

Monthly Funding Information August 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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Funding for projects which support Adults

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The grant-making programmes for charities target funding where it is most needed within these areas. 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
- Care services in the hospice sector

For supporting the first two target areas there are:

- Small grants range from £500 to £15,000, are unrestricted and can be over 3 years
- Large grants range from £10,000 and £80,000 and are for a specific project

The next deadlines are:

- **Large grant applications 19th August 2019.**
- **Small grant applications 27th September 2019.**

SHIRE Community Grant

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

There are two remaining deadlines for applications for 2019-20:

Monday 9th September

Monday 11th November

Dept. Of Health and Social Care - Carers Innovation Fund

Provided by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), the Carers Innovation Fund will invest in innovative ways of supporting unpaid carers, outside of mainstream health and care services. The Fund aims to support accessible, carer-friendly communities and public services and also seeks to provide evidence on effective interventions to support carers.

The fund seeks to identify and promote creative and innovative models that look beyond statutory services to ensure that carers are:

- better recognised and connected
- better able to juggle working and caring
- better able to look after their own health and wellbeing

The funding will be used to improve support across England and help build more carer-friendly communities. Projects will be expected to show a positive effect on:

- carers' health and wellbeing;
- carers' ability to manage work alongside caring responsibilities;
- carers' ability to take a break from their caring role;
- reducing loneliness and social isolation.

Applicants will need to demonstrate that their idea is a fresh approach that is better than existing provision, will benefit the local community and can be expanded and replicated.

Through the development of technological solutions or community-based interventions, the projects might consider how to:

- ensure carers have access to advice and information to support them in their caring role
- increase the provision of carers' breaks locally
- connect carers with other carers and the wider community
- prevent crises through early intervention

Organisations are invited to bid for up to £500,000. Applications will be sought from organisations in England, from a mix of sectors. The voluntary sector, charities, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and commercial organisations can all bid for funding to prove their concept, with the aim of securing longer term funding from other sources.

Further information including the expression of interest forms can be found under the "Opportunities" "View Opportunities" sub headings on the web page accessed by the title of this article.

Stage one applications, via expression of interest need to be submitted by 13th September 2019

[Help the Homeless Grants](#)

Help the Homeless makes grants to charitable organisations with the aim of helping homeless people return to the community and enabling them to resume a normal life. Grants are available to small and medium-sized charitable organisations to fund the capital costs of projects with grants of up to £5,000.

All applications must relate to projects that assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offering shelter or other forms of sustenance.

The quarterly deadlines for grant applications each year are: 15th March, 15th June, 15th September and 15th December.

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[MOD Education Support Fund *](#)

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) is seeking applications for the final round of its Education Support Fund which provides grants to UK maintained schools with service children of frequently moved or deployed parents.

Grants are available to:

- publicly funded schools, academies and free schools throughout the UK to mitigate the effects of significant mobility and/or deployment of their service communities.
- support schools in embedding practices that can benefit the service children and their school.

The fund is different from the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme which is open to a wider variety of organisations and seeks to forge closer ties between Military and local communities. It is also different to the Service Pupil Premium, which is provided to schools in England by the Department for Education in respect of children of serving members of the armed forces.

Eligible applicants are:

- Maintained Schools
- Academies
- Free School
- 6th form colleges
- Groups of any schools described above (referred to as 'Cluster bids' - these are strongly encouraged)
- Local authorities on behalf of the publicly funded schools in their area.

£2 million has been made available for 2019/20.

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2019.

[The Police and Crime Commissioner's Prevention Fund - Early Intervention](#)

The Police and Crime Commissioner has received £347,000 from the Home Office's Early Intervention Youth Fund and has decided to make available a proportion of this funding through his grants programme. The funding will be made accessible through the Police and Crime Commissioner's Prevention Fund grant process. The purpose of the funding is to engage with and support young people who are either offending or on the edge of offending (at risk of criminal involvement). The project will need to engage young people in positive activities which give opportunities for a mentoring type relationship to be built.

It is acknowledged that community groups/grass roots organisations are best placed to offer interventions where they can deploy suitable role models who are representative of their local communities and whom young people can easily relate to.

It will be open to grass roots organisations, community groups and schools within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

There will be two levels of funding available:

- Up to £9,999 per year
- From £10,000 to £25,000 per year

The funding contract will be 12 months duration and it is expected that projects will need to be able to mobilise and start delivery with immediate effect or at least by January 2020.

Deadline for applications is 1st October 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.

Funding provided by BlueSpark for any particular project must constitute a significant proportion of the costs of that project rather than being marginally incremental to its funding.

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 applications deadline advertised

Family Fund – The Family Fund Trust for families with severely disabled children

The Family Fund helps families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under. Families can apply to the Family Fund subject to a number of criteria which include being the parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under and evidence of entitlement to one of the following: Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Incapacity Benefit, Employment Support Allowance, Housing Benefit and Pension Credit.

It aims to support families with grants that will make a real difference, and it can provide grants for a wide range of items.

