

## Additional Sources of Funding May 2019

Grant Details	Grant Amount	Deadlines	Comments
<p><b>Arts Council</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants">https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants</a></p>	<p>Under £15,000</p> <p>Over £15,000</p> <p>Max grant £100,000</p>	<p>Rolling programme – no deadlines</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Open to: Individuals, organisations, libraries and museums.</p> <p><b>Funding is for up to 3 years</b></p>
<p><b>Architectural Heritage Fund</b></p> <p><a href="http://ahfund.org.uk/england/">http://ahfund.org.uk/england/</a></p> <p><b>Transforming Places Through Heritage</b></p> <p><b>Project Viability Grants will be available to help test ideas and to get new projects off the ground.</b></p> <p><b>Project Development Grants will support the later stages of capital projects and development costs.</b></p>		<p>To be confirmed</p>	<p>It will be launching its new programmes in England in late Spring 2019, following the publication of a new strategic plan for 2019-22.</p> <p>The new £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.</p>
<p><b>Barchester’s Charitable Foundation</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/">https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/</a></p> <p>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</p>	<p>From £100 to £5000</p>	<p>No deadline advertised</p>	<p>Its focus is for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older people 65+</li> <li>• Adults (18+) with a physical or learning disability</li> <li>• Adults (18+) with mental health problems</li> </ul> <p>It can fund individuals and groups. It can fund trips out</p>

<p><b>BBC Children in Need</b>  <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/childreninneed">http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/childreninneed</a></p> <p><b>Various grants including:</b></p> <p><b>Small Grants Programme</b></p> <p><b>Curiosity (Round 2)</b></p>	<p>Grants up to £10,000 for up to 3 years (total request of £30,000)</p> <p>Up to £10,000 a year for up to 3 years  Or  Up to £40,000 a year for up to 3 years</p>	<p>Application deadlines:  27<sup>th</sup> May 2019  2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019  2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2019</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> April 2019</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"> <li>•Illness, distress, abuse or neglect.</li> <li>•Any kind of disability.</li> <li>•Behavioural or psychological difficulties.</li> <li>•Living in poverty or situations of deprivation</li> </ul> <p>Curiosity is a one-off scheme and this is the last round of funding.  Looking for new projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in the UK through engagement with and participation in science.</p>
<p><b>Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.bernardsunley.org/index.html">www.bernardsunley.org/index.html</a></p>	<p>80% of funding is via small grants of under £5,000. Grants over £25,000 are exceptional</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Funding is available for capital projects and registered charities only.  There are four categories:  Community – village halls, youth based organisations  Education –special schools assisting those with SEND  Health -residential care, treatment centres, equipment  Social Welfare –housing for homeless, day centres , projects supporting ex armed forces and emergency services</p>
<p><b>Biffaward</b>  <a href="http://www.biffa-award.org/">www.biffa-award.org/</a></p>	<p>Two stage process  Main grants - £10,000 to £75,000.</p>	<p>Various (see website)</p>	<p>There are 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</p>

<p><b>Comic Relief</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.comicrelief.com/grants">www.comicrelief.com/grants</a></p> <p>Funding opportunities vary. Please check the website for updates.</p> <p><a href="https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/funding-opportunities">https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/funding-opportunities</a></p>	<p>Children Survive and Thrive</p> <p>Up to £150,000</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> stage application deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019</p>	<p>Predominantly for charities</p> <p>Funding is for 3 -5 years.</p> <p>The aim of this programme is to support child-centred approaches, and to make progress in addressing the comprehensive development needs of children during their early years, up to and including their transition to primary school.</p>
<p><b>Community Foundation – Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/">www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/</a></p> <p>0116 262 4916</p>	<p>Various amounts available</p>	<p>Various</p>	<p>The Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Community Foundation administers various funds on behalf of donors – the fund administrator can advise.</p>
<p><b>Coalfield Communities Grants – Coalfields Regeneration Trust</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/funding">https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/funding</a></p>	<p>Between £500 and £10,000. Max £2,000 on capital projects.</p>	<p>Various</p>	<p>For voluntary and community organisations. Applications should look to deliver activities that address at least one of the following themes:</p> <p>Skills: Growing the skills of people in order to increase their opportunities</p> <p>Employment: Developing pathways to increase the number of people in work</p> <p>Health: Supporting activities that improve the health and wellbeing of all age groups</p> <p><b>It will now also cover core costs up to a maximum of 50% of the total amount being requested</b></p> <p>Leicestershire eligible wards are; Ashby Woulds, Castle Rock, Ibstock East. Priority Wards are; Greenhill and Measham</p>

