The Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation creates and manages a range of grant giving funds for families, individuals, and local companies.

Our small grant programmes have been created to match our individual donors’ passions and interests with the grassroots projects that support making local life better within their communities.

In addition, we manage local and national grant programmes at differing times of the year such as Tampon Tax, #iwill and BSBT.

For full grant eligibility criteria and more information including Fund Fact Sheets, please visit: https://www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/ or contact us on 0116 2624916.

If you would like to be on our funding circulation list, please email grants@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk

**Making Local Life Better Fund** *(previously known as ‘The Donor Matching Scheme’)*

**Grants of up to £3,000**

This small grants programme matches applications from local charitable organisations to the private donor funds that the Community Foundation manages.

There are no set themes or criteria because each donor fund has different aims. Some prefer to support specific projects; some will fund running costs. They may focus on one geographical area, or they may support any need in Leicestershire and Rutland.

What they share is a wish to support local people, local communities and the often “unsung unseen” local groups that meet local needs.

**Mercia Park Community Fund**

**Grants between £2,000 and £5,000**

Grants are available for charitable or voluntary groups working within close proximity of the North West Leicestershire Mercia Park Development at Jct 11 - M42.

Applications will be considered that focus on strengthening local communities and improving the natural environment.
**Wesleyan Foundation**

Small grants of up to £2,000  
Large grants between £2,000 and £10,000

Applications will be considered from charities, constituted voluntary and community groups that focus on:

- **Education** – Charities or projects that enhance learning and develop career opportunities.
- **Health** – Promote health and wellbeing (Please note: Wesleyan does not fund Sports clubs and societies unless the project benefits disabled people).
- **Social needs** – Provide local solutions to meet local needs, promote community cohesion and develop sustainable and supportive communities.

**St Matthew’s Big Local**

Grants for organisations of up to £1,000  
Grants for local residents of up to £500

This Small Grants programme has come from the Big Lottery Fund to St Matthews Big Local. Grants are available to individuals and not for profit organisations based on or delivering in the St Matthews Estate in Leicester. Projects delivery should contribute to the St Matthews Big Local vision:

- To contribute to a cleaner and greener neighborhood  
- To contribute to increase local residents’ feelings of safety and security  
- To celebrate diversity, talent and creativity  
- To increase community cohesion on the estate

**The Richard Bonney Literary Fund**

One grant of up to £500

The Richard Bonney Literary Fund provides two types of small grants annually: for individual researchers and for community organisations or local project groups. These grants are made for work to improve and promote racial and/or religious harmony in multi-faith and multicultural societies.