

Monthly Funding Information March 2019

Below is a list of current grants and funding opportunities primarily for Voluntary & Community Sector Groups and Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises.

Where the Grant title includes an asterisk (*), Local Authorities and other partner organisations may also be eligible to apply for the funding.

This information can also be accessed via the Leicestershire Communities [website](#) .

Please note that Leicestershire County Council has a contract with [Voluntary Action LeicesterShire](#) (VAL) to provide support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leicestershire, including help with identifying and securing funding. If you are a VCS organisation who is seeking to apply for funding, or bid for contracts, please contact VAL's Sector Support Team for assistance, advice and guidance. You can also sign up for further e-bulletins from VAL, including, news, information, events, funding opportunities and job vacancies. More details can be seen on the VAL [website](#).

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Funding for projects which support Adults (including older people, veterans and with disabilities)	
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Edward Gostling Foundation - Enhance the Quality of Life for People in Need	Open
Funding for projects which support Young People (including young people with disabilities)	
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Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust	30 th April 2019
Funding for School-Led Equality and Diversity Projects	Not disclosed
Government Launches Second Round of Selective Schools Expansion Fund *	23 rd April 2019
Edward Gostling Foundation - Enhance the Quality of Life for People in Need	Open
Gem Radio – Cash for Kids	15 th March 2019
Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes	
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Postcode Trust's Small Community Project Grants	31 st July 2019
Postcode Community Trust - Community grants	31 st July 2019
Heat Networks Investment Project for England & Wales: Pre-applications Invited *	Open
National Lottery Heritage Fund - New Strategy and New Funding Programme *	28 th May 2019
Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport - Better Broadband Voucher Scheme	31 st December 2019
NFU Mutual Charitable Trust	31 st May 2019
Co-op Foundation - Improving community spaces loans	Not disclosed

National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities England *	Open
National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All England *	Open
Education Endowment Fund Opens Round 15 *	28 th June 2019
Community Led Housing - Start-Up Support Programme	Open until Feb 2020
Architectural Heritage Fund Launches Heritage Impact Fund	Open
Funding to Promote Local Community Swimming in 2019	3 rd April 2019
Power to Change - Bright Ideas Fund	9 th April 2019

Funding for projects which support Adults

[Edward Gostling Foundation - Enhance the Quality of Life for People in Need](#)

The Edward Gostling Foundation provides funding to support its goal of ensuring that people of all ages living with a mental and/or physical disability or a long-term illness should have the same choices, quality of life opportunities and aspirations as others.

UK charities that have been registered for at least three years can apply for a grant as long as their applications address at least one of the four themes of the Foundation:

- Health and wellbeing: to maintain, improve and advance the health and welfare of people living with disabilities and/or long-term illnesses.
- Independent living at home: to support people who wish to remain living in their own home for as long as is practically possible.
- Respite: either for the person living with a disability (or long-term illnesses) or the carer to access sports and leisure activities or simply enjoy fun, friendship and the opportunity to socialise and share with others who may be in a similar situation.
- Transition: to provide fundamental life skills and infrastructure necessary to allow people to reach their full potential in all areas of life and to become a valued member of their local community.

The Foundation now offers two levels of funding:

- Fast Track Small Grants of less than £5,000.
- Large Grants of more than £5,000.

Charities requesting over £10,000 may be visited as part of the Foundation's due diligence.

The funding is for projects that make a transformational change and have a high level of impact on individuals, their families and communities. Examples of funded activities include:

- Centres that provide clinical services including therapies and medical provision (eg physiotherapy, oxygen therapy, pilates etc. access to counselling and early intervention services).
- Safe and independent access around the home
- Equipment to aid getting in and out of chairs, beds and bathrooms easily and independently.

- Respite costs eg sports or leisure activities, short breaks
- Education, training, coaching and development to promote independent living and/or support to help people into paid work, vocational services or volunteering.

While there is no restriction as to the size of the charitable organisation that can apply, priority will be given to small to medium size charities who are making a significant impact in their community and who may lack the time and resources to be able to focus on their fundraising.

Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered six times a year.

Funding for projects which support Young People

[Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust](#)

Grants are available to UK registered charities for projects focusing on children and young people.

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust operates a three-year rotation system, offering funding for charitable activities taking place in the UK that directly support the theme selected by the Trustees for that year.

The 2019 theme is Children and Young People, and the Trust is interested in projects focused on:

- Child exploitation.
- Mentoring and support.
- Clubs and activities.