<p><b>Co-op Community Dividend Fund</b></p> <p><a href="https://communities.centralengland.coop/">https://communities.centralengland.coop/</a></p>	<p>£100 to £5000 Average grant is £2000</p>	<p>26<sup>th</sup> April 2019</p>	<p>Grant criteria includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Clearly benefit the community group</li> <li>•Grants must be for a specific item or service</li> <li>•The project must be consistent with Co-operative Values and Principles</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.co-operative.coop/about-us/values">https://www.co-operative.coop/about-us/values</a></p>
<p><b>East Midlands Airport Community Fund</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/supporting-the-local-community/charitable-giving/">https://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/supporting-the-local-community/charitable-giving/</a></p>	<p>Grants of up to £2,000</p>	<p>6 closing dates in 2019 see web site</p>	<p>In order for an application to be successful it must meet at least one of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure time activities.</li> <li>• Support young people to prepare for the world of work</li> <li>• Offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation.</li> <li>• Improve awareness of environmental issues through environmental education.</li> <li>• Encourage and/or protect wildlife.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Esmee Fairbairn Foundation</b> <a href="#">Esmée Fairbairn Funding</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/">www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>Grant range from £2000 to £1.5million</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>The funding focus is in the; arts, children and young people, environment, social change, and food. Grants can be for up to 5 years. It also provides and social investment as repayable finance.</p> <p><b>Grants are for core projects costs including salaries and overheads, not building or equipment costs</b></p>
<p><b>Florence Turner Trust</b> Florence Turner Trust, Shakespeares, Two Colton Square, Leicester, LE1 1QH</p> <p>Tel: 0116 2574462 Email: <a href="mailto:helen.pole@shma.co.uk">helen.pole@shma.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Grant amount not specified.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Strong preference for Leicestershire and Rutland.</p> <p>General charitable purposes supported.</p> <p>Support people in need of all ages, particularly at risk groups and those that are socially isolated, disabled or poor.</p>

<p><b>Football Foundation</b>  <a href="https://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/">https://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/</a></p> <p><b>Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund</b></p> <p>Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund Small Grant scheme</p>	<p>Between £10,000 and £500,000</p> <p>Up to £10,000</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve facilities for football and other sport for local communities</li> <li>• Sustain or increase participation</li> <li>• Help children and adults to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport</li> </ul> <p>Up to 50% of eligible cost. Funded items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of unsafe goalposts</li> <li>• Portable floodlights</li> <li>• Storage containers</li> <li>• Changing pavilion/clubhouse refurbishment and external works</li> <li>• Grounds maintenance equipment</li> <li>• Pitch improvement works (natural and artificial surfaces)</li> <li>• Fencing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Garfield Weston Foundation</b>  <a href="http://www.garfieldweston.org/">www.garfieldweston.org/</a></p>	<p>Regular grants up to £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 fund :</p> <p>Capital - community buildings, repairs or equipment and</p> <p>Revenue - core costs can include rent, utilities and salaries but not more than 10% of the total cost</p> <p>Project – for a specific project or activity. Include all the costs</p>
<p><b>George Ernest Ellis Foundation</b>  Further information and written applications to; Mathew Ellis, Secretary, GEE Foundation, Stone Cottage, 4 Green lane, Ashley, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 8HD  E-mail: <a href="mailto:matthew@mywealthmanagement.co.uk">matthew@mywealthmanagement.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Generally up to £1,500</p>	<p>Applications by end of May each year</p>	<p>Activity within Leicester and Leicestershire is supported. Supported activities should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobilise voluntary activity</li> <li>• Be clearly inclusive</li> <li>• Foster good relationships in a complex society</li> <li>• Seek to address disadvantage or neglect.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Greggs Foundation</b> Local Community Projects Fund</p> <p><a href="https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund">https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund</a></p>	<p>Up to £2000</p>	<p><b>Deadline for round 2 is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b></p>	<p>Supports not for profit organisations to deliver projects for those who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabled or suffering chronic illness</li> <li>• Living in poverty</li> <li>• Voluntary carers</li> <li>• Homeless</li> <li>• Isolated older people</li> <li>• Other demonstrable significant need</li> </ul> <p>Please see web site for non-eligible activity.</p>
<p><b>Help the Homeless Grants</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/">http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>Up to £5000</p>	<p>4 deadlines: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019</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><b>Heritage Lottery Fund</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.hlf.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx">www.hlf.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx</a></p>	<p>From £3,000 up to £5 million</p>	<p>There are a range of deadline dates depending on which funding programme you apply for</p>	<p>Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. As a guide, this could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oral history</li> <li>• cultural traditions</li> <li>• natural and designed landscapes</li> <li>• community archaeology</li> <li>• historic buildings, monuments and environments</li> <li>• collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives</li> </ul>
<p><b>Henry Smith Charity</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/">www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Various grants including; Holiday Grants for Children, County grants Leicestershire is one of 8 counties eligible for these grants.</p>			<p>Priority is given to work with groups experiencing social and/or economic disadvantage, for example, people with disabilities; and work that tackles problems in areas of high deprivation, i.e. those that fall within the bottom third of the National Indices of Deprivation.</p>