Popular grants include washing machines, sensory toys, family breaks, bedding, tablets, furniture, outdoor play equipment, clothing, and computers but it is happy to be contacted to discuss requests for things that you can prove will help meet the child's additional needs.

No application deadline advertised

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

Places of Worship Protective Security Funding Scheme

The Home Office is providing a further £1.6 million in funding to support places of worship in England and Wales that have been subjected to or could be vulnerable to hate crime attacks. Hate crimes, for the purposes of this fund, are defined as any crimes committed against a person because of their real or perceived religion.

In a change to previous years, applicants are no longer required to show they have already experienced hate crime and will be able to apply if they can show they are vulnerable to hate crime.

The funding is available to churches, gurdwaras, mosques, temples, and associated faith community centres (defined as community centre run by a place of worship or near a place of worship that is faith based, and where regular worship takes place). Synagogues may not apply, as a similar commitment was made to fund Jewish community sites through a grant administered by the Community Security Trust.

The total funding pot for 2019-20 is £1.6 million. Grants of up to £56,000 per place of worship are available.

The funding is to be used for the cost of additional security equipment. Match funding of at least 20% of the total project costs is required. This will need to be paid in advance of the installation of the security measures.

The funding can cover the costs of up to three security measures from the following list:

- CCTV
- Fencing and/or railings
- Gates
- Doors
- Windows
- Alarms
- Locks
- Access control
- Intercom systems
- Lighting

The funding only covers the provision and installation of these security measures. It does not cover other associated costs such as licensing and planning permission, or ongoing costs such as charges for annual service, maintenance and monitoring.

The deadline for applications is 31 August 2019

[NHS Blood and Transplant - BAME Community Investment Scheme](#)

Funding is available for not-for-profit projects in England and/or Wales that focus on promoting organ donation after death within the black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities.

This fund has been set up to address the lower levels of support and shortage of organ donations from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities.

The funding is for not-for-profit organisations that will deliver projects to reach black, Asian, mixed race and minority ethnic communities and/or engage people around their faith/beliefs.

As the organ donation law will be changing in England from spring 2020, programmes running in England will need to demonstrate how they will help contribute to awareness and understanding of the new opt out system so people understand their choices and make and share their donation decision. They should also address myths and barriers and increase support for organ donation among the target audience(s) of their project.

In Wales, as an opt out system came into effect in December 2015, programmes should focus on increasing understanding and support for organ donation among their target audiences so more people from these communities commit to become organ donors. This includes ensuring projects normalise donation and address myths and barriers.

Applications can cover activity in England, Wales or both countries.

The total investment for 2019/20 is around £200,000 for projects in England and £20,000 for projects in Wales.

Grants of either up to £2,499 or between £2,500 and £10,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations that have some experience in raising awareness of organ donation amongst black and Asian communities and be able to provide examples of some of their biggest achievements to date.

There is particular interest in receiving applications for projects that will engage black Caribbean and black African communities.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 1 September 2019.

Rural Community Energy Fund

The Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF), is a £15 million programme, jointly funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (DBEIS). It supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects which provide economic and social benefits to the community.

The Rural Community Energy Fund, (previously administered by WRAP through DEFRA), has had some changes made to it. The most significant change being that Stage one and Stage two are both grants, there is no longer a loan element to the scheme.

- Stage 1: grants of up to £40,000 for a feasibility study for a renewable energy project
- Stage 2: grants of up to £100,000 for business development and planning of feasible schemes

The RCEF Guidance notes and Application forms are now finalised for Stage 1 applications.

If you feel that you meet the criteria, please complete and return the pre-application questionnaire. The Midlands Energy Hub will then contact you and guide you through the application process.

Please note the first deadline for applications to the Midlands Energy Hub is 9th September 2019.

For more information contact:

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Weston Loan Programme – museums and galleries *

The Weston Loan Programme with Art Fund provides funding for museums and galleries to borrow works from national collections, encouraging the sharing of works more widely across the UK. It also provides training for the museums and galleries to secure the loans. The grants cover up to 100% of the costs associated with securing and displaying a loan, for example security reviews, insurance, transportation, conservation, installation and invigilation. They also support activity related to maximising the impact of the loan, such as production of marketing materials, on-site interpretation and/or audience engagement activity.

It can accept applications from UK public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives which are:

- regional and/or run by local authorities or universities, or have independent Trust status
- open for at least half the week for at least six months of the year (but this can be open for further discussion)
- at least provisionally accredited

Grants of between £5,000 - £25,000 are available although it is able to consider applications for more or less if there is a strong case to do so.

Deadline for applications is 10th September 2019

2020 GSK IMPACT Awards – funding and free training for health charities

The GSK IMPACT Awards provide core funding, training and national recognition for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. Up to **20 awards** will be made ranging from **£3,000** to **£40,000**.

To be eligible organisations must be at least three years old, a registered charity, working in a health-related field in the UK, with income between £80,000 and £2.5 million.

Winning organisations will have a film made, receive support with press and publicity and be given a set of promotional materials. They will also be offered free training and development valued at a further £9,500.

