. Every home in Britain will be offered a smart meter by 2020 at no additional cost, and Smart Energy GB is responsible for helping everyone in Great Britain understand smart meters, the national rollout and how to use the new meters to get their gas and electricity under control.

This year, the fund is focused on supporting people over the age of 65 to help address their concerns. Unlike previous years, there will be one main funding round with grants of between £15,000 and £25,000 being made available.

The funding is for projects that address the 2019 objectives of the fund, which are to:

- Address the concerns that people aged over 65 have about smart meters.
- Limit rejection of smart meters by people aged over 65.
- Increase the number of people aged over 65 getting a smart meter.

**Projects should start from 27 May and finish by 11 December 2019.**

Applications will be accepted from large, regionally based organisations ideally with local networks with substantial face-to-face reach that can deliver support to people over the age of 65 (ideally around 1,500 to 2,500 people supported). Housing associations and local authorities are eligible to apply too.

**The deadline for applications is 9 April 2019.**

### **Triangle Trust 1949 Fund**

Applications are now being accepted from specialist community and voluntary organisations working solely with unpaid carers in the UK.

This grant scheme provides core funding to support specialist carer organisations to implement a step change in their development and therefore build increased sustainability for the future. The Trust is 'open minded' on the type of initiatives applicants may wish to develop in order to increase their sustainability.

Grants are available from £10,000 up to £80,000 for a duration of six months to three years. The amount of funding requested must be proportional to the development that will be undertaken. A maximum of £30,000 per year or £2,500 per month for smaller developments can be requested.

Registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies that are working within the UK and have a UK office can apply. There is particular interest in applications from Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

This funding is only available to specialist carer organisations rather than those with a broader remit which run carer projects.

There is a two-stage application process.

**The deadline for stage one applications is 7 May 2019 (noon).**

### **SHIRE Community Grant**

Leicestershire County Council's [SHIRE Community Grant](#) for 2019-20 is now open for applications.

Eligible organisations, including charities, community groups, social enterprises and Town/Parish Councils, can access grants of up to £10,000 and/or smaller grants of up to £3,000 for community-based projects and activities that are specifically focused on supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities.

Leicestershire County Council are particularly interested in funding new and innovative projects that will:

- improve the lives, health and wellbeing of vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and communities in Leicestershire
- provide early intervention and prevention-based solutions which help to reduce demand on Council and other public services
- complement existing services already being delivered

**The first of four deadlines for applications for 2018-19 is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

## Rosa's 'Voices from the Frontline'

Funding is available to support women's organisations to 'shine a light' on their fight for gender equality in the UK. This is the fourth year that Rosa, a registered charity, is providing its 'Voices from the Frontline' grants programme which offers funding to support charitable advocacy work across Rosa's four pillars of leadership and representation, safety, health and economic justice.

This year, grants of between £500 and £5,000) are being made available to voluntary and community sector organisations in the UK to pay for increasing the skills, capacity, credibility and effectiveness of women who wish to challenge gender inequality and promote awareness and change.

Grants will be awarded for projects that:

- Stimulate debate and amplify women's voices.
- Raise awareness of one or more of Rosa's four pillars.
- Influence the public, policy makers, media and/or government.
- Change behaviours, attitudes or policies.

Organisations run predominantly by, for and with women can apply.

There is particular interest in proposals from women's organisations that:

- Address the critical needs of women and girls that miss out the most, including: marginalised populations, BME women, lesbian, bisexual or transgender women and girls, women and girls with disabilities, older women, homeless women, survivors of gender violence, women in prison and ex-offenders, and other underserved and disadvantaged groups of women.
- Operate in less economically resilient towns, cities and rural areas within the UK.

The funding will support a range of things including:

- Contribution to staff costs or freelance fees to help run workshops with women with lived experience of injustice. Costs of hosting meetings or events, including facilitation costs.
- Presentation, media or lobbying training to support campaigning, advocacy or activism.
- Travel costs for meetings with power holders such as commissioners, local/national government or the media.
- The cost of producing materials such as posters, infographics or videos.
- Volunteer costs, including travel and childcare.
- Travel costs for a service user and member of staff to speak at an event or national conference.

**Rosa will be holding two "How to Apply" webinars to help applicants develop their video applications: one on 27 March 2019 (11am to 12pm) and the other on 30 April 2019 (12.30pm to 13.30pm)**

**The deadline for grant applications is 14 May 2019.**

## Futures - Community Grants Fund

Futures have been selected by the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) to administer the Community Grants Fund across the D2N2 area and the Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership area.