<p><b>Henry Smith</b>  Holiday Grants for Children  <a href="http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html">www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html</a></p> <p><b>Henry Smith Charity</b>  County Grants  <a href="http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/small-county-grants.html">www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/small-county-grants.html</a>  020 7264 4970</p>	<p>£500 - £2500</p> <p>£500 - £20,000</p>	<p>Various depending on proposed trip date</p> <p>No deadlines</p>	<p>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 disabled or disadvantaged.  For schools, small charities and not-for-profit organisations, - priority to the 20% most deprived areas in the UK deprivation</p> <p>You must be a not-for-profit organisation or UK registered charity with an annual income of under £250,000 to be eligible. Grants can be used towards running costs, salaries, project costs, or one-off capital expenditure such as building refurbishment or equipment.</p>
<p><b>Homeless Link Social Investment</b>  <a href="http://www.homeless.org.uk/connect/news/2017/may/23/homeless-link-launches-social-investment-fund">http://www.homeless.org.uk/connect/news/2017/may/23/homeless-link-launches-social-investment-fund</a></p>	<p>Unsecured loans of between £25,000 and £150,000</p>		<p>For Charities and Social Enterprises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the homelessness sector's knowledge and experience of social investment.</li> <li>• Develop new models for income generation and funding.</li> <li>• Improve their long-term sustainability</li> </ul>
<p><b>Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust Fund</b>  <a href="https://www.intelligent-energy.com/about-ie/charitable-trust/">https://www.intelligent-energy.com/about-ie/charitable-trust/</a></p>	<p>Min grant £1000  Max grant £25,000</p>	<p>Decision Committee meet twice per year. Next one is in September 2019</p>	<p>For local community groups and organisations in the Charnwood area. They are keen to award donations to charities and organisations that support and help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children and young people</li> <li>• People with disabilities</li> <li>• Lifelong learning</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community and social development</li> <li>• Sports and leisure</li> <li>• Alleviation of hardship</li> <li>• Neglected or abandoned animals</li> </ul>
<p><b>The J Reginald Corah Foundation Fund</b> Stuart Makings - Taxation Services Llp., The Park House, Glaston Park, Spring Lane, Glaston, Oakham, LE15 9BW Telephone: 01572 824000 <a href="mailto:gsmfambus@btconnect.com">gsmfambus@btconnect.com</a></p>	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.
<p><b>Leicester Charity Link</b> <a href="http://www.charity-link.org">www.charity-link.org</a></p>			Administer a number of funds that cover Leicestershire as well as the City including; Nicholson Memorial Fund (children and disadvantaged young people), R Daphne Plunkett Trust (project supporting people in need) and Poor's Platt Charity (groups, schools and charities working to benefit residents of Barwell).
<p><b>Lloyds Bank Foundation</b></p> <p>The Lloyds Bank Foundation invests in charities supporting people to break out of disadvantage at critical points in their lives, and promote practical approaches to lasting change.</p> <p><a href="http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/">www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Registered Charity or CIO's that have income between £25,000 and £1 million in their previous accounts can apply.</p>	<p><b>Enable</b> grants up to £15K for 1 to 2 years</p> <p><b>Invest</b> – grants from £30K to £100K over 3 years. Additional funding may be available to extend to a period of 6 years</p>	<p>On-going application process.</p> <p><b>Invest</b> – Initial applications in by 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019</p> <p><b>Applications now in assessment phase. Currently closed to new applications</b></p>	<p>Grants for specific organisational development. To develop or trial new approaches to strengthen the effectiveness of the charity. Applicants must be a registered charity.</p> <p>Longer term funding of core or delivery costs for charities delivering clear outcomes for disadvantaged people.</p> <p>For Charities that work in the following areas of work; asylum seeker and refugees, care leavers, domestic abuse, homelessness, learning disabilities, mental health, sexual abuse and exploitation, offending , prison or community service and dependency on alcohol, drugs or gambling.</p>



