

Monthly Funding Information February 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](#) .

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Funding for projects which support Adults

1. [Barchester's Charitable Foundation Grants](#)

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- Older people 65+
- Adults (18+) with a physical or learning disability
- Adults (18+) with mental health problems

It is a unique charity that helps individuals, as well as small community groups and small local charities. Applications for named individuals must be completed by a third party who knows the individual in a professional or community-based capacity. Any applications submitted by the named individual or family will not be processed.

The Foundation will favour applications that help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life, with grants ranging from £100 up to £5,000. The average grant awarded in 2018 was approx. £850.

This year's focus for the grants is about connecting people with others in their local community, particularly for applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged.

No application deadline advertised

2. Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Veterans' Community Centres Programme

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has launched a £3m funding programme to fund renovations and improvements to veterans' community centres. Grants of up to £30,000 are available and a small number of grants of up to £150,000 will be made to more complex projects.

The Veterans' Community Centres Programme is a specialist pot of funding. Applicants must be Armed Forces charities with an existing building that requires refurbishment.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a charity or CIC that supports the Armed Forces Community
- Have an existing community centre used by veterans
- Need funding to improve the centre
- Have security of tenure

Most grants will be for £30,000 or less, administered over three rounds of funding.

Grants of up to £150,000 will only be made in the final application round.

Applicants seeking between £30,000 and £150,000 must have a mandatory conversation with the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust before submitting an application.

Deadlines:

- **Round 1: Submission by 9am 11th March for decision by end May 2019**
- **Round 2: Submission by 9am 5th June for decision by end August 2019**
- **Round 3: Submission by 9am 4th November for decision by end February 2020**

3. Armed Forces Covenant Fund Local Grants Programme *

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for projects that respond to the local needs of the armed forces community in the UK and improve recognition of the Armed Forces Covenant. The Local Grants Programme is administered by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and is provided through the Armed Forces Covenant Fund, which has £10 million available each year to support projects that address the Trust's funding priorities.

Eligible Local Grants projects must:

- Help integrate armed forces and civilian communities across the UK, and/or
- Deliver valuable local services to the armed forces community.

Applications are invited from registered charities, community interest companies, local authorities, schools, and armed forces units with a UIN (Unit Identification Number).

Applying organisations should:

- Have experience and a track record of working with the armed forces community, as well as a real understanding of the issues facing the armed forces community.
- Be able to provide evidence of real engagement and partnership working - with either an armed forces charity or an armed forces unit.
- Understand the local need for the project they want funded
- Work closely with their Local Covenant Partnerships to ensure projects that are properly connected locally, respond to recognised need and do not duplicate other provisions.

Applications can be submitted at any time until 2nd December 2019 (9.00am) and will be reviewed quarterly.

4. Asda Foundation - First Steps Enterprise Fund

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Funding is available for community organisations (charities and social enterprises) based in England that are looking to take on their first loan to help them grow and become more sustainable.

Particular preference is given to organisations that work in the following areas:

- Older people
- Health and wellbeing
- Employment for young people

Funding packages of up to £30,000 are available (90% loan and 10% grant). The loan element is charged at 5% (fixed) to be repaid over a period of 4 years with an optional capital holiday for the first year. Up to £50,000 is available for exceptional cases.

No application deadline advertised

5. Government Equalities Office – Returners Fund *

Round 3 of the Returners Fund is now open.

In the UK, around 1.8 million women are currently economically inactive because they are caring for their home or family, this is more than eight times the number of men in that position. Nine out of 10 potential returners to work are women.

It is anticipated that most of the grant recipients under the Returners Fund will be voluntary and community sector organisations and social enterprises, however all types of organisations, including local authorities, that can demonstrate they can support Returners from marginalised groups are eligible.

£500,000 will help start up innovative programmes to help marginalised women return to work. This will support organisations to run projects aimed at returners from groups facing the greatest disadvantage including:

- Victims of domestic abuse, including economic abuse
- People who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- People who speak little to no English
- People with substance abuse support needs
- People with mental or physical health issues
- People who can't access public funds due to their immigration status, but who have the right to work
- Ex-offenders
- People struggling to cope with their economic circumstances
- Women who experience multiple barriers due to their gender and their faith, sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

Grants will only go to those organisations which can show they have direct relationships with employers who can offer jobs opportunities. They will support parents and carers - men and women - back into the workplace through training, refreshing skills and facilitating work placements.

The maximum grant will be £100,000.