In 2020 there will be three days of training leading up to the GSK IMPACT Awards ceremony in London. After this, participants will be invited to join the GSK IMPACT Awards Network which connects past award winners both online and at meetings, to get and give support, share best practice and continue their professional development. Many participants have commented that the training, the new ideas and enthusiasm that they take away, and the connections they make is even more important than the award money.

Closing date for applications is 23rd September 2019

NHS England - Celebrating Involvement in Healthcare Community Grants

One-off grants are available for projects that showcase good practice around patient and citizen involvement in healthcare in England.

NHS England is inviting applications from voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations that have done some amazing patient, service-user or carer involvement work that has improved healthcare services in their community.

Grants of up to £2,500 are being made available to VCSE organisations that would like to share their good practice in a creative way with the NHS. This can be in a wide variety of ways, such as with videos, photo or audio books, leaflets and posters, graphics or other formats.

Applicants will need to explain how they have involved patients and citizens in a healthcare project and how they plan to use the grant to share and showcase their work in a creative way.

The funding can be used to cover the full cost of the project output or to part fund the work.

The deadline for applications is 23 September 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 next closing date for applications is Friday 27th September 2019.

Power to Change - Community Business Bright Ideas Fund

Not-for-profit organisations that have been operating for five years or less that want to set up their own community business in England can apply for business support and grants from the 6th August 2019.

The funding is for community groups, associations, and organisations with good ideas for a community business but need advice and a small amount of revenue funding to develop, test and get to the stage of launching their community business.

Successful organisations will receive:

- Business development support of up to 12 days from Locality, Plunkett Foundation, or Co-operatives UK.
- Grant funding of up to £15,000, which can be spent on specific activities to develop the community business idea. Match funding is required.
- Learning and peer networking – access to online resources, thematic webinars and the opportunity to visit and learn from existing community businesses.

The following is an indication of the range of grants available at different stages of development:

- Ideas stage – grants of between £1,000 and £10,000.
- Pre-venture stage – grants of between £1,000 and £15,000.

The Bright Ideas Fund is seeking strong applications from across England. **However, there is a particular interest in applications from** Bradford, Grimsby, Hartlepool, **Leicester**, Luton, Plymouth, Wigan, Liverpool City Region, Suffolk and West of England Combined Authorities. This is not a requirement, and the aim is to fund projects from a range of different places and sectors.

The guidance notes for the new round are now available on Locality - My Community website.

Round 6 will open for applications on 6 August 2019 with a deadline of 30th September 2019.

There will be additional funding rounds in:

- **February 2020 – April 2020.**
- **August – September 2020.**
- **February 2021 – March 2021.**

[War Memorials Trust - Grants for War Memorials *](#)

War Memorials Trust administers a number of grants schemes which between them cover the whole of the UK. Currently programme funders include the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, Historic England, Historic Scotland and War Memorials Trust.

Grants are currently available up to 75% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of £5,000 for non-freestanding war memorials while freestanding, non-beneficiary war memorials may be considered up to a maximum grant of £30,000.

War Memorials Trust seeks to help all war memorial custodians, whatever the nature and size of their war memorial by facilitating repair and conservation projects.

Open to anyone to apply; individuals or organisations, including councils. If you are not responsible for the war memorial you must provide written proof that you have the custodian's consent to carry out the proposed works

Annual deadlines are 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December.

[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 31st October 2019

[The National Lottery Community - Fund Climate Action Fund](#)

A new £100 million fund has been launched to support project enabling people and communities across the UK to take the lead in tackling the climate emergency.

The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) has announced that its newest fund will build a network of people and communities, well-placed to drive change within, between and beyond their community. The new fund is being launched as the level of concern over climate change continues to rise.

The funded activities are expected to differ depending on their location, but they will have one thing in common: the ability to deliver high impact community-led climate action. This includes in areas such as sustainable energy, sustainable transport, consumption, food and protecting and regenerating spaces and habitats.

The Climate Action Fund is expected to open for applications in Autumn 2019 with the first awards being announced 'well within the first half of 2020'. The funding criteria of the programme will be announced later this year.

Support available for organisations interested in social investment

Social investment is a financial enablement tool which enables organisations to focus on organisational development and long-term sustainability. It can be used for buildings, infrastructure, IT, equipment, cashflow, enabling and retaining contracts and trading activities, kicking start new services/ projects or strategic positioning. Grant funding alone is not a viable source of sustainable business funding! A good place to start to find out more about social investment is the Good Finance [website](#)

Don't be put off by the fear of having to repay a loan when you first start exploring social enterprise and investment. Going on the investment readiness and social investment journey is beneficial in that it will help you to think about the direction your organisation will take and where income will be generated. It will therefore help you to develop a business mind-set. The journey is just as important as the end goal.

You are not obliged to take out a loan when developing social enterprise business models, but it is likely that you will need it if you are successful!

If you are interested in accessing support to develop and grow through enterprise and investment, you can contact:

[VAL Sector Support Helpline](#)

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