<p><b>Locality</b> 0300 020 1864</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Grants</p> <p><a href="http://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/neighbourhood-planning/">http://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/neighbourhood-planning/</a></p>	<p>Grants up to £9000 additional grants for eligible groups up to £8000</p>	<p>Please check the website for details</p>	<p>For groups writing a Neighbourhood Plan or Neighbourhood Development Order. There are changes to the criteria and support available in 2019.</p> <p><a href="https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/">https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/</a></p>
<p><b>Loughborough University Community Donations Fund</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/community/donations-fund/">www.lboro.ac.uk/services/community/donations-fund/</a></p>	<p>Open Fund up to £750</p> <p>Inside Out Fund up to £500 (for staff involved in community groups)</p>	<p>Various deadlines please see web site</p>	<p>To support voluntary and community groups throughout the Charnwood region. The programme is available to fund projects in Charnwood that will benefit the local community, covering a broad range of activity areas including local sports clubs, music organisations, residents associations and women's groups and people with disabilities. In particular, the programme wishes to support projects or activities that increase engagement between the University and the community.</p>
<p><b>Magna Park Community Fund</b></p> <p><a href="http://lutterworth.magnapark.co.uk/community-fund/">http://lutterworth.magnapark.co.uk/community-fund/</a></p>	<p>The amount of any grant awarded will not normally be less than £250 or greater than £2,500</p>	<p>Panel meets twice a year during April and October</p>	<p>List of eligible parishes available on website. Supported activities include education, well-being and health, sport and recreation, environment, community connectedness and youth activity. A strong preference will also be given to business and employment led projects.</p>
<p><b>Market Harborough Building Society Charitable Foundation</b></p> <p><a href="http://Market Harborough Charitable Foundation">Market Harborough Charitable Foundation</a></p> <p>There is an online map showing the preferred areas of support</p>	<p>Grants between £250 and £5,000.</p>	<p>No application deadlines</p>	<p>The Foundation provides support for charitable and voluntary organisations in Leicestershire. Grant funding is normally for <b>capital expenditure</b>, i.e. to acquire or upgrade physical assets such as buildings, fixtures and fittings, machinery, furniture and other equipment.</p>

<p><b>Market Harborough &amp; the Bowdens Charity</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.mhbcharity.co.uk">www.mhbcharity.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>01858 419128</b></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"> <li>•Grants to individuals in need (Relief in Need)</li> <li>•Funding for clubs and organisations</li> </ul> <p>It has the following areas of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Arts</li> <li>• Social Welfare</li> <li>• Heritage</li> <li>• Environment</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mick George Community Fund</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.mickgeorge.co.uk/explore/community/mick-george-community-fund">https://www.mickgeorge.co.uk/explore/community/mick-george-community-fund</a></p>	<p>Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000</p>	<p>Next closing dates:</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020</p>	<p>Projects must be within a specific boundary line which is on the website. There is a postcode checker to assist locating your project. Total project cost needs to be under £100,000 Grants will be available for capital improvement works to public amenity projects. Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Village halls</li> <li>•Village greens</li> <li>•Public playgrounds</li> <li>•Sports fields and facilities</li> <li>•Nature reserves</li> <li>•Cycle paths</li> <li>•Country parks</li> </ul>
<p><b>Money Saving Charity (MSE)</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/site/mse-charity-fund">http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/site/mse-charity-fund</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.msecharity.com/how-to-apply/grant-themes">https://www.msecharity.com/how-to-apply/grant-themes</a></p>	<p>Max grant £7,500</p> <p>Life Changing Transitions</p>	<p>Apply between 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept and 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019</p>	<p>Each round will focus on delivering financial life skills to different defined groups. <b>Please check web site for details of specific rounds.</b></p> <p>Developing financial capability skills for groups who support; bereavement , redundancy, retirement, relationship breakdown, homelessness, offenders , resettlement</p>

<p><b>Morrison's Foundation</b> <a href="http://www.morrison'sfoundation.com/">www.morrison'sfoundation.com/</a></p>	<p>Grants 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 Morrison's colleagues fundraise for, and provides a cash boost to their efforts</p>
<p><b>Moto in the Community Trust</b> Community Grants scheme <a href="http://motointhecommunity.co.uk/">http://motointhecommunity.co.uk/</a></p>	<p>Average grant £1000</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><b>National Churches Trust</b> <a href="http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants">http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants</a>  <b>A range of grant including:</b> <b>Cornerstone Grant</b> <b>Gateway Grant</b> <b>Foundation Grant</b></p>	<p>Cornerstone Grant £10,000 and £50,000  Gateway Grant £3000 -£10,000  Foundation Grant £500 - £3000</p>	<p>Next deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019  9<sup>th</sup> May 2019  12<sup>th</sup> May 2019</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  For churches, chapels and meeting houses. For project development and investigative work in preparation for a major project  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. Project costs should not exceed £10,000.</p>