(Within these categories, projects that address mental-health needs will be prioritised.)

There are four rounds of funding each year.

In Round One grants of £1,000 are available to registered charities in the UK with an operating income of between £100,000 and £1 million. Eligible projects must be related to children aged 0-11 years.

The deadline for applications is 28 February 2019.

Later rounds are:

1st April to 30th April (Children 0-11 years) grants up to £5000

1st to 31st July (young people 11- 25 years) grants up to £1000

1st to 30th September (young people 11- 25 years) grants up to £5000

Funding for School-Led Equality and Diversity Projects

The Equality and Diversity Fund supports schools to develop local solutions that help teachers covered by at least one of the protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010 progress into leadership.

Last year, the Department for Education (DfE) invited lead schools to apply for grant funding in 2018 to 2019 and 2019 to 2020. Funding was awarded to lead schools covering each of the 8 regional school commissioner (RSC) regions.

Regional hub lead schools are responsible for allocating funding to individual school-led projects and for co-ordinating the fund across their region.

Schools who would like to apply for funding for an individual project should apply directly to the regional hub lead school. These schools have obtained a grant to help them increase the diversity of senior leadership teams in England's schools.

Teachers who would like to apply for a place on a project should contact their regional hub lead school to find out which schools are taking part.

Each regional hub lead school will run their own application rounds and dates may vary by region.

Region	Regional hub lead school	Contact and email	Project focuses
East Midlands and the Humber	Skipton Girls High School	Kate Walter walterk@sghs.org.uk	Age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, sex, sexual orientation

Schools applying for funding must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Achievement of outstanding or good for overall effectiveness by Ofsted in their most recent inspection
- Project will offer leadership development activity for teachers covered by at least one of the protected characteristics.

Teachers at any stage in their career can also apply for funding for a place on a project.

All individual projects should be completed by the end of summer term 2020.

Government Launches Second Round of Selective Schools Expansion Fund *

Government have invested another £50 million into the Selective Schools Expansion Fund (SSEF) to help give more disadvantaged children access to an Outstanding school place.

The second round of the fund is now open to applications. The SSEF aims to support the expansion of selective schools where:

- There is a need for additional places, both in terms of a shortfall of secondary places in the local area and a demand from parents for more selective places
- They have ambitious but deliverable plans for increasing access for disadvantaged pupils (by which we mean pupils eligible for the pupil premium)
- They have plans to work with other local schools to increase access for disadvantaged pupils and to raise attainment.

Funding will only be provided to proposals which create additional places where they are needed. This means the proposal must be for an enlargement of the physical capacity of a school's buildings, and must also increase the school's published admission number(s) (PAN).

The SSEF is open to applications from local authorities and academy trusts that want to apply for capital funding to support the expansion of fully selective or partially selective LA maintained schools or academies that:

- Select all or part of their intake on the basis of general academic ability
- Have a good or outstanding Ofsted rating
- Have a Progress score of at least the national average.

Projects below £250,000 will receive 90% of the grant funding upfront. The final 10% will be paid the month after the project is due to complete, subject to the submission of a valid project completion return.

Projects over £250,000 will receive 95% of their grant funding in monthly payments. The final 5% will be paid the month after the project is due to complete subject to the submission of a valid project completion return.

Loan funding will be paid at the end of the project.

The deadline for submitting applications is 23 April 2019.

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Gem Radio – Cash for Kids

Gem Radio's Cash for Kids is now open for applications from projects and organisations that make a positive impact on the lives of children in the East Midlands. Cash for Kids awards grants to families, community projects and other small charities that support children living in poverty, with a serious illness or disability, or children subject to neglect or abuse.

Applications must have a maximum value of £2,000 and in keeping with a timeline whereby funding will be made available in June/July 2019.

Applications close on Friday 15 March 2019

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

Postcode Trust's Small Community Project Grants

The People's Postcode Trust's Small Grants Programme is now open to applications from England, Scotland and Wales for the first of two funding rounds in 2019.

Grassroots organisations, local charities and non-profit community businesses that are seeking to effect positive change within their local area in England, Scotland and Wales can take the first step in the application process by submitting an online expression of interest.

The funding is for new projects, or significant expansions of existing projects, in Great Britain. The projects can be up to 12 months in length.

In 2019, the Trust will consider projects which focus on:

- Promoting human rights.
- Combatting discrimination.
- Poverty prevention.

Grants range from £500 to £20,000. Only registered charities can apply for grants of up to £20,000. The maximum grant for groups that are not formally registered as a charity is £2,000.

