

## Monthly Funding Information January 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.**

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## **1. National Churches Trust - Cornerstone, Gateway & Foundation Grants**

The National Churches Trust is operating a number of grant programmes:

- **Cornerstone grants.** The Cornerstone Grant Programme offers grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 towards the cost of urgent structural repair projects costed at more than £100,000 including VAT. The Trust will also consider projects that introduce kitchens and accessible toilets to enable increased community use, costed at more than £30,000 including VAT. Grants will never exceed 50% of the project cost.

**The next deadline for applications is 4 March 2019.**

- **Gateway grants.** The Gateway Grant Programme offers grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 towards project development and investigative work up to RIBA planning stage 1, to support churches preparing for a major project, and in developing their project to the point at which they can approach a major grant funder. Grants will never exceed 50% of the project costs for this phase.

**The first deadline for applications will be 10 January 2019.**

- **Foundation grants.** The Foundation Grant Programme will offer grants of between £500 and £3,000 towards urgent maintenance works and small repairs identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection or Survey Report. Also, small investigative works and surveys. Project costs should not exceed £10,000.

**The first deadline for applications will be 24 January 2019.**

## **2. Main Grants Programme – BBC Children in Need**

The BBC Children in Need Main Grants programme is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations, to apply 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 need to demonstrate how they will make a difference 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 13 January 2019.**

### **3. Safeguarding Training Fund launched**

As part of the wider Government strategy to improve safeguarding practice across the voluntary sector in England, DDCMS (in partnership with the Big Lottery Fund) are investing a total of £1.14 million to improve access to safeguarding related training, support and advice.

The Safeguarding Training Fund will provide funding in two phases until 2022. For the first phase it is seeking an organisation or partnership of organisations with the track record and knowledge to develop high quality resources which will be freely available to the voluntary sector to improve safeguarding practice.

This will then be followed by a second phase which will fund a small number of organisations or partnerships to share the resources developed during Phase 1 and support grassroots charities and community organisations to improve their safeguarding practice.

**Phase 1 applications are open now. Applications are invited for up to £570,000 and the submission deadline is Monday 14 January at 12.00pm.**

### **4. Tampon Tax Fund – Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport**

Thousands of women and girls across the country are set to benefit from a new £15 million round of the Tampon Tax Fund, launched at the end of November by the Minister for Sport and Civil Society, Mims Davies.

Charities across the country can now bid for at least £1 million in funding for projects that support victims of domestic violence or work to reduce rough sleeping and homelessness among women. The money will also be available to programmes that help vulnerable women through music therapy, encourage them to participate in sport to improve their physical and mental wellbeing or charities that make onward grants to smaller organisations, so they can deliver tailored services to support women.

**The deadline for applications is 20 January 2019.**

## 5. £2.7m Parental Conflict Challenge Fund \*

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is launching a £2.7 million Challenge Fund that will provide grant funding for innovative projects, to gather learning on what works to reduce parental conflict.

The fund will be made up of two separate strands:

- A Digital Support for Families strand: £1.6 million is available to provide grant funding to innovative projects that will test what works digitally to support and maintain engagement with disadvantaged families to reduce parental conflict.
- A Support for Disadvantaged Families strand: A further £1.1 million is available to test what works to support disadvantaged families that are at greater risk of parental conflict, where there is limited existing evidence.

The key objective of the Challenge Fund is to build a broader evidence base of what works in reducing parental conflict. Evidence will inform future policy and practice and help local areas support a greater number of disadvantaged families at risk of parental conflict.

Eligible applicants could include local authorities; digital organisations; organisations from the public and private sector; voluntary and community organisations; and social enterprises.

Applicants must be based within the United Kingdom to submit applications to the Digital Support strand. Initiatives will be required to focus on an English audience although this support will be available to families living elsewhere within the United Kingdom.

Applicants and activity must be based in England for the Support for Disadvantaged Families strand.

Initiatives should be prepared to start in April 2019 and be fully delivered by March 2020.