<p><b>National Forest Programme Development Fund</b>  <a href="https://www.nationalforest.org/about/partner-with-us/grant-opportunities">https://www.nationalforest.org/about/partner-with-us/grant-opportunities</a></p> <p>01283 551 211</p> <p>There is a range of funding opportunities to support projects that help to create or sustain the National Forest.</p>			<p>Please note that only projects which directly benefit The National Forest are eligible for grant assistance.</p> <p>Projects that may be suitable for funding include works relating to site development, access and conservation (e.g. orchards and hedgerows), heritage, communities, tourism, partnerships and management.</p>
<p><b>The National lottery Community Fund</b></p> <p>There are a range of National Lottery grant programmes currently available to Voluntary and Community groups, including:</p> <p><b>Awards For All</b>  <a href="https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k">https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k</a></p> <p><b>Reaching Communities</b>  <a href="https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/over10k">https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/over10k</a></p>	<p>£300 to £10,000</p> <p>Over £10,000</p>	<p>Ongoing application process</p> <p>On-going application process</p>	<p>For voluntary and community organisations including schools and Parish/Town Councils.</p> <p>Aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To bring people together</li> <li>• Improve places and spaces that matter</li> <li>• Enable people to fulfil their potential</li> </ul> <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"> <li>•bring people together</li> <li>•improve the places and spaces</li> <li>•enable more people to fulfil their potential</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parish Councils</b></p>	<p>Variable</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Potential small contributions for community projects.</p>

<p><b>P C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.hickinbothamtrust.org.uk">www.hickinbothamtrust.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Generally £250 to £1000</p>		<p>Grants for charities in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, North Wales and Northern Ireland. Projects include: disability, social deprivation, homelessness, substance and alcohol abuse, prisoner education and rehabilitation, asylum and immigration issues, rehabilitation of prostitutes, the arts, cultural projects, historical projects, youth, community development, environmental improvements.</p>
<p><b>Persimmon Community Champions</b>  <a href="http://www.persimmonhomes.com/charity/">www.persimmonhomes.com/charity/</a></p>	<p>Community Champions Up to £1000</p> <p>Building Futures Monthly donations of £1000 but also prizes between £5000 and £100,000</p>	<p>Monthly announcements</p> <p>Open between February and May 2019</p>	<p>Their charity match programme gives donations to local UK groups and charities, which have already raised vital funds themselves.</p> <p>There are 3 categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Sport</li> <li>• Education</li> </ul>
<p><b>People's Postcode Trust Grants</b>  <a href="http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/">http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Two stage grant process</p>	<p>£500 up to £20,000 (Charities only) Max grant of £2000 (all other eligible groups)</p>	<p>Round 2 Stage 1 open dates: 31<sup>st</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019</p>	<p>Can fund new projects or significant expansion of existing projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poverty prevention</li> <li>• Promotion of human rights</li> <li>• Combatting discrimination</li> </ul> <p>Community Groups, Charities and Not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply</p>
<p><b>Prince's Countryside Fund - Rural Four Grant Programme</b>  <a href="http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/rural-four">http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/rural-four</a></p>	<p>Up to £25,000</p>	<p>No deadline provided</p>	<p>The Rural Four project aims to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinvigorate community networks by assisting with rebuilding community assets;</li> <li>• Improve the health and well-being of socially isolated people through providing access to improved community assets and a network of</li> </ul>

			<p>support;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a lasting legacy of support and community spirit in the areas supported.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Police and Crime Commissioners Prevention Fund</b>  <a href="https://www.leics.pcc.police.uk/Planning-and-Money/Commissioning/Current-Funding-Available/PCCs-Prevention-Fund.aspx">https://www.leics.pcc.police.uk/Planning-and-Money/Commissioning/Current-Funding-Available/PCCs-Prevention-Fund.aspx</a></p>	<p>Prevention Fund  Up to £9,999  Or  £10,000 - £25,000</p>	<p>No deadline</p>	<p>For community based grassroots organisations to address challenging issues which have a serious impact on public safety including hate crime, domestic violence and child sexual exploitation</p>
<p><b>Royal British Legion</b>  <a href="http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/finance/grants/external-grants/">http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/finance/grants/external-grants/</a>   <a href="mailto:externalgrants@britishlegion.org.uk">externalgrants@britishlegion.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Grants will not exceed £50,000. Smaller applications are encouraged</p>	<p>Unspecified</p>	<p>There are a range of specific grants for projects that directly benefit ex-services personnel and or their families.  Applications for projects supporting the following outcome themes will be prioritised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Employment and training</li> <li>•Family support</li> <li>•Homelessness and outreach</li> <li>•Supporting the elderly</li> </ul>
<p><b>Screw- Fix Foundation</b>  <a href="https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/">https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/</a>   <a href="https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/">https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/</a></p>	<p>Up to £5000</p>	<p>Applications reviewed quarterly</p>	<p>Support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need in the UK.</p>
<p><b>SHIRE Climate Change Grants</b>  Leicestershire County Council  <a href="https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/climate-change-grant.html">https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/climate-change-grant.html</a>   Contact: Nailesh Ramaiya on 0116 3058111  <a href="mailto:nailesh.ramaiya@leics.gov.uk">nailesh.ramaiya@leics.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Up to £5,000 and up to 50% of project costs (75% for energy audits).</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> closing date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019</p>	<p>Available to Parish Councils/Meetings and Town Councils, local community groups, faith groups, charities and village/community building management committees. Grants can assist with a variety of schemes (energy audits, events and training for communities and practical installation projects) that help to improve energy efficiency and reduce the potential impacts of climate change.</p>

