

Additional Sources of Funding June 2021

Grant Details	Grant Amount	Deadlines	Comments
<u>Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants</u>	Under £15,000 Over £15,000	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.
<u>Architectural Heritage Fund</u> Transforming Places Through Heritage Project Viability Grants Project Development Grants Crowdfunding Challenge Grants Transformational Project Grants Community Shares Booster	Up to £15,000 Up to £100,000 Up to £25,000 Up to £350,000	Open Open Open Closed Open	The £15 million fund will help support organisations contribute to the regeneration and reimagining of England’s high streets and town centres through the reuse of historic buildings. For early viability and feasibility work For capital project development costs To match fund crowdfunding campaigns For transformational capital projects Supporting Community Share schemes
<u>Barchester’s Charitable Foundation</u> This year the focus is about connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. Applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged	From £100 to £5,000	No deadline advertised	The Foundations is focus is for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people 65+ • Adults (18+) with a physical or learning disability • Adults (18+) with mental health problems The Foundation can fund individuals and groups as well as trips

<p><u>BBC Children in Need</u></p> <p>Various grants including:</p> <p><u>Small Grants Programme</u></p> <p><u>Emergency Essentials</u></p>	<p>Grants up to £10,000 for up to 3 years (total request of £30,000)</p> <p>Funds critical items like: Cookers Fridge Freezers Clothing Children’s Beds</p>	<p>Currently closed due to the Pandemic</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>Registered Charities and not – for –profit organisations. Supports children aged 18 and under who are disadvantaged through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illness, distress, abuse, or neglect. • Any kind of disability. • Behavioural or psychological difficulties. • Living in poverty or situations of deprivation <p>Supports individual children and young people living with severe poverty, a lack of the basic facilities and additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability, or poor health in the family. Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs. The referrer’s organisation should also be able to administer and supervise the grant on our behalf.</p>
<p><u>Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small grants under £5,000 • Medium grants £5,000 to £20,000 • Large grants over £20,000 	<p>Open all year</p>	<p>Funding is available for capital projects including building works, recreational spaces, and minibuses. For registered charities and other “exempt” organisations including places of worship; hospices; heritage centres and specialist schools.</p> <p>There are four categories:</p> <p>Community – village halls, youth-based organisations</p> <p>Education –special schools assisting those with SEND</p> <p>Health -residential care, treatment centres, equipment</p> <p>Social Welfare –housing for homeless, day centres, projects supporting ex armed forces and emergency services</p>

Biffaward	Two stage process Main grants - £10,000 to £75,000.	Rolling Programme	There are four themes: Rebuilding Biodiversity, Community Buildings, Recreation and Partnership. 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.
Community Foundation – Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland 0116 262 4916 Grants vary though out the year: Mercia Park Community Fund Making Local Life Better Fund	Up to £5,000 Between £500 and £3000	6 th August 2021 Open	The Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Community Foundation administers various funds including: Help strengthen local communities (particularly their quality of life and life chances) within proximity of the Mercia Park Development at Junction 11 M42. Improve the natural environment within proximity of the Mercia Park Development at Junction 11 M42 Category One – one off specific projects or items Category Two – for core operating costs
Co-op Community Fund	Unclear	30 th May 2021	Currently the focus is on projects which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help people access food • improve mental wellbeing • provide opportunities for young people. Funding allocation is decided upon by Co-Op members
East Midlands Airport Community Fund	Grants of up to £2,000	Open	In order for an application to be successful it must be in the area of benefit and meet at least one of the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide help to community groups which are supporting vulnerable people during the COVID-19 outbreak

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation, and other leisure time activities. • Support young people to prepare for the world of work • Offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation. • Improve awareness of environmental issues through environmental education. • Encourage and/or protect wildlife.
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	Grant range from £2,000 to £1.5million	None	<p>The funding aims are to Improve the Natural World, Secure a Fairer Future and have Creative Confident Communities.</p> <p>Grants can be for up to 5 years. It also provides and social investment as repayable finance.</p> <p>Grants are for core projects costs including salaries and overheads, not building or equipment costs.</p>
FCC Community Action Fund (previously WREN) Projects must be within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility.	From £2,000 to £100,000 (total project cost £500,000)	Rounds: 16 th June to 1 st Sept 2021 15 th Sept to 1 st Dec 2021	<p>It can fund projects at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Hall or Community Centre • Play Area, skate park, multi-use games area • Sport or recreation ground including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access • Community space within a church • Nature Reserve • Public garden, park, country park or woodland with at least dawn to dusk access
Florence Turner Trust Florence Turner Trust, Shakespeares Martieau, Two Colton Square, Leicester, LE1 1QH Tel: 0116 2574462 Email: helen.pole@shma.co.uk	Grant amount not specified.	None	<p>Strong preference for Leicestershire and Rutland.</p> <p>General charitable purposes supported.</p> <p>Support people in need of all ages, particularly at-risk groups and those that are socially isolated, disabled, or poor.</p>