There is a two-stage application process. There are two funding rounds per year.

Round 1 Stage 1 applications will be accepted from 6 February to 20 February 2019.

Round 2 Stage 1 applications will be accepted from 31 July to 14 August

[Postcode Community Trust - Community Grants](#)

Postcode Community Trust provides funding for projects in Great Britain up to 12 months in length relating to the following themes:

- Improving community health and wellbeing
- Arts and physical recreation
- Reducing isolation

Grants are available between £500 and £20,000. There are two funding rounds a year during which eligible organisations can apply. Those successful at Stage 1 progress to Stage 2. If successful at Stage 2, the organisation will receive the total funds requested in their application.

The first round of applications closed on 20 February 2019. **The second round of applications will be open between 31 July and 14 August 2019.**

<http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/>

[Heat Networks Investment Project for England & Wales: Pre-applications Invited *](#)

A major government fund to help encourage the wider use of heating networks for domestic and public buildings has opened to applications for the first time.

Delivering on its commitment to tackle energy costs using innovative, low carbon solutions, the government has launched an initiative for homes and non-domestic consumers, including schools, hospitals and council buildings, to participate in a new heat networks scheme.

Heat networks supply energy from a central source to consumers, via a network of underground pipes carrying hot water. They can cover a large area or even an entire city, or be relatively local, supplying a small cluster of buildings. This avoids the need for individual boilers or electric heaters in every building.

The Heat Networks Investment Project (HNIP) is investing capital funding in heat networks, through grants and loans. This is provided as 'gap funding' to grow the UK heat networks market and deliver the carbon savings required to meet the nation's future carbon reduction commitments.

The programme has an overall investment pot of £320 million, to be awarded through grants of up to £5 million and corporate loans of between £25,000 and £10 million.

Investment costs eligible for support under the HNIP scheme include:

- The building of new heat networks (generation, distribution and customer supply).
- Development of existing heat networks including expansions, refurbishment or the interconnection of existing networks where additional carbon savings can be demonstrated (which can include refinancing or acquisitions).
- Commercialisation phase and construction costs.
- Works to access recoverable heat.
- Costs for heat network infrastructure connected to the generation plant.

HNIP will offer grants and capital loans to both the public and private sectors in England and Wales, for networks serving two or more buildings. All HNIP funding mechanisms will be open to all applicant types - public, private and third sector, except central Government Departments. Supported heat networks must be located in England and/or Wales.

There are several funding rounds please check the [website](#) for the next available deadline.

[National Lottery Heritage Fund - New Strategy and New Funding Programme](#) *

The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), known as the Heritage Lottery Fund until the end of January, has published its five-year Strategic Funding Framework (2019 to 2024) which includes its new funding programme that is currently open for applications.

Over the next five years, NLHF plans to distribute more than £1 billion with 80% of that money being distributed by devolved committees in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and the three new English areas of North, Midlands & East, and London & South.

NLHF's new approach includes:

- A major focus on nature, communities, and on ensuring everyone is able to enjoy heritage.
- New models of investment, moving beyond grants to include loans and partnerships, designed to attract others to invest money alongside the National Lottery.
- More support for commercial, sustainable approaches to tackling heritage that is in danger of being lost.

- Investment and support to help heritage organisations to be more financially sustainable.
- A requirement for every heritage project that receives funding to be environmentally friendly.
- Simpler, streamlined and more efficient funding.
- Greater engagement and support to help 13 deprived communities that have in the past been less successful securing funding.
- Continued support for large-scale, iconic projects over £5 million.

Organisations that are seeking funding for heritage projects can apply now to the new National Lottery Grants for Heritage funding programme. This is an open programme for all types of heritage projects in the UK, including local, regional and national heritage. Grants range from £3,000 to £5 million and match funding is required for the larger grants.

Applications will be considered from:

- Non-profits and partnerships led by non-profit organisations for grants of £3,000 to £5 million.
- Private owners of heritage for grants of up to £100,000.
- Partnerships led by commercial organisations (for the purposes of achieving economic growth) for grants of £250,000 to £5 million.

Applications can be made at any time for grants of between £3,000 and £100,000. Decisions will be made within eight weeks.

Applications for grants exceeding £100,000 have quarterly deadlines.

The 2019 deadlines 5 March, 28 May, 20 August and 19 November 2019.

Details on other new funding areas will be provided later in 2019.

[Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport - Better Broadband Voucher Scheme](#)

The Government has made a commitment to provide every home and business in the UK with access to a basic broadband service so that browsing the web and keeping in touch with families and friends is easier.

The Better Broadband Scheme has been extended for a further year until 31st December 2019, ensuring that a subsidised basic broadband installation remains available to eligible applicants. If you currently experience broadband speeds of less than 2 Megabits per second (Mbps), the Better Broadband Voucher Scheme may be able to help you access a basic broadband service that will offer download speeds of at least 10 Mbps.

The Better Broadband Voucher Scheme, developed by the UK government, provides a voucher worth up to £350 for basic broadband installation to homes and businesses that will not benefit from superfast broadband

[NFU Mutual Charitable Trust](#)

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust was set up in 1998, to promote and support charities in the United Kingdom working in agriculture, rural development and insurance.

The Trust focuses on providing funding to larger initiatives, which would have a significant impact on the rural community. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas. Grants are available between £1000 and £50,000.

The Trustees meet twice a year to consider applications received. These meetings are currently held in June and November.

Applications for the June meeting must be submitted by 31st May 2019
Applications for the November meeting must be submitted by 1st November 2019.

[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. They 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 deadline for applications

[National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities England](#) *

The Reaching Communities programme aims to make positive change in communities. Big Lottery particularly want to hear about ideas that support:

- Lasting and sustainable changes to places and spaces
- Communities to develop happier and stronger relationships with each other
- Taking action to focus on the root causes of social problems to tackle them at the earliest possible stage

Through Reaching Communities funding you can apply for between £10,000 and £500,000. Successful grant can fund some or all of the costs associated with delivering a project, including staff salaries, training, volunteer expenses, management costs, equipment, premises costs, monitoring and evaluation and overheads. The programme can also fund up to £100,000 for small scale capital work, such as refurbishment, the purchase of vehicles, land or buildings.

Big Lottery encourage applicants to contact them before applying for additional advice and support before you submit your application.

This is an open programme. Applications can be made at any time.

[National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All England](#)

National Lottery Awards for All offers funding from £300 to £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities. You can apply if your organisation is a:

- voluntary or community organisation
- registered charity
- constituted group or club
- not-for-profit company or community interest company
- social enterprise
- school
- statutory body (including town, parish and community council).

National Lottery Awards for All has three funding priorities. Applications must meet at least one of them. The priorities are:

- bringing people together and building strong relationships in and across communities
- improving the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enabling more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

This is an open programme. Applications can be made at any time.

Education Endowment Fund Opens Round 15 *

Round 15 of the Education Endowment Fund is now open to applications for projects that maintain or improve pupil outcomes while reducing teacher workload.

EEF will fund local authorities, academy sponsors, charities and other groups that bring forward innovative proposals to improve performance in the most challenging schools to raise the attainment and wider outcomes of young people aged 3-18, especially from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The overall objective of the programme is to break the link between family background and educational achievement, ensuring that young people from all backgrounds have the opportunity to fulfil their aspirations and make the most of their talents.

Proposals must demonstrate:

- How the organisation will raise attainment within schools.
- How the organisation will be held accountable for the success of the proposal.

Also, projects must fit within one of the following four broad approaches:

- Testing and incubating new ideas which have a proof of concept.
- Bringing initiatives from other contexts to EEF target students and schools (this could include, for example, programmes from overseas or from the independent sector).
- Scaling up initiatives which have been proven to work on a modest scale.
- Developing projects with potential that have not, to date, been delivered or evaluated effectively.

EEF are open to ideas on a range of topics. However, for Round 15 they are particularly interested in projects that maintain or improve pupil outcomes while reducing teacher workload. For example, this could include:

- Approaches to marking and assessment that improve the efficiency of the process without decreasing its impact; or
- Testing models of professional development that effectively influence teacher practice without requiring substantial teacher time.

EEF have funded a large number of trials on primary literacy teaching and as such will only consider new proposals in this area by exception, if they would generate significant contributions to the existing evidence base.

The expected minimum grants size is £50,000.

The deadline for Round 15 applications is 28 June 2019.

Community Led Housing - Start-Up Support Programme

Revenue funding is available for early stage voluntary and community organisations exploring community led housing in England.

The Start-Up Support Programme aims to help groups of local people to develop their own community led housing solutions. Funded by the Government, the grant programme is targeted to support the earliest stages of a community led housing group's development and help community led housing projects at an early stage to explore options, to enable community led housing solutions to become a reality.