<p><b>SHIRE Community Grants</b> Leicestershire County Council <a href="https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/shiregrants">https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/shiregrants</a></p> <p>Contact: Andy Hayes on 0116 3057269 <a href="mailto:andy.hayes@leics.gov.uk">andy.hayes@leics.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Small Grants of up to £3,000 Large Grants between £3000 and £10,000</p>	<p>Closing dates: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019</p>	<p>Grants for constituted not-for-profit community groups, registered charities, social enterprises and Parish/Town Councils. Funding for projects that help communities to deliver sustainable preventative and early intervention activity and services for vulnerable or disadvantaged people.</p> <p>Particularly interested in projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities</li> <li>• provide early intervention and preventative solutions that help reduce demand for high-cost services;</li> <li>• complement existing services</li> <li>• develop alternative services to make up for public service reductions</li> </ul>
<p><b>SHIRE Recycling Grant</b> <a href="https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/recycling-grant.html">https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/recycling-grant.html</a></p>	<p>Up to £3000</p>	<p>Closing dates: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019</p>	<p>For community based groups /organisations to deliver local waste prevention, recycling and composting projects. Examples: Give and Take events, community food waste cafés, bag for life projects, community composting projects and second hand toy libraries</p>
<p><b>Sir Andrew Martin Trust</b> <a href="http://www.sirandrewmartintrust.org">www.sirandrewmartintrust.org</a></p>	<p>£100 - £500 for individuals Up to £1000 for organisations</p>		<p>For individuals and voluntary youth organisations. Supporting young people aged 12 to 21(25 if special needs) in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland</p>
<p><b>Sport England</b> <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx">Sport England - Funding Guidelines</a> <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx">http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx</a></p> <p>For football projects see also the Football Foundation <a href="http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk">www.footballfoundation.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Small Grants £300 to £10,000</p>	<p>Open all year</p>	<p>To support not-for-profit organisations to help more young people (aged 14+) and adults take and keep a sporting habit for life.</p>

<p>A range of funding schemes including :</p>	<p>Community Asset Fund £1000 to £150,000</p>	<p>Open all year</p>	<p>Capital fund to enhance local community spaces. Can be buildings as well as parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve and protect existing sports facilities</li> <li>• Invest in new and different places that meet the needs of the local community</li> </ul>
<p><b>SUEZ Community Trust (previously SITA)</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/">http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>Up to £50,000 (overall cost less than £250,000)</p>	<p>No application deadline. Two stage application process</p>	<p>Not for profit organisations. For projects which are for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public amenities – leisure and recreation</li> <li>• Biodiversity – habitat restoration or creation</li> <li>• Historic Buildings , Structures or Sites - repair and restore</li> </ul> <p>Project needs to be within 3 miles of a qualifying SUEZ recycling and waste processing site</p> <p>Please use the post code checker: <a href="http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/postcode-checker">www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/postcode-checker</a></p>
<p><b>Tesco Charitable Trust Tesco Local Community Grants</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.tesco.com/carrier-bags/">https://www.tesco.com/carrier-bags/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco-local-community-scheme-uk-programmes">https://www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco-local-community-scheme-uk-programmes</a></p>	<p>Grants up to £4000</p>	<p>Every two months via instore voting using tokens</p>	<p>For projects that improve the local environment. Projects will include building new pocket parks, sports facilities, woodland walks and community gardens. It will also fund training for coaches or volunteers and hosing community events.</p>
<p><b>Transform Foundation</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/">https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/</a></p> <p><b>Facebook Grant</b></p>	<p>£5000</p>	<p>No application deadlines</p>	<p>Aims to help charities with their digital profile: to provide the initial funding to small and mid-size charities to help them prove the potential of online marketing as a way of recruiting donors, volunteers, campaigners, or helping beneficiaries.</p> <p>For facebook advertising.</p>