<p><u>Football Foundation</u></p> <p>Grant schemes vary.</p>	<p>Grant amounts vary</p>		<p>Funded items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of unsafe goalposts • Portable floodlights • Storage containers • Changing pavilion/clubhouse refurbishment and external works • Grounds maintenance equipment • Pitch improvement works
<p><u>Garfield Weston Foundation</u></p>	<p>Regular grants typically under £100,000</p> <p>Major Grants over £100,000</p>	<p>None but must allow 4 months for a decision.</p>	<p>For Charities. It can support a range of activities including: Arts, Education, Environment, Community, Faith (inclusive activities), Youth, Welfare, Museums and Heritage. Capital - community buildings, repairs, or equipment and Revenue - core costs can include rent, utilities, and salaries but not more than 10% of the total cost Project – for a specific project or activity. Include all the costs</p>
<p>George Ernest Ellis Foundation Further information and written applications to: Mathew Ellis (Secretary) GEE Foundation Stone Cottage 4 Green Lane Ashley Market Harborough Leicestershire LE16 8HD E-mail: matthew.ellis@fairstone.co.uk</p>	<p>£100 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"> • Mobilise voluntary activity • Be clearly inclusive • Foster good relationships in a complex society • Seek to address disadvantage or neglect.

<p>Greggs Foundation Local Community Projects Fund</p>	<p>Up to £2,000</p>	<p>Currently closed</p>	<p>Supports not for profit organisations to deliver projects for those who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living in poverty • Homeless • Isolated older people • People struggling with mental/ physical health <p>Please see web site for non-eligible activity.</p>
<p>Help the Homeless Grants</p>	<p>Up to £5,000</p>	<p>Deadlines: 15th June 15th Sept 15th Dec 15th March</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. Capital costs only.</p>
<p>Henry Smith Charity Various grants including:</p> <p>Henry Smith Holiday Grants for Children</p> <p>Henry Smith Charity County Grants</p>	<p>£500 - £2,500</p> <p>£500 - £20,000</p>	<p>Open</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>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 (up to £1 m if operate county-wide) 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>

Homeless Link Social Investment Fund	Unsecured loans of between £25,000 and £150,000	Open	For Charities and Social Enterprises. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the homelessness sector's knowledge and experience of social investment. • Develop new models for income generation and funding. • Improve their long-term sustainability
The J Reginald Corah Foundation Fund 20 Welby Road, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray. LE14 3RB Telephone: 01572 824000 Email: jrcfoundationfund@gmail.com	Grants range from a few hundred pounds up to £10,000.	None	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.
Leicester Charity Link			Administer a number of funds that cover Leicestershire as well as Leicester City.
Leicestershire County Council SHIRE Community Grants Contact: Andy Hayes on 0116 3057269 shiregrants@leics.gov.uk	Small Grants max £3,000 Large Grants max £10,000 Capital Grants max £10,000 Match Funding Grants max £10,000 Partnership Grants Max £25,000	28 th July 2021 27 th Oct 2021 26 th Jan 2022	For community-based projects and activities that are specifically focused on supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities in Leicestershire. It is particularly interested in funding services, projects and activities that will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve the lives, health and wellbeing of vulnerable or disadvantaged people and communities in Leicestershire • provide community-based early intervention and prevention solutions which help to reduce demand on Council and other public services • complement existing services already being delivered
Leicestershire County Council SHIRE Environment Grant	Up to £3,000	June 25 th 2021 Oct 29 th 2021 Feb 22 nd 2022	Particularly interested in funding new and innovative projects that will meet one or more of the grant scheme outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the amount of household waste

			<p>produced in Leicestershire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions within communities • To improve biodiversity and support the creation, protection, enhancement, and management of sustainable green spaces • To raise awareness and understanding on the above outcomes as well as providing necessary training and skills to manage and support projects.
<p><u>Lloyds Bank Foundation</u></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>Registered Charity or CIO's that have income between £25,000 and £1 million in their previous accounts can apply.</p>	£50,000	Open	<p>For Charities that work in the following areas of work; addiction and dependency, asylum seeker and refugees, care leavers, domestic abuse, homelessness, learning disabilities, mental health, offending, prison or community service, sexual abuse and exploitation, trafficking and modern slavery and young parents.</p> <p>Unrestricted funding over two years and tailored support.</p>
<p><u>Lutterworth Area Community Fund</u></p> <p>Projects must be within close proximity of Magna Park and fall within the administrative Parish boundaries of: Ashby Parva; Bittewsell & Bittesby; Claybrooke Parva & Magna; Cotesbach; Lutterworth Town and associated parishes; Misterton & Walcote; Monks Kirby; Pailton; Ullesthorpe; Wibtoft and Willey.</p>	£2,500 to £175,000	Quarterly panels	<p>The fund aims to support a wide range of projects and organisations. Including education, commercial, well-being and health, sport and recreation, environment, community connectedness and youth activity.</p>