A total of £800,000 is available for this grants programme from February 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Grants are available for:

- Seed Corn Costs - Community led housing groups who meet the programme criteria can apply for up to £4,000 to cover the early stage costs of getting a project off the ground.
- Support Costs – Support grants can provide further funding to commission advice and support from community led housing advisors of up to £6,000, if this start-up support is not available through a local Community Led Housing Enabler Hub.

Applicants should be looking to create some permanently affordable housing to meet local housing needs.

Eligible expenditure includes:

- Community consultation (room hire costs, publicity materials, printing etc).
- Travel costs to visit other schemes.
- Legal fees for incorporating the group, reviewing the group's existing legal structure and setting up a subsidiary group.
- Professional fees (surveyors, architects etc.) to complete required specialist studies such as site assessments, site/building surveys and valuations, housing needs assessments, ecology surveys, and develop outline scheme designs for housing etc.
- Relevant training courses for volunteers or staff.
- Fees for pre-planning advice from the Local Authority.
- Public indemnity insurance for the group.

Groups can apply for both a Seed Corn Grant and a further Support Grant which means they can receive a total of up to £10,000 to support their work.

This is a rolling programme. It is open for applications from mid-February 2019 until mid-February 2020, or until all funding is committed, whichever is sooner.

[Architectural Heritage Fund Launches Heritage Impact Fund](#)

Social investment is available to not-for-profit organisations in the UK for projects that will deliver social and economic benefits to local communities through the reuse of historic buildings.

The new Heritage Impact Fund (HIF) is a joint initiative between the Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Historic England, Historic Environment Scotland and the Welsh Government's historic environment service, Cadw.

The Fund offers tailored, flexible loans of between £25,000 and £500,000 for up to three years to charities, social enterprises and community businesses that want to acquire, reuse or redevelop historic or architecturally important buildings in the UK.

It aims to help deliver projects that support the sustainability of historic buildings as well as support organisations with a clear social mission seeking to deliver demonstrable local economic and community impact.

Projects can focus on buildings that are listed, in a Conservation Area, or of special significance to the local community and are expected to have the following outcomes:

- Be financially viable and help support the objectives of the organisation.
- Provide impact to or benefits for the community in which the building is based.

Loans can be used for a wide variety of activities including working capital during the construction phase of a project, capital to grow the scope of a business or to finance the acquisition of a property. Incentivised terms are available to provide greater assistance to those organisations and projects that will deliver enhanced local economic and community impact.

Applications can be made at any time.

[Funding to Promote Local Community Swimming in 2019](#)

Funding for groups and individuals across the UK who provide and promote swimming in their local community.

The Swimathon Foundation Community Grants Scheme provides grants of between £300 and £2,500 to support innovative and sustainable projects which will help more people participate in and enjoy swimming and to make swimming more accessible. Grants will only be awarded to organisations supported by pools that are participating in Swimathon 2019.

Applicants must demonstrate in their application how the funding will allow them to:

- Introduce people to swimming who would otherwise not swim.
- Increase the frequency that existing swimmers go to the pool.
- Improve the swimming experience for new or existing swimmers.

Projects must take place at a Swimathon pool and have sign off from the Pool Manager or their delegated main contact for this project to take place.

Organisations including community groups, swimming clubs, senior groups, youth groups, sports clubs, disability charities, scout groups and healthy living groups in the UK are eligible to apply.

The deadline for applications is 3 April 2019.

Power to Change - Bright Ideas Fund

Funding to support new community business ideas in England through the start-up and planning stages with tailored business support, to the implementation stage.

The Community Business Bright Ideas Fund is funded by Power to Change, the independent trust supporting community businesses in England, and delivered by Locality, the national network for community organisations.

Power to Change has committed a further £3 million to support 150 community business ideas over the next three years (2019-2021).

The fund aims to give community groups the support and tools to start setting up their community business. It will also give groups the early stage finance that is needed to carry out consultation with local people and feasibility studies to develop a community business idea the community wants and needs.

Successful organisations will receive:

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

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

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

There is particular interest in Bradford, Grimsby, Hartlepool, **Leicester**, Luton, Plymouth, Wigan, Liverpool City Region, Suffolk and West of England Combined Authorities.

A webinar will be held on 13 March 2019 (11am to 12pm). Registration is required and can be done through the funder's website.

Two funding rounds are planned for 2019.

The deadline for applications to round one is 9 April 2019.

There will be additional funding rounds in:

August – September 2019.

February 2020 – April 2020.

August – September 2020.

February 2021 – March 2021.