<p><b>Tudor Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.tudortrust.org.uk/">www.tudortrust.org.uk/</a></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><b>Veolia</b>  <b>The Veolia Environmental Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.veoliatrust.org">www.veoliatrust.org</a></p> <p>Please use the postcode checker on web site to check if eligible.</p>	<p>Min of £10,000 up to £75,000          (Total cost under £250,000 incl vat)</p>	<p>Two stage application process, which opens quarterly</p>	<p>The Trust funds projects related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community buildings including village halls, religious buildings and scout/guide buildings and</li> <li>• Outdoor space including parks, nature reserves and recreational routes</li> <li>• Play and recreation including play areas, multi-use games courts, pavilions and changing rooms</li> </ul>
<p><b>War Memorials Trust</b>  <a href="http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/">http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/</a></p>	<p>Normal max £30,000</p>	<p>Not advertised</p>	<p>Up to 75% of eligible cost of repair and conservation projects</p>
<p><b>WH Smith Trust Community Grant</b>  <a href="https://blog.whsmith.co.uk/community-grants-application/">https://blog.whsmith.co.uk/community-grants-application/</a></p>	<p>Up to £500</p>	<p>2 rounds per year          1st April to 30th September          1st October to 31st March</p>	<p>Aims to support good causes in the local communities where WHSmith operates. Charities, Constituted Community Groups, Schools and Pre-Schools can apply.</p>
<p><b>WREN</b>  <a href="http://www.wren.org.uk/">www.wren.org.uk/</a>          01953 717165 <a href="mailto:info@wren.org.uk">info@wren.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>FCC Community Action Fund</b></p>	<p>£2000 – £50,000 for projects under £500,000</p>	<p>On line application process.          Various closing dates:          12th June 2019          11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019          11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019</p>	<p>WREN no longer has operations in Leicestershire, but is still present in surrounding counties. Projects must be within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site in WREN's operating area.          Please use the distance checker on our website <a href="http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/distcalc">http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/distcalc</a>          The primary intent of the project must be for the protection of the environment, the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park; or another public amenity including buildings.</p>

<b>DISTRICT/BOROUGH SPECIFIC FUNDS</b>			
<b>Grant Details</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Deadlines</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Blaby District Council Community Grants</b> <a href="https://www.blaby.gov.uk/leisure-health-and-community/community/community-grants/">https://www.blaby.gov.uk/leisure-health-and-community/community/community-grants/</a>	Community Revenue Grants - up to £500 Large Capital Grants - up to £4,000 Small Capital grants up to £500 Youth Grants up to £500 Everyone Active £500	6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020	There are five grant schemes aimed at not-for-profit community groups wishing to expand or develop services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Revenue Grants are to help develop projects – no match funding required</li> <li>• Large Capital Grants are for work to provide or improve facilities for the benefit of the community, matching funds are required.</li> <li>• Small capital purchases that benefit the community no match funding required</li> <li>• Youth Grants are for developing activities/projects that make a positive difference to children and young people aged 8-19 (or up to 24 with additional needs) no match funding required</li> <li>• Everyone Active - Health and Wellbeing to support purchase of equipment, coaches, and running activities. No match funding required</li> </ul>
<b>Charnwood Borough Council</b> <a href="https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/charnwoodgrants">https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/charnwoodgrants</a> <a href="#">Community Development and Engagement Grants</a>	Community Development and Engagement Grants up to £10,000	3 Rounds per year. Please check the website.	This scheme provides revenue funding Including organisational running costs for community bodies, one-off contributions to projects with community benefit and grants to individuals.

<p><a href="#">Community Facilities Grants and Feasibility Studies Grants</a></p>	<p>Community Facilities Grant scheme - up to £20,000, to a maximum of 50% of project cost.</p> <p>Feasibility Studies Grant scheme - up to £5,000, to a maximum of 50% of the cost.</p>	<p>3 Rounds per year please check the website</p> <p>As above</p>	<p>The Community Facilities Grants scheme provides capital funding for voluntary organisations, to assist with the renovation, improvement and provision of community buildings, and small-scale environmental improvement schemes.</p> <p>The Feasibility Studies Grant scheme provides support with the commissioning of feasibility studies as part of the development plan to undertake substantial refurbishment or propose a new-build community facility.</p>
<p><a href="#">Loughborough Community Grants</a></p>	<p>Loughborough Community Grants Up to £2,000.</p>	<p>4 Rounds per year. Please see check the website.</p>	<p>Loughborough Community Grants are revenue grants to cover the running costs of small projects run by voluntary sector organisations in Loughborough.</p>
<p><a href="#">Sports and Leisure Grants</a></p>	<p>Sport and Leisure Various grant categories ranging from £20 to £1,500</p>	<p>As above</p>	<p>This scheme offers the following grants:  Development Grants - to support new sports clubs or groups and existing clubs in developing their programmes  Coach Education Grants – for the development of coaches and officials.  Talent Support Fund – to support individual talented sports performers from Charnwood  Facility Development Grants - To assist sports organisations with playing facilities and ancillary accommodation.</p>
<p><a href="#">Member Grants</a></p>	<p>Member Grants Between £250 and £1000</p>	<p>Re-opens 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019</p>	<p>Grants are available per Electoral Ward. Groups should discuss their project with their Councillor</p>