From 11 January, applicants will be able to complete an online checklist before deciding if they wish to submit their initiative idea for an eligibility check. **Eligibility checks will be accepted from 11 January until 8 February 2019.** Initiative ideas that clearly do not meet the Fund criteria will not be allowed to proceed past this stage.

**Organisations that have completed an eligibility check and have been invited to apply to the Fund will be able to access the online application portal between 21 January and 15 February 2019.**

## **6. Masonic Charitable Foundation**

The Masonic Charitable Foundation is tackling some of society's most important issues through its grants to local and national charities and partnerships with leading organisations in the sector. Its grant-making programmes for charities target funding where it is most needed within these areas. Its current target areas are:

- Creating the best start in life for disadvantaged children and young people
- Reducing isolation in later life
- Medical research into degenerative disease – for invited applicants only
- Care services in the hospice sector

The target areas are reviewed regularly to ensure our grants are making the greatest possible impact. Small and large grant are available.

Small Grant deadlines are as follow:

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Large Grant deadlines are as follows:

6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

## **7. The Prince's Countryside Fund - Rural Projects**

Set up in 2010 by HRH, The Prince of Wales, the charity aims to improve the prospects of viability for rural communities and farm businesses. Every year the Fund gives out over £1 million in funding, and can support projects for up to three years. The Fund gives out grants twice a year and projects in rural areas across the UK can apply for funding of up to £50,000 in the spring round of funding

The Fund aims to support projects that achieve the following:

### **Sustaining Rural Communities**

Projects that deliver sustainable rural assets, businesses, and services that keep isolated communities together and develop a more sustainable rural economy, or provide advice and new skills and business training that benefit the local economy

### **Improving the prospects of viability for farm and rural businesses:**

Projects that focus on developing stronger, more sustainable farm businesses and other rural enterprises with the aim of halting the decline of the rural economy, or that encourage local food production and short supply chains, that facilitate knowledge transfer such as farmer networks, or that provide new skills and training for rural and agricultural benefit.

## **Supporting Aid Delivery in Emergency and Building Resilience:**

Funding is also available for projects that support farm businesses, rural businesses and communities to plan for and recover from natural disasters such as flooding or animal disease and build resilience.

**Closing date 21st February**

### **8. Arts Council - Creative People & Places Programme**

The vision for the Arts Council's Creative People and Places Programme is to support the public in shaping local arts and cultural provision and, in so doing, to increase attendance and participation in excellent art and culture. This investment is intended to encourage long-term collaborations between local communities, arts organisations, museums, libraries, amateur groups, the voluntary sector and others. It aims to support new and different approaches to developing cultural programmes that deliver excellent experiences, genuinely engage people in shaping provision and involve a variety of partners.

The Arts Council will invest in consortia in eligible places to develop a programme of cultural activity and engagement over four years but with a 10-year vision.

New programmes can apply for between £1 million and £2 million over four years whilst expansion programmes can apply for between £750,000 and £1.75 million over the same period.

**The programme will open for applications on 10 January 2019. The deadline for applications is 21 March 2019.**

### **9. Dunhill Medical Trust Community Grants – Supporting Older People**

Community-based organisations in the UK are invited to apply for the Dunhill Medical Trust's Community Grants Programme. The Dunhill Medical Trust, a UK-based charitable trust founded in 1950, provides grants to third sector organisations active in the UK. The Trust offers two funding schemes for community-based organisations who work directly with older people who need some form of extra support to make everyday living that bit easier:

- Project grants of between £5,000 and £40,000 for projects lasting up to 36 months. Supports time-limited projects which focus on the development of care and support services for older people.
- Building and physical infrastructure grants of between £5,000 and £100,000 (awarded as a single lump sum). Funds may provide accommodation in the built environment for older people to enhance and maintain their health, well-being and independence or can provide specific pieces of equipment or furnishings which can be used for the care and support of individuals.

Applications can only be considered from organisations or groups which are charitable as defined by UK charity law. This includes UK registered charities and relevant exempt charities. The Trust will not normally support applications for its schemes for community-based organisations from organisations with an annual income in excess of £10 million or with £100 million or more in assets.