Projects are expected to:

- Create new job opportunities within the private sector that could not otherwise be established by the market;
- Address specific barriers for returners that can be replicated at scale;
- Demonstrate self-sustainability beyond the initial funding period of the grant; and
- Develop an understanding of how best to support a) returners to gain paid employment and b) employers to recruit and support returners.

Closing date for applications is 8th March 2019

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No application deadline advertised

7. Health and Wellbeing Fund 2019-20 - Children & Young People's Mental Health

Voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations can apply for funding to run projects focused on improving children and young people's mental health.

The fund aims to expand and evaluate already successful innovative projects that:

- Adopt community and person-centred approaches to improving mental health of children and young people aged 0 - 25 years
- Support children and young people through life changing events
- Have strong local connections already in place
- Are co-produced with service users and stakeholders
- Promote equality and reduce health inequalities

The expansion of projects should enable the testing of a new approach within an existing project to reach a different audience. A maximum of £510,000 can be applied for, and is for projects to be delivered over a period of 3 years. If successful, the funding is tapered over the 3 year period with match funding being required from a statutory provider such as a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Local Authority (LA) or Sustainability or Transformation Partnership (STP) After the 3 years of funding, the projects are expected to find ongoing funding and demonstrate sustainability.

Deadline for applications - 15th February 2019

8. The Y - Funding for Heritage Projects Involving Young People *

The Y in Leicester has been awarded £707,500 through the Heritage Lottery Fund's pioneering "Kick the Dust" funding programme.

The Y Heritage Project will offer grants of between £3,000 and £30,000 to eligible organisations in Leicester or Leicestershire who are able to help deliver local heritage projects, whilst hosting meaningful work opportunities for vulnerable young people, helping to develop and utilise the skills of these young people (who are residents at the Y's homeless shelter).

As part of the funding programme, it will run a series of "Dragons Den" style pitches over the next three years, where shortlisted applicants will be able to present their proposals to a panel of young people from The Y.

The Y are very keen to engage with heritage projects across Leicestershire to promote this exciting opportunity.

For any group/organisation to be in with a good chance of being awarded funding, they need to be able to:

- Develop / deliver a project which promotes local heritage or history. Examples could include restoring artefacts or producing historical exhibitions/displays
- Engage young people in local heritage and history projects
- Host a placement for a (vulnerable) young person to help run the project and learn/develop a range of new skills
- Would be interested in applying for funding (up to £30,000) for such a project

Y Heritage will work to two commissioning and training cycles a year over a three-year period; one which takes place between September and December; and another which takes places between February and May.

The deadline for the next commissioning round is 1st March 2019.

Application forms can be submitted throughout the year, but applicants will be required to make it clear when the project is scheduled to take place.

9. Comic Relief's Children Survive and Thrive Fund

Funding for charitable organisations in the UK, Kenya or Malawi to support community action for early childhood development that helps children have the best possible start in life and become happy, healthy and confident individuals.

Comic Relief will make investments of up to £150,000 in the UK and up to £300,000 in Kenya and Malawi for three to five years. The investments may be higher for organisations that will both deliver strong community-level efforts and also contribute to strategic changes.

The funding is intended for locally-rooted charitable organisations that directly support families with young children in the UK, Kenya or Malawi. 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. These child-centred approaches should be based on recognised good practice.

Comic Relief is interested in work that:

- Adopts the principles of children's rights to survive and thrive, leaving no child behind, and supporting child-centred and family-centred care and nurturing.
- Uses a participatory approach at all project stages and values the experience and insights of people who are directly affected by factors that impede early childhood development, including parents, family members and other carers, and communities. Depending on the age group, this can also include children's views, e.g. through child-to-child approaches.

Comic Relief wants to work with people who are interested in engaging in shared learning and will support collaboration between funded partners. It is hoped this will contribute to learning about the value of grassroots efforts for early childhood development, and how key stakeholders and funders can provide support that creates long-term change.

The investment can be used to cover specific activities, or a combination of activities and the organisation's core costs or overheads. If an organisation's main purpose is to advance early childhood development, and it can demonstrate its impact, Comic Relief may consider funding core costs only.

Starting in January 2019, UK organisations are eligible to apply if their annual income is between £250,000 and £10 million. Comic Relief aims to fund no more than 40% of an organisation's future income. The funder will consider budgets that have higher amounts in some years, as long as the average annual funding is within the new 40% limit.

There is a two-stage application process.