<p><b>North West Leicestershire District Council</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/grants_and_funding">https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/grants_and_funding</a></p> <p>Various funding schemes including: Small Grants Fund</p> <p>Green Grants</p> <p>Coalville Special Expenses Community Chest</p>	<p>Grants of up to £500</p> <p>Up to £500</p> <p>Max £250</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Community based projects that are new and exciting and will make a huge difference to your community in North West Leicestershire Grants are for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary or community organisations</li> <li>• Parish or town councils</li> <li>• Joint partnerships</li> <li>• Schools, academies or colleges</li> </ul> <p>To support community projects – 50% match funding required.</p> <p>For environmentally focussed projects. 50% match funding required</p> <p>Community activities and initiatives in Coalville, Bardon, Snibston, Thringstone and Greenhill no match funding required.</p>
<p><b>Oadby and Wigston Community and Youth Grants</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/community_grant_scheme">www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/community_grant_scheme</a></p>	<p>None but small fund</p>	<p>Closing dates: 10th May 2019 9th August 2019 8th Nov 2019 7th Feb 2020</p>	<p>Financial assistance for local groups and youth groups for one-off projects taking place within Oadby and Wigston that directly benefit local communities. Can't be used for running costs such as rent or room hire</p>
<p><b>Hinckley &amp; Bosworth Borough Council</b></p> <p>Parish Community Initiative Fund <a href="https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/200335/funding_for_community_projects/509/community_initiative_funds">https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/200335/funding_for_community_projects/509/community_initiative_funds</a></p> <p>The Hinckley Community Initiative Fund</p>	<p>Maximum grant £12,000</p> <p>Up to £10,000</p>	<p>Re-opens Oct 2019</p> <p>Closed 1st April 2019</p>	<p>These grants fund a wide variety of capital projects such as play areas, village hall improvements, landscaping projects, new pathways, heritage trails and village signs. c50% match funding is required.</p> <p>Capital projects within Hinckley Town</p> <p>Funding is available to support voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations deliver</p>

<p><b>Hinckley &amp; Bosworth Borough Council</b>  <a href="#">Voluntary and Community Sector Commissioning</a></p>	<p>Two grants Up to £3000</p> <p>Up to £1000</p>	<p>Currently closed</p>	<p>frontline provision/projects which will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Enable people to keep safe</li> <li>•Enable people to keep well</li> <li>•Enable people to become/remain independent</li> <li>•Enable people to enjoy life</li> </ul>
<p><b>Harborough District Council</b></p> <p>Community Grant Fund 2019/20  <a href="http://www.harborough.gov.uk/community-grant-fund">www.harborough.gov.uk/community-grant-fund</a>  Contact: HDC Grant Assistant, Nada Hankin  <a href="mailto:n.hankin@harborough.gov.uk">n.hankin@harborough.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Harborough District Section 106 Grants  <a href="http://www.harborough.gov.uk/section106">http://www.harborough.gov.uk/section106</a></p>	<p>Dependant on Section 106 balance/s in specific parish. Please check the website</p>	<p><b>Currently closed</b></p> <p><b>Opens June 2019</b></p>	<p>Parish Councils and all community /voluntary groups can apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase participation in physical activity</li> <li>• Enable the voluntary sector to support vulnerable people</li> <li>• Stronger Communities – services to be provided in the locality</li> </ul> <p>Capital Grants towards Community Facilities and Offsite Recreation  <b>Please see website for Section 106 grant criteria and eligible areas.</b></p>

## **Support with identifying funding for your organisation/project**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Loan and Investment Finance**

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

## **Crowd-funding**

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

## **Community Share Offers**

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

## Appendix A

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

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

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

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

8. You will then be asked to provide specific details in relation to what you are searching for funding for, i.e. -
  - the focus of your project
  - your organisation type
  - how long your group/organisation has been active
  - what you are looking for funding for
9. Once you have entered your search criteria, click the 'Search now' orange icon at the bottom on the form.
10. You will then be provided with a number of potential sources of funding (i.e. the results of your search), broken down by Local Funding and National Funding.
11. You will need to click on each of the search results and go through the details of various schemes/funding programmes to see if you think you may be eligible for funding from any of these sources (these are listed in categories of Local, Regional and National funding programmes).
12. The details provided are very comprehensive and will also provide links to other websites with more information about the particular funding programmes.
13. This might be quite a time consuming exercise, but it is also highly worthwhile!!
14. If you feel your project does not meet the criteria for any of the funding programmes listed, try doing another search, using different criteria, e.g. for 'focus of your project' and/or 'what you are looking for funding for'.
15. There is also the option of saving your search results, by clicking on the 'Save Search' orange icon on the right hand side of the page.
16. You can also save selected schemes, by following the 'Select Schemes' section on the right hand side of the page.
17. Finally, you can also import details of funding programmes into Word to create a report, by clicking the 'Produce Report' orange icon on the right.
18. If you need any further advice at this stage, feel free to to contact Voluntary Action Leicestershire, email [helpline@valonline.org.uk](mailto:helpline@valonline.org.uk), or ring 0116 2575050.
19. Good luck!!