**The application deadline for both Project and Building & Physical Infrastructure grants is 29 March 2019 (5pm)**

**A second application round will open on 1 July 2019.**

#### **10. [Restoration Grants – Association for Industrial Archaeology](#)**

Thanks to a series of generous donations, the AIA can make available Restoration Grants of up to £20,000 for a range of historic and industrial archaeology purposes.

The first awards were made in 2009, since when the Association has been able to allocate around half a million pounds. Details of some of the projects funded can be found on the website.

Grants are awarded for the restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. Applications will usually relate to a single, tangible structure or artefact.

The heritage asset must have full public access.

**The closing date for applications is 31 March 2019.**

#### **11. [BBC Children in Need - Curiosity Fund](#)**

Applications are currently being invited for the second and final round of the one-off Curiosity scheme. The £2.5 million Curiosity Fund is provided in partnership between BBC Children in Need and the Wellcome Trust. Curiosity Grants are about using science as a tool to make wider changes in the lives of children and young people experiencing disadvantage. Curiosity aims to make a difference for children and young people by improving access to, engagement with and understanding of science.

Applicants must be able to explain:

- The disadvantaged children and young people's experiences and its affect upon them.
- How the proposed science activities will improve the lives of those who take part.
- Why the specific science-based activities planned are well-suited to making such differences.
- How to identify and measure the differences that could be achieved.

Applicants do not have to be experts in science or even have delivered science activities before to participate. Projects that use engaging and participatory science to improve their personal, social and emotional development are encouraged.

Round 2 is making two levels of grants available:

- Small up to £10,000 per year (for up to three years).
- Large up to £40,000 each year (for up to three years).

A series of events are being held across the UK in February to help applicants find out more about the scheme, develop their thinking and meet potential partners. The dates and locations of these events are listed in the Curiosity website.

**The closing date for Round 2 applications is 12 April 2019.**

## **12. [More than a Pub – Plunkett Foundation](#)**

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 the Plunkett Foundation is leading this exciting programme, delivering it in collaboration with a range of partners, including 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.

**The new scheme will be active from Summer 2019 with further details announced in Spring 2019**

## **13. [Cultural Impact Development Fund](#)**

This £3.7 million fund provides small-scale repayable finance to socially-driven arts and cultural organisations. The Fund is supported by Access – The Foundation for Social Investment through the Growth Fund programme, with finance being provided by its partners Big Lottery Fund and Big Society Capital.

The aims of the fund are to:

- Enable risk-taking, ambitious organisations in the arts and cultural sector to take on small-scale repayable finance in order to achieve social outcomes;
- Increase the capability of arts and cultural organisations to articulate, achieve, monitor and evaluate their intended social impact.

The Fund offers unsecured loans (and revenue participation agreements, where appropriate) between £25,000 and £150,000 with repayment terms of one to five years and interest rates ranging between 5.5% and 8.5%.

**The investment window is open until August 2021.**

#### **14. Rural Four: Catalyst, Collaborate, Create & Champion – Prince’s Countryside Fund**

This dedicated programme of support for community projects in England, Scotland and Wales is funded by Players of People’s Postcode Lottery. Now in its second year the project seeks to reach out and engage with up to 10 rural communities annually to help deliver and reinvigorate community assets and services.

Overall, the Rural Four project aims to:

- Reinvigorate community networks by assisting with rebuilding community assets;
- Improving the health and well-being of 200 socially isolated people through providing access to improved community assets and a network of support;
- Create a lasting legacy of support and community spirit in the areas supported.

The Prince’s Countryside Fund, working with partners Scottish Business in the Community, Plunkett Foundation and Pub is the Hub, utilise their networks as a catalyst for community engagement. Support and guidance is provided to communities to collaborate and learn from others to build plans for projects that reinvigorate or restore vital assets. Funding is then provided to those that meet our eligibility criteria in order to support the community to create change.