Jointly funded by the SFA and the European Social Fund, Community Grants give small voluntary and community organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000 an opportunity to access funds to deliver projects that help engage and progress 'hard to reach' individuals towards the labour market. The grants will support participants' progression so that they are confident in their ability to move into employment.

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available for projects or initiatives that help people take steps towards a future career and reduce unemployment and inactivity, including:

- initial help with basic skills
- taster work experience including voluntary work
- training, advice and counselling
- confidence building
- job search assistance and other help necessary to secure employment
- first contact engagement activities

"The reality is that many unemployed people need more intensive and specialised support and guidance than Job Centres or similar organisations are able to provide. Community and voluntary organisations that know their local communities well are in a better position to provide this kind of support. We're inviting these kind of organisations to apply for funding that will allow them to help unemployed people overcome significant barriers to employment." Claire Penny, Grant Manager

**There will be three application rounds in 2019/20:**

<b>Round 1</b>	<b>15th April 2019 – 17th May 2019</b>
<b>Round 2</b>	<b>15th Nov 2019 – 15th Dec 2019</b>
<b>Round 3</b>	<b>15th June 2020 – 15th July 2020</b>

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### **[BBC Children in Need - Main Grants Programme](#)**

The Main Grants programme is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations applying for grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years. The programme looks to support projects which seek to address disadvantage experienced by children and young people of 18 years and under through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- Any kind of disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

Projects are funded which make differences in children's lives that help prevent or overcome the effects of the disadvantages they face. Projects can achieve these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments.

**The next deadline for applications is 28 May 2019.**

### **NFU Mutual Charitable Trust**

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust was set up in 1998, to promote and support charities in the United Kingdom working in agriculture, rural development and insurance.

The Trust focuses on providing funding to larger initiatives, which would have a significant impact on the rural community. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas. Grants are available between £1,000 and £50,000.

The Trustees meet twice a year to consider applications received. These meetings are currently held in June and November.

**Applications for the June meeting must be submitted by 31st May 2019 and for the November meeting they must be submitted by 1st November 2019.**

### **BlueSpark Foundation grants**

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to Blue Spark Foundation for a wide range of projects. The Foundation value academic, vocational, artistic and sporting endeavour in equal measure but are particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people.

Many grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000.

Projects which could be supported include drama, music, sport, art and design, debating, public speaking, academic education, vocational training, community projects, enterprise projects and educational excursions. This list is illustrative and not exclusive as to the types of project that the Foundation support.

**No advertised Deadlines**

## **Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes**

### **Veolia Environmental Trust**

Funding for constituted not-for-profit organisations that are within five miles of an operating Veolia site in England.

Veolia Environmental Trust offers grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 for capital improvement projects at a single site with discrete start and end dates. Match funding of at least 10% is required. Successful applicants will need to pay 10% of the awarded amount to the landfill operator from a third party contributor.

Projects should fall under one of the following categories:

- Community buildings and rooms, including community centres, village halls, community spaces within religious buildings, and Scout or Girl Guiding buildings.
- Outdoor Spaces, including public parks, nature reserves, community gardens, footpaths, bridleways and cycle-paths.
- Play and recreation, including play areas, skateparks, Multi Use Games Areas, sports grounds, pavilions and changing rooms.
- Biodiversity projects - applications from registered Environmental Bodies with projects that meet ENTRUST requirements

To be eligible, projects must:

- Be open to the wider general public for at least 104 days a year without any limit or unreasonable restrictions of use.
- Have a total cost of under £250,000, including VAT and professional costs.
- Have already secured at least 10% of the total cost.
- Have secured all permissions (eg, planning).
- Be completed within 12 months.

Constituted not-for-profit organisations can apply as long as their project is located within five miles of a Veolia Environmental Services facility. This could be a landfill site, Energy Recovery Facility or Materials Recycling Facility.

There is no deadline for starting the process of applying for a grant; however, each funding application phase for both Stage 1 and Stage 2 is made available quarterly following the end of the previous phase.

**There are four funding rounds each year.**

**The current phase for Stage 1 applications is between 1st March 2019 and 30th May 2019 for projects taking place between 18th September 2019 and 6th January 2020.**

**Next phase is open between 31 May 2019 and 29 August 2019 for projects taking place between 7 January 2020 and 16 March 2020.**

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## Coalfield Regeneration Trust

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme (England) Funding Support element is a £500,000 fund created to support activities that tackle some of the key challenges that still remain in coalfield communities.

The eligible communities/wards in Leicestershire are all in North West Leicestershire; Ashby Woulds, Castle Rock, Greenhill, Ibstock and Measham South.

The fund is open to projects that deliver in the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities and that will make a positive difference in addressing the following themes:

Skills: Growing the skills of people in order to increase their opportunities

Employment: Developing pathways to increase the number of people in work

Health & wellbeing: Supporting projects that increase participation in activities/services that improve the health and wellbeing of people in former coalfield communities. This will now encompass projects that address food poverty, debt advice, mental health issues, substance misuse, social isolation or projects increasing participation in physical activity.

It will now fund Core Costs up to 50% of the total costs requested from the Trust. This can include Operational Costs and Administration & Management.

The total fund value of £500,000 will be committed over the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 at four decision making Committees which will take place quarterly (£125,000 allocated to each Committee).

**The next quarterly deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

## **SHIRE Community Climate Change grant**

Voluntary and Community Groups and organisations are being encouraged to apply to help them to reduce their carbon emissions by improving their community buildings.

The grant fund is for community projects in Leicestershire (not Leicester City or Rutland) that help to improve the energy efficiency of community buildings and make local environmental changes to help reduce carbon emissions.

A maximum grant of £5,000 per applicant is available for projects in any one financial year. Grants are available for:

- EPC's (Energy Performance Certificate) or DEC's (Display Energy Certificate) of community buildings
- Installation of energy efficiency measures such as new heating systems, roof or cavity wall insulation or low energy lighting
- Installation of renewable energy systems

**The first closing date for applications is Friday 28th June 2019**

## **SHIRE Recycling Grants**

Leicestershire County Council is committed to minimising the amount of waste that is thrown away. In order to help achieve this, the Council is offering up to £3,000 in the form of SHIRE Recycling Grants.

These grants will be available for eligible community based organisations to deliver local waste prevention, recycling and composting projects and activities.

We are particularly interested in funding new and innovative projects that will:

- Reduce household waste, divert waste from disposal and optimise levels of recycling and composting in a cost effective way.
- Reduce the amount of waste produced in Leicestershire by waste reduction, reuse and recycling and encouraging resourcefulness through repairing, refurbishing, repurposing, sharing, swapping and composting.
- Enable residents and communities to get involved in waste related initiatives and support permanent changes in individual behaviours.

**The first closing date for applications is Friday 28th June 2019.**

## **Localgiving - Magic Little Grants Fund**

Small grants for local charities and community groups that are working to deliver sports and physical activities in their communities across Great Britain.

The Magic Little Grants Fund provides local charities and community groups the opportunity to access funding to deliver engaging physical activities, which help to overcome barriers to participation.

The aim of the fund is to support the work of organisations that are engaging hard to reach individuals, encouraging them to take part in physical activity to help improve their physical health.

There is a total funding pot of £550,000 for 2019 (the largest yet) with grants of up to £500 for groups with an income of less than £250,000.

The funding can be used to support the general running costs of new and existing sports and physical activities. For example, this could include facilities hire, kit and equipment, coaching qualifications, other volunteer expenses etc.

Although applications can be made at any time and are reviewed on a monthly basis, groups could wait up to two months to receive an update on the status of their application.

**The deadline for applications is midnight on 30 November 2019.**

## **Plunkett Foundation - More than a Pub**

The Community Pub Business Support Programme is a unique three year programme established to help support community ownership of pubs in England. Its value is £3.85 million and is jointly funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Power to Change. Plunkett Foundation is leading this exciting programme and delivering it in collaboration with Co-operative & Community Finance, Keyfund, the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), Co-operative Mutual Solutions, Pub is the Hub and Locality.

For the first time it offers the community pub sector access to an end-to-end support programme including capacity building and a finance package made up of loans and grants.

Grants of up to £2,500 are available for pre- feasibility costs which might include consultation activity, evaluation and survey fees and other professional services. There is an additional loan and grant package of up to £100,000 available.

**No application deadlines are advertised**

## [Pub is The Hub Community Services Fund](#)

The Government has confirmed further support for Pub is The Hub's Community Services Fund by announcing a contribution of £188,000 on the 25th March.

Pubs are at the heart of local communities supporting thousands of jobs and providing places for local residents to not only enjoy a pint, but also to get together.

The encouragement, advice and support given by the Pub is The Hub is proving invaluable in helping rural pubs expand their offer.

Grants of up to £3,000 can be used to help pubs to diversify and use their space in additional ways including; as a post office, for the sale of basic groceries, as a library, for training courses or outlets for local suppliers. It could also result in the creation of new jobs.

**No application deadline advertised**

## [Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants](#)

Not-for-profit organisations can apply now for a chance for their project to receive funding from this special one-off scheme.

Tesco created the Bags of Help Centenary Grants scheme to celebrate 100 years of doing business. The Centenary Grants are two special voting rounds of Tesco's local community grant scheme and offer a unique opportunity to benefit more people.

To be eligible to apply, projects must provide a significant benefit to communities across their voting region. These regions are very large geographic areas and cover multiple counties, unitary authorities or boroughs. There are 23 regions in England, 3 regions in Wales, 5 regions in Scotland and 1 region for Northern Ireland. Community charity Groundwork is administering the scheme for England, Wales and Northern Ireland; greenspace scotland support projects in Scotland.

There will be two rounds of voting. This is a rolling grant so groups that apply for the first round will automatically be considered for the second:

- **The July/August 2019 voting period is for projects with a health and wellbeing theme. Priority will be given to projects focussing on cancer, heart disease and diabetes.**
- **The November/December voting round will be open to all community groups supporting projects across their regions.**

Following the vote, the project that receives the most votes in the voting region will receive a grant of up to £25,000, second place receiving up to £15,000 and third place up to £10,000.

The types of projects funded will be very broad and will cover the direct costs needed to deliver the project.

This could range from:

- Improvements to a building of regional or national significance that benefits the whole community such as a museum, hospice, specialist hospital ward, art gallery, heritage centre, wildlife centre or an ancient monument.
- Improvements to an outdoor space of regional or national significance such as walking/cycling routes, gardens, nature reserves, wildlife areas, waterways or woodlands.
- Delivering activities or charitable services across a whole region such as health and wellbeing support activities, foodbanks, community clubs, homelessness support, sporting activities, recycling/upcycling programmes, regional school focused programmes and community festivals or events.
- Providing equipment that will benefit the whole region such as medical equipment, minibuses, mobile libraries and safety equipment.

Projects can be a stand-alone project or a discrete, self-contained part of a larger scheme or part of a phased project. They will need to be completed within 12 months of receiving the grant.

**No deadlines have been set. This is a rolling grant so groups that apply for the first round will automatically be considered for the second round.**

### **[Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government - Stronger Towns Fund](#)**

The Communities Secretary announced on 4 March 2019 a new £1.6 billion Stronger Towns Fund for England. This new fund will be targeted at towns to create new jobs, help train local people and boost growth.

£1 billion of the new fund will be allocated using a needs-based formula, with the remaining £600 million being available through a competitive process. The formula is based on a combination of productivity, income, skills, deprivation metrics and proportion of the population living in towns. This targets funding at those places with economies that are performing relatively less well to the England average, whose residents are living on lower incomes, and where larger proportions of the population have low skill attainment.

It wants partners across local areas to come together and put forward ambitious proposals that can achieve long-term growth for their towns. Once these proposals become clearer the government will agree specific investments with places.

**Government will publish a prospectus to inform the development of local proposals.** It wants areas to ensure those proposals and their emerging Local Industrial Strategies are aligned, so that these new investments can demonstrate lasting impact. The role of Local Enterprise Partnerships to coordinate these proposals across functional economic areas will be key.

**The East Midlands region has an allocation of £110 million (via the needs-based formula)**

**No further details are currently available**

### **[ACRE - Village Hall Grant Scheme](#)**

£3m has been allocated to ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) for distribution to village halls in England.

There are 10,000 Village Halls in England and many are key for rural communities; they provide a space for shops, pubs, cafes, fitness, social, healthcare and even education. With halls filling the gap left by diminishing facilities, their preservation is vital.

ACRE provides support and advice to rural halls, with the money given by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) ACRE will help to fund updates and adaptations needed to keep halls in service. The funding aims to prioritise older buildings; helping with updating or adaptations.

**A launch event is to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April - further details will be available soon afterwards.**

ACRE also manages the £700,000 [Defra Rural Community Buildings Loan Fund](#) which helps community groups with renovation, refurbishment and building projects. Communities are encouraged to raise funds, knowing a loan could be available to help them meet their target and win funding from other sources.

The average loan taken out by hall committees is around £15,000 – but larger loans are considered.