<p>Market Harborough Building Society Charitable Foundation</p> <p>There is an online map showing the preferred areas of support</p>	<p>Grants between £250 and £5,000.</p>	<p>No application deadlines. But has 4 annual decision meetings</p>	<p>The Foundation provides support for charitable and voluntary organisations in Leicestershire. Grant funding is normally for capital expenditure, i.e. to acquire or upgrade physical assets such as buildings, fixtures and fittings, machinery, furniture, and other equipment.</p>
<p>Market Harborough & the Bowdens Charity</p> <p>Tel: 01858 419128</p>	<p>Small Grants up to £15,000</p> <p>Major Grants – undisclosed amount</p>	<p>Decision meetings are held every 6 weeks. Please check the website</p>	<p>Supports the geographical area of Market Harborough/ Little Bowden and Great Bowden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants to individuals in need (Relief in Need) • Funding for clubs and organisations <p>It has the following areas of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Arts • Social Welfare • Heritage • Environment
<p>Mick George Community Fund</p>	<p>Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000</p>	<p>Next closing dates: 1st Sept 2021</p>	<p>Projects must be within a specific boundary line which is on the website.</p> <p>Total project cost needs to be under £100,000 Grants will be available for capital improvement works to public amenity projects, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village halls • Village greens • Public playgrounds • Sports fields and facilities • Nature reserves • Cycle paths • Country parks
<p>Money Saving Charity (MSE)</p>	<p>Max grant £7,500</p> <p>Life Changing Transitions</p>	<p>Apply between 1st Sept 2021 and 30th Sept 2021</p>	<p>Each round will focus on delivering financial life skills to different defined groups. Please check web site for details of specific rounds.</p> <p>Building financial capability skills assisting groups who support bereavement, redundancy, retirement, relationship breakdown, homelessness, offenders, and resettlement.</p>

<p><u>Morrisons Foundation</u></p>	<p>Grants up to £25,000 and Match funding available</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. Match Funding – supports the charities that Morrisons colleagues fundraise for, and provides a cash boost to their efforts</p>
<p><u>Moto in the Community Trust</u> Community Grants scheme</p>	<p>Average grant £1,000</p>		<p>The programme is intended to support charities and community schools 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><u>National Churches Trust</u></p> <p>A range of grants including: Cornerstone Grant Gateway Grant Foundation Grant</p>	<p>Cornerstone Grant £10,000 and £50,000</p> <p>Gateway Grant £3,000 -£10,000</p> <p>Foundation Grant £500 - £5,000</p>	<p>Next deadline: 5th July 2021</p> <p>9th Sept 2021</p> <p>Open rolling programme</p>	<p>Towards the cost of urgent and essential structural repairs with estimated costs of at least £100,000 Projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. Should include toilets or catering facilities</p> <p>For churches, chapels, and meeting houses. For project development and investigative work in preparation for a major project</p> <p>For small urgent maintenance issues and repairs identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection or Survey Report. Also, small investigative works and surveys.</p>
<p><u>National Forest Programme Development Fund</u></p> <p>Tel: 01283 551 211</p>			<p>Please note that only projects which directly benefit The National Forest are eligible for grant assistance.</p>

<p>There is a range of funding opportunities to support projects that help to create or sustain the National Forest.</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><u>The National Lottery Community Fund</u></p> <p>There are a range of National Lottery grant programmes currently available to Voluntary and Community groups, including:</p> <p><u>Grants Under £10,000</u></p> <p><u>Grants Over £10,000</u></p>	<p>£300 to £10,000</p> <p>£10,001 to £300,000</p>	<p>Ongoing application process</p> <p>On-going application process</p>	<p>For voluntary and community organisations including schools and Parish/Town Councils. NLCF is still supporting projects and organisations supporting communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19.</p> <p>Aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring people together • Improve places and spaces that matter • Enable people to fulfil their potential <p>Funding is for up to 5 years. It can fund project activities, operating costs, organisational development, and capital costs.</p> <p>Three Funding Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bring people together • improve the places and spaces • enable more people to fulfil their potential
<p><u>The National Lottery Heritage Fund</u></p>	<p>From £3,000 up to £5 million</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Prioritise heritage projects that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boost the local economy • encourage skills development and job creation • support wellbeing • create better places to live, work and visit • improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage
<p>Parish Councils</p>	<p>Variable</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Potential small contributions for community projects.</p>