**Funding of up to £25,000 is available and the programme opened again to applications on 7 January 2019.**

#### **15. HS2 Community & Environment Fund & HS2 Business & Local Economy Fund – Groundwork UK**

Two funds are available to local communities to help with the disruption that will be caused by the construction of Phase one of HS2 between London and the West Midlands; the Community and Environment Fund and the Business and Local Economy Fund. The objective of these funds is to add benefit, over and above committed mitigation and statutory compensation, to communities and local economies along the route.

The Community and Environment Fund (CEF), which is primarily targeted at the voluntary/community sector, has two forms:

- CEF Local will focus on quality of life and environment in individual communities.
- CEF Strategic will focus on large projects across several communities and address strategic rather than purely local concerns. Wherever possible, the CEF fund aims to leave a sustainable legacy.

**The administration of these funds is managed on behalf of HS2 Ltd by the charity Groundwork who will ensure both funds remain available for applications throughout the construction of Phase One**

## **16. Tesco Bags of Help – Tesco and Groundwork**

Bags of Help is Tesco's local community grant scheme where the money raised by the carrier bag charge in Tesco stores is being used to fund thousands of community projects across the UK\*. The projects must meet the criteria of bringing benefits to the community. In England the scheme is administered by Groundwork.

Bags of Help is always open for applications from charities and community organisations. Applications are assessed by Groundwork to ensure they are eligible. In areas where application numbers are high, Tesco colleagues will shortlist the projects to determine which go forward to the customer vote.

**Three community projects in each local area will be voted on by customers in Tesco stores throughout the UK, with projects changing every other month. Following the vote, the project that received the most votes in its area will receive a grant of up to £4,000, second place receiving up to £2,000 and third place up to £1,000.**

## **17. Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants – Arts Council England**

Grants of between £1,000 and £100,000 are available for eligible individuals, organisations, libraries and museums for a range of activities including: Audio-visual, broadcast and transmission, buildings and infrastructure, capacity building, commissioning, digital creation, diversity and equality, education and learning, exhibition, festival, organisational development, original work, participation, performance, production, professional development, publishing, research and development, sector development, talent development and touring.

**This is a rolling programme with no deadlines.**

## **18. Discovery Grants – Santander Foundation**

The aim of The Discovery Project is to help disadvantaged people have the confidence to make the most of their future. Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions to fund small, local projects helping disadvantaged people.

It supports projects that improve people's knowledge, skills or which provide innovative solutions to overcome social challenges. We can only support projects which fulfil these goals and our three priority areas - Explorer, Transformer and Changemaker.

There are three priorities to the Discovery Grants Programme:

- EXPLORER improving people's knowledge such as Money Management workshops helping disadvantaged people learn how to budget.
- TRANSFORMER Improving skills and experience. For example, training to help socially isolated people develop skills to get back into work or volunteering opportunities for disadvantaged young people.
- CHANGEMAKER Innovative solutions to social challenges. What about a new social networking program for visually impaired young people to access the internet?

What it can fund:

Projects that are wholly charitable. They must specifically help disadvantaged people in the UK by improving knowledge, skills or providing innovative solutions. It aims to help as many organisations as possible so it won't offer grants for longer than one year.

Funding is available:

- for small local projects and lasts for up to 12 months
- for complete projects, we don't make contributions or part funding
- to cover part-time salaries, equipment or materials but they must be specific to your project

**There are no deadlines; this is a rolling grants programme**

## 19. [Architectural Heritage Fund – Transforming Places - UPDATE](#)

**The scheme is not open yet**

This will help charities and social enterprises to regenerate and put back into use historic buildings on high streets in England. This forms part of the Government's Future High Streets fund. The total fund is £55 million.

Government's investment will help support:

- Investment to assist the delivery of an estimated 150-200 projects across England, including exemplar, scalable schemes, such as 'retail to residential' pilots, workspaces and cultural venues
- In partnership with the National Trust, the piloting of new social enterprise 'heritage development trusts' to investigate taking ownership of and developing historic buildings in urban and town centres
- Increased investment into alternative use feasibility studies and 'meanwhile uses' for existing buildings

A team of AHF project advisors will be available to support schemes for the delivery of new uses of historic buildings on high streets.