The deadline for first stage applications is 22 March 2019 (12 noon).

[10. Funding for International School Exchanges](#)

The Department for Education (DfE) has announced that thousands of young people will have the chance to take part in international exchanges and visits thanks to a new £2.5 million programme delivered in partnership with the British Council.

Later this year, schools in England will be able to apply for grants to take pupils aged 11 and above to visit partner schools around the world, giving them the chance to experience different cultures, improve language skills and build independence, character and resilience.

Research has found that only 39% of secondary schools run international exchanges and as a result this programme will be principally focused on supporting children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The programme will be made easy for schools to take part in, with a simple application process, grants to cover the administrative cost of organising trips, and seminars to help schools without much experience of international visits find partner institutions abroad - in Europe or further afield.

Over the course of the programme, it is estimated that trips could be funded for 2,900 pupils.

Funding will be targeted at schools with above-average numbers of pupil-premium students.

The fund will open to applications later this year. Schools can register their interest on the [British Council website](#).

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No deadline

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

[12. Leicestershire County Council SHIRE Climate Change Grant](#)

Leicestershire County Council is encouraging community groups and organisations to apply for funding 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

Final Closing Date for 2019 - Thursday 28th February 2019

[13. Leicestershire County Council SHIRE Recycling Grant](#)

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.

The Council is 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.

Deadline for applications - 29th March 2019

14. Grants to Support Events Celebrating National Vegetarian Week 2019

Not-for-profit groups and organisations can apply for funding to support community activities or events that celebrate National Vegetarian Week 2019 in the UK.

Small grants of £200 and larger grants of £2,000 are available for community events and activities that:

- Take place in May 2019. National Vegetarian Week takes place from 13 to 19 May.
- Promote National Vegetarian Week exclusively as the primary purpose of the funded activity.
- Celebrate and promote delicious vegetarian food.
- Are exclusively vegetarian or vegan. (Events cannot have non-vegetarian food or drink).
- Attract those beginning their vegetarian journey, meat-reducers and the veggie-curious, but also inclusive of the wider vegetarian community.

Examples of events and activities could include, but are not limited to, cookery demonstrations, communal meals, recipe exchanges, and tasting sessions. The grants can also be used for food and ingredients, room hire, equipment hire, transport costs, cookery demonstration materials, public liability insurance, and direct costs in delivering the activity.

There are three application deadlines in 2019:

- **The deadline for large grants is 3rd March 2019**
- **The deadlines for small grants are 17th March and 14th April 2019**

15. Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust Fund supports groups in Charnwood

Intelligent Energy, the Loughborough based fuel cell engineering company, have launched a £100,000 Charitable Trust Fund to benefit local community groups and organisations in the Charnwood area. They are keen to award donations to charities and organisations that support and help:

- Children and young people
- People with disabilities
- Lifelong learning
- Community and social development
- Sports and leisure
- Alleviation of hardship
- Neglected or abandoned animals

The minimum amount that can be applied for is £1000 and the maximum amount is £25,000 per annum. You can apply by completing the application form [here](#)

The Trust committee aim to meet twice a year. The next meeting of the committee will be in March/April 2019.

16. Action Grants Available under 2019 Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC) Work Programme *

The EU's Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC) Programme aims to ensure people's rights and freedoms are effective in practice, by making them better known and more consistently applied across the EU. It also promotes the rights of children, and the principles of non-discrimination and gender equality, including projects to combat violence against women and children.

The Programme is open to all public or private bodies and entities legally established in:

- Member States.
- EFTA countries which are party to the EEA Agreement.
- Accession countries, candidate countries and potential countries.

The specific objectives of the Programme are to:

- Promote non-discrimination
- Combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance
- Promote rights of persons with disabilities
- Promote equality between women and men and gender mainstreaming
- Prevent violence against children, young people, women and other groups at risk (Daphne)
- Promote the rights of the child
- Ensure the highest level of data protection
- Promote the rights deriving from Union citizenship
- Enforce consumer rights

The following Action Grant Calls are open to applications under the 2019 REC Work Programme:

- Call for Proposals to Prevent and Combat All Forms of Violence Against Children, Young People and Women: Total budget: €1.5 million.

Deadline for applications: 11 April 2019

- Restricted Call for Proposals to National Data Protection Authorities on Reaching out to Stakeholders on the New Data Protection Legislation: Total budget: €1 million.

Deadline for applications: 11 April 2019

- Call for Proposals for Capacity-building in the Area of Rights of the Child - Putting in Place Robust National or Regional Integrated Mechanisms to Support Children Ageing out of/Leaving Alternative Care: Total budget: €4 million.

Deadline for applications: 14 May 2019

17. Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government - Future High Streets Fund *

The Future High Streets Fund provides £675 million co-funding towards capital projects that bring transformative change. Government want to see the regeneration of town centres through innovative proposals around transport, housing delivery and our public services. Up to £55 million of the Fund has also been allocated to support the regeneration of 'heritage high streets'. More details of this will be announced in due course.

There will be two rounds of the Future High Streets Fund and the first is now open for proposals to co-fund projects and places that have already started to formulate a vision for the future of their town centres. The date of the second round, along with assessment criteria, will be published in due course but it will not open before 2020.

Government will expect an element of co-funding, either on a project basis or to deliver a local area's wider strategy for the high street. This co-funding could either be public (e.g. from local areas' own budgets) or private finance (e.g. co-financing housing infrastructure). The Fund will contribute up to a maximum of £25 million to each successful place. However, they expect to see a range of project sizes coming forward, many of which are in the region of £5-10 million per town centre.

Local authorities are recognised as best-placed to bid for the funding and develop and deliver proposals. Government expect bidding local authorities to put forward a single, transformative submission covering one high street or town centre in their area. This may comprise of more than one intervention, but that will need to be subject to a strong business case. For example, a local authority may wish to consolidate its town centre offer across a number of high streets to provide additional residential or commercial space. In that case government would consider applications which saw interventions across the network of high streets assuming there was a sufficiently robust strategic business case.

The deadline for submission of expressions of interest is 22 March 2019.

18. Co-op Foundation - Improving Community Spaces Loans

Interest free loans are available for enterprising ideas to improve community spaces.

Places and spaces for people to come together and enjoy shared interests are vitally important for building stronger communities. Venues such as parks and community centres need regular income so they can continue to meet the needs of people who use them, love them, and rely on them for local services and social contact.

If your community organisation is thinking about growing its trading activities to generate more sustainable income, the Co-op Foundation might be able to help your plans take off.

The Co-op Foundation will offer:

- Interest-free loans of up to £50,000 towards viable business ideas that will benefit the whole community – particularly those facing greater challenges.
- No repayments for the first year, while your trading activities are developing
- If you are based in a more deprived area, or your work mainly benefits more disadvantaged members of the community, we might also be able to offer some grant funding alongside a loan

No application deadline is advertised

19. Calor - Rural Community Fund

Calor are offering off-grid, rural communities the chance to gain funding for projects that will improve local life. Projects supported could be anything from redecorating a community centre or village hall to new equipment for youth clubs, sports teams or scout groups. Calor additionally state that “we’re open to your ideas.”

They offer grants of up to £5,000 for projects that will provide an ongoing service for local communities. Whether you want to support a youth club or start a class for older members of your community, the fund is there to help.

Rural communities with projects off the mains gas grid can submit their projects for funding. The projects that receive the most votes will be shortlisted and then reviewed by a panel of judges, who will select the winning projects for funding. Interested groups should register their details on the fund website to receive updates.

The fund will open for project submissions on 20 March and close on 21 May 2019.

20. Homes England - Community Housing Fund Phase 2 Open *

The government is making available £163 million across England up to 2020-21 through the Community Housing Fund. The Fund aims to support an increase in housing supply in England by increasing the number of additional homes delivered by the community-led housing sector; to provide housing that is affordable at local income levels and remains so in perpetuity; and to deliver a lasting legacy for the community-led housing sector in the form of an effective and financially self-sustaining body of expertise within the house building industry in England.

Under Phase One of the Fund, Homes England is making available grants to eligible organisations to support:

- applications for revenue funding for capacity building and predevelopment costs, including revenue grants to local authorities to support community groups
- capital bids for associated infrastructure costs which will support community housing development

Under Phase Two of the Fund, Homes England is making available grants to eligible organisations to help cover the capital costs of acquiring land and building community-led housing schemes.

In addition funding is also available to local authorities who wish to support community groups looking to develop community – led housing proposals in their areas. This may be to employ staff to provide advisory services, information and support to groups.

Both phases are now open.

There are no closing dates for applications.

21. SUEZ Communities Trust - Landfill Communities Fund *

SUEZ Communities Trust (formerly SITA) provides funding awards of up to £50,000 to not-for-profit organisations to undertake work that is eligible under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). Applications are considered for three areas of work which qualify for funding through the LCF. These include:

- Public Amenities
- Historic Buildings, Structures or Sites
- Biodiversity

Projects can be supported that make physical improvements at sites located in any of 100 funding zones around qualifying sites owned by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK. Use the [postcode checker](#) to ensure your project is in an eligible area. The Trust will consider projects which focus on long lasting physical improvements at a specified site or amenity. Funding is typically awarded for the purchase of materials, equipment and the appointment of a contractor to undertake the improvement work. It does not fund staff posts, organisational running costs, training, events, vehicles or projects on school sites.

No application deadline

22. Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Ideas and Pioneers Fund

The Ideas and Pioneers Fund supports people with unusual or radical ideas to improve the life chances and opportunities of people in the UK. Grants of up to £10,000 (and up to £15,000 in exceptional circumstances) are available to individuals, partnerships or small organisations. It wants to work with people whose ideas are in their early stages of development and will consider funding work to develop ideas from concept to set-up. This may include problem definition and analysis, scoping, exploratory work and prototyping. It wants to help you get started and introduce you to a group of peers for mutual support.

No application deadline

23. Sport England – Small Grant Programme *

The small grant programme offers funding to projects involving adults and young people aged 14 or over which meet one or more of the Sport England aims of its Towards an Active Nation strategy:

- Get inactive people to become more active
- Develop lasting sporting habits
- Engender more positive attitudes among young people
- Develop more diverse volunteers
- Improve progression and inclusion among the most talented
- Projects working with mixed age groups may still be considered if there is a focus on people aged 14 and over

You can apply if your organisation is “not-for-profit” including a voluntary or community club or organisation or registered charity. Schools and statutory bodies are also eligible.

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available and the project can be up to 3 years in duration.

It must be for a new activity or one that shows a clear expansion on what you currently offer

No application deadline

24. The Coalfields Regeneration Trust

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme (England) Funding Support element is a £500,000 fund created to support activities that tackle some of the key challenges that still remain in coalfield communities. The fund is open to projects that deliver in the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities and that will make a positive difference in addressing the following themes:

- Skills: Growing the skills of people in order to increase their opportunities
- Employment: Developing pathways to increase the number of people in work
- Health: Supporting projects that increase participation in activities/services that improve the health and wellbeing of people in former coalfield communities.

For Leicestershire only the following Wards in North West Leicestershire are eligible: Ashby Woulds, Castle Rock, Greenhill, Ibstock East and Measham South with Greenhill and Measham wards being a high priority.

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

April 2019 Committee – The Eligibility survey opens on 17th December 2018 and closes at 5pm on 8th March 2019. The deadline for applications is 15th March 2019 at 5pm.

July 2019 Committee – The Eligibility survey opens on 18th March 2019 and closes at 5pm on 7th June 2019. The deadline for applications is 14th June 2019 at 5pm.

October 2019 Committee – The Eligibility survey opens on 17th June 2019 and closes at 5pm on 6th September 2019. The deadline for applications is 13th September 2019 at 5pm.

January 2020 Committee – The Eligibility survey opens on 16th September 2019 and closes on at 5pm on 6th December 2019. The deadline for applications is 13th December 2019 at 5pm.

[25. Comic Relief – Tech for Good](#)

Comic Relief and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation have announced another round of their UK Tech for Good Fund which will run over the next three years.

Two of the UK's largest grant makers have joined forces once again and renewed their commitment to supporting not-for-profit organisations that are using technology to deliver new ideas and make their services more effective.

Over the next three years (2019-2021) the programme will provide a total of £2.4 million in funding. Grants of up to £48,000 are available for nine months. It is expected that 13 projects will be funded in the first round. In addition to the funding, grant recipients will receive expert support and advice as well as the chance to collaborate and share learning.

The funding is for projects at any stage of development, with solid user-centred research, a clear problem to address, and a compelling digital solution to achieving this. The technology may be simple or cutting edge. The funding is for new products and services that can be shared with the wider not-for-profit sector. It is anticipated that most applicants will already have a digital development partner on board when they apply to help them deliver their project.

Projects should address one of Comic Relief's four core issues:

- Children Survive and Thrive
- Global Mental Health Matters
- Fighting for Gender Justice
- A Safe Place to Be.

Comic Relief is also looking for applications that address challenges around disability and inclusion.

Applications will be accepted from 11 February 2019 to 25 March 2019