P C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust	Generally from £250 to £1,000		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.
Persimmon Community Champions	Community Champions Up to £2,000 Building Futures Prizes range from £1,000 to £100,000	Monthly announcements Entry deadline 15 th August 2021	Their charity match programme gives donations to local UK groups and charities, which have already raised vital funds themselves. Supporting young people under the age of 18. There are 3 categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Sport • Education
Screwfix Foundation	Up to £5,000	Applications reviewed quarterly	Support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need in the UK.
Sir Andrew Martin Trust	£100 - £250 for individuals Up to £1,000 for organisations	Closing dates are middle of March, May, August, and December.	For individuals and voluntary youth organisations. Supporting young people aged 12 to 25 in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland
Sport England For football projects see also the Football Foundation website Return to Play Fund	Small Grants £300 to £10,000 Active Together £10,000	Open Open	To help sport and activity groups, clubs and organisations respond to the immediate challenges of returning to play in a coronavirus-safe way. Part of a support package to help clubs and organisations set up and run crowdfunding campaigns related to Covid-19, such as for a loss of income due to the pandemic.

<p>SUEZ Community Trust Landfill Communities Fund</p> <p>Please use the post code checker</p>	<p>Smaller projects fund grants up to £20,000 with total cost under £40,000 Up to</p> <p>Primary fund grants up to £50,000 with total 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"> • Public amenities – leisure and recreation • Biodiversity – habitat restoration or creation • Historic Buildings, Structures or Sites - repair and restore <p>Project needs to be within 2.5 miles of a qualifying SUEZ recycling and waste processing site.</p>
<p>Tesco Community Grants</p>	<p>Grants up to £1,500</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Projects are voted on in Tesco stores over a 3 month period and then changed.</p>
<p>Tudor Trust</p>	<p>No max or min grant. Usually over £10,000</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. Can be core costs, capital, or project funding.</p>
<p>Veolia Environmental Trust</p> <p>Please use the postcode checker to check if eligible.</p> <p>Environmental Improvement Grants</p>	<p>Min of £10,000 up to £75,000 (Total cost under £250,000 incl vat)</p> <p>Min £75,000</p>	<p>Two stage application process, which opens quarterly</p>	<p>The Trust funds projects in the following schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Grants - buildings and outdoor spaces for the benefit of the community • Habitat and Biodiversity Grants – physical works to a single site to improve habitats and or biodiversity • Environmental Improvement Grants – ambitious and imaginative projects which have a local, regional, national, or even global positive impact on the environment
<p>War Memorials Trust</p>	<p>Up to £30,000</p>	<p>Not advertised</p>	<p>Up to 75% of eligible cost of repair and conservation projects. Open to anyone to apply; individuals or organisations, including councils.</p>

DISTRICT/BOROUGH SPECIFIC FUNDS			
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<u>Blaby District Council Community Grants</u> Large Capital Grants Small Capital Grants Revenue Grants Everyone Active Grants Capital Green Grants Revenue Green Grants	up to £4,000 up to £500 up to £500 up to £500 up to £4,000 up to £500	2nd June 2021 1st September 2021 1st December 2021 2nd March 2022	There are six grant schemes aimed at not-for-profit community groups wishing to expand or develop services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Capital - for work to provide or improve facilities for the benefit of the community, match-funding required. • Small Capital - purchases of lower value items. No match funding required • Revenue Grants -venue or transport hire. Costs to run an event or activity. No match funding required • Everyone Active - Health and Wellbeing to support purchase of equipment, coaches, and running activities. No match funding required • Capital Green Grants - for energy efficiency improvements, low carbon transport, composting projects. Match-funding required for grants over £500 • Revenue Green Grants – for projects to encourage walking or cycling, improve waste reduction or recycling, plant trees. No match funding required
VCS Re-Start Grant	£250	11 th June 2021	To help organisations with costs relating to re-opening or re-starting services following closure during the pandemic.
<u>Melton Borough Council Community Grants</u>	TBC	TBC	Projects should help deliver the Council's priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping people fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions • Working with our partners to address

			<p>vulnerability and tackle the root causes of social problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building safe, happy, and healthy communities • Focussing on our priority neighbourhoods, supporting people to overcome disadvantage and live well independently.
<u>Charnwood Borough Council</u>			
Charnwood Community Grants	Max £5,000	Closes 10 th Sept 2021	This scheme provides revenue funding Including organisational running costs for community bodies, one-off contributions of equipment costs for projects with community benefit.
Community Facilities Grant	Up to £20,000, to a maximum of 50% of project cost.	Closes 10 th Sept 2021	The Community Facilities Grants scheme provides capital funding for voluntary organisations, to assist with the renovation, improvement, and provision of community buildings.
Member Grants	Min £250 Max £500	Closes Feb 2022	Grants are available per Electoral Ward. Groups should discuss their project with their Borough Councillor. Applications can be made to more than one Member/ Borough Councillor.
<u>North West Leicestershire District Council</u>			
Small Grants Fund	Grants of up to £500	Open	For new projects to try something different or for one off pieces of expenditure for projects, equipment, and other items.
Coalville Special Expenses Community Chest	Max £250	Open	Community activities and initiatives in Coalville, Bardon, Snibston, Thringstone and Greenhill
Zero Carbon Grants	£50 to £500	Open	For environmentally focused community projects

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council	TBC	TBC	TBC
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council The Parish and Hinckley Community Initiative Fund Community Volunteers Fund	Maximum grant TBC Up to £250	Re-opens Sept 2021 Temporarily closed	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. The fund is specifically for small groups of volunteers or individuals to support volunteering activities
Harborough District Council Community Grant Fund Contact: Nada Hankin Harborough District Council Grant Assistant n.hankin@harborough.gov.uk	TBC	TBC	TBC

Support with identifying funding for your organisation/project

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire

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. VAL can provide assistance with searching for funding opportunities, checking the relevance of the fund to your funding aspirations, and a read and review of your bid. You can also [sign up for further e-bulletins from VAL](#), including news, events, funding opportunities, job vacancies and updates from the Government and Charity Commission.

Contact Details:

Website: www.valonline.org.uk/contact

Tel: 0116 2575050

Email: helpline@valonline.org.uk

Leicestershire Funding Toolkit

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.

Leicestershire & Rutland Sport

For sports groups and projects, specialist funding advice is available from [Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport's Funding and Insight](#) or from their Sports Development Officer, Annette Kendrick, tel: (01509) 564858, email: A.Kendrick@lrsport.org

My Funding Central

Funding can also be searched via the [My Funding Central web site](#)

In Kind Direct

Donated products can be acquired from [In kind Direct](#)

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire

Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency ([CASE](#)) is a social enterprise and co-operative which provides advice, guidance and support to existing and emerging co-operatives, social enterprises and community enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. CASE supports co-operatives and social enterprises to develop and grow, through the promotion of co-operative ways of working.

Leicestershire County Council has a contract with CASE to provide support to people currently running (or thinking of setting up) social enterprises in Leicestershire.

Contact Details:

Website: <http://case.coop/>

Tel: 0116 222 5010 Email: enquiries@case.coop

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. Organisations specialising in finance for social enterprise, charities and community organisations include Charity Bank (www.charitybank.org), Deutsche Bank (www.db.com/unitedkingdom/content/en/social_investments.html), the Social Investment Business (www.sibgroup.org.uk), Triodos Bank (www.triodos.co.uk), The Key Fund (www.thekeyfund.co.uk).

Easy Fundraising

This is a leading fundraising platform that gives organisations access to an unlimited fundraising source, that helps you to raise FREE cashback donations through online shopping. Register your group/organisation as a good cause with [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to receive free cashback donations when anyone connected to that organisation shops online with 4,200 retailers including Argos, Amazon, Just eat and Booking.com. It doesn't cost the shopper a penny more so it's an easy way for your community to support your organisation just by shopping online as they usually would.

Website: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/leicestershirerutlandsport>

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; www.ethex.org.uk; www.spacehive.com.

Community Share Offers

Help with raising funds through community share offers is available from www.communityshares.org.uk and www.microgenius.org.uk.

Commissioning Opportunities

VCSE organisations are encouraged to explore opportunities to receive income through delivering contracts for services commissioned by the public sector.

You can register to receive details of commissioning opportunities through the following websites:

- Source Leicestershire: <http://www.sourceleicestershire.co.uk/>
- Due North: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>
- Contract Finder: <https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>

Leicestershire Communities Website

The [Leicestershire Communities website](http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk) contains a range of useful information to help local people to actively participate in their communities, including information for people involved in community groups, charities and social enterprises.

The [Grants and Funding section of the website](http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants) provides a range of support, information and resources, including Monthly Funding Bulletins, information from a range of funders, along with details of support provided to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and social enterprises, by other relevant organisations.

Website: www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants