

Monthly Funding Information December 2020

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

You can also find information about Covid-19 specific funding opportunities [here](#).

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<u>Funding for projects which support Adults (including older people, veterans and disabilities)</u>	
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<u>Masonic Charitable Foundation – Later Life Inclusion Grants</u>	23 rd Dec 2020
<u>Masonic Charitable Foundation – Hospice UK Grants</u>	8 th Feb 2021
<u>Barchester’s Charitable Foundation</u>	Open

<u>Funding for projects which support Young People (including young people with disabilities)</u>	
Grant Fund	Closest Deadline
<u>BBC Children in Need - Small Grants Programme</u>	21 st Dec 2020
<u>Masonic Charitable Foundation – Children & Young People Grant</u>	23 rd Dec 2020
<u>Masonic Charitable Foundation – Hospice UK Grants</u>	8 th Feb 2021
<u>Sir Andrew Martin Trust</u>	Open

<u>Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes</u>	
Grant Fund	Closest Deadline
<u>ASDA Foundation - Feeding Communities Grant</u>	6 th Dec 2020
<u>Leicestershire County Council – Leicestershire Communities Fund</u>	22 nd Jan 2020
<u>The National Lottery Heritage Fund</u>	14 th Feb 2021
<u>Leicestershire County Council – SHIRE Environment Grant</u>	26 th Feb 2021
<u>Locality - Neighbourhood Planning Grant Funding</u>	Open
<u>Armed Forces Day – Event Funding</u>	Open

Aviva - Community Fund	Open
Lutterworth Area Community Fund (previously Magna Park Community Fund)	Open
Henry Smith Charity – County Grants	Open
Power to Change - Community Business Crowdfunder	Open
Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust	Open

Funding for projects which support Adults

Grant:	Masonic Charitable Foundation – Later Life Inclusion Grants
Website:	https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/late-life/
Summary:	Supports charities that are working reduce to loneliness and isolation in people over 50. Grants are for overhead costs covering 1 to 3 years.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Key Focus areas are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental and physical health support • Access to services, e.g. transport and technology • Community based approaches, i.e. volunteering, positive ageing and neighbourhood support • Advocacy, social and welfare support
Min/Max Funding Available:	£1,000 to £15,000
Deadline for Applications:	23 rd Dec 2020

Grant:	Masonic Charitable Foundation – Hospice UK Grants
Website:	https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/hospice/hospice-uk/
Summary:	For projects that seek to address inequality and widen access to hospice care for groups of particular concern such as people over the age of 85, black and minority ethnic communities, people who identify as LGBTQ+, and socially deprived communities.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro-active community engagement to dispel myths and misconceptions about hospice care • Ensure that local services are culturally appropriate • Seek to facilitate sustainable change in hospice care.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Up to £35,000
Deadline for Applications:	8 th Feb 2021

Grant:	Barchester's Charitable Foundation
Website:	https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/
Summary:	Applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged in their community. It can fund individuals and groups.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Its focus is for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people 65+ • Adults (18+) with a physical or learning disability • Adults (18+) with mental health problems
Min/Max Funding Available:	£100 to £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	None advertised

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

Grant:	BBC Children in Need - Small Grants Programme
Website:	https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/
Summary:	Registered Charities and not – for –profit organisations which supports children aged 18 and under who are disadvantaged.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Young people experiencing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illness, distress, abuse or neglect. • Any kind of disability. • Behavioural or psychological difficulties. • Living in poverty or situations of deprivation
Min/Max Funding Available:	£10,000 per year (up to 3 years = £30,000)
Deadline for Applications:	21 st December 2020

Grant:	Masonic Charitable Foundation – Children & Young People Grant
Website:	https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/children-and-young-people/
Summary:	Supports charities helping disadvantaged children and young people to overcome the barriers they face. Grants can be used for general running and/or overhead costs of the charity.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Key areas of focus are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental and physical health support • Learning and development, including language and communication skills, social and emotional etc. • Support for the whole family • Pastoral and advocacy support
Min/Max Funding Available:	£1,000 to £15,000
Deadline for Applications:	23 rd Dec 2020

Grant:	Masonic Charitable Foundation – Hospice UK Grants
Website:	https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/hospice/hospice-uk/
Summary:	For projects that seek to address inequality and widen access to hospice care for groups of particular concern such as people over the age of 85, black and minority ethnic communities, people who identify as LGBTQ+, and socially deprived communities.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro-active community engagement to dispel myths and misconceptions about hospice care • Ensure that local services are culturally appropriate • Seek to facilitate sustainable change in hospice care
Min/Max Funding Available:	Up to £35,000
Deadline for Applications:	8 th Feb 2021

Grant:	Sir Andrew Martin Trust
Website:	www.sirandrewmartintrust.org
Summary:	For individual young people and voluntary youth organisations supporting 12 to 21year olds living in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Individuals should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have an outstanding skill or talent • have an opportunity to gain an experience • be disadvantaged • have disabilities, learning difficulties, special educational needs or mental health issues <p>Organisations should be making a significant contribution to benefit young people.</p>
Min/Max Funding Available:	Individuals £100 - £250 Youth organisations up to £1,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

Grant:	ASDA Foundation – Feeding Communities Grant
Website:	https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants
Summary:	Community based groups can apply to help fund the supply of meals to anyone who needs them in the lead up to Christmas. Meals can be provided for individuals, families or to children’s holiday clubs.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only food items are eligible • To apply please get in touch with your local store, and speak to your Community Champion
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max grant £1,000
Deadline for Applications:	6 th December 2020

Grant:	Leicestershire County Council – Leicestershire Communities Fund (Round 3)
Website:	https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/communities-fund-round-3.html
Summary:	Funding to enable charities, community groups and social enterprises, who are providing essential services for vulnerable people and communities in Leicestershire, to respond to the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying organisations need to demonstrate their ability to provide services/activities for vulnerable and disadvantaged people who live in Leicestershire • Parish and Town Councils can apply on behalf of other community groups, including non-constituted groups • Eligible costs include core running costs; salaries; equipment including PPE; transport and reimbursing travel expenses • Funding can also be used to develop new and innovative ways of working, to help deliver services for vulnerable people more effectively now and in the future. • Additional priorities focus on supporting the clinically extremely vulnerable; provision of welfare and associated support; and improving mental health and wellbeing
Min/Max Funding Available:	£15,000
Deadline for Applications:	22 nd January 2021

Grant:	The National Lottery Heritage Fund
Website:	https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding
Summary:	Financial assistance, particularly to those heritage sector organisations who have, so far, been unable to access COVID-19 emergency funds. It will be looking for projects with a particular emphasis on organisational resilience and inclusion.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Priority will be given to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boost the local economy • Provide job creation and encourage skills development • Support local health and wellbeing • Encourage rebuilding community cohesion
Min/Max Funding Available:	£3,000 to £100,000
Deadline for Applications:	14 th Feb 2021

Grant:	Leicestershire County Council - SHIRE Environment Grant
Website:	https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/environment-grant.html
Summary:	<p>Grants are available to fund new and innovative projects that will meet one or more of the grant scheme outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the amount of household waste produced in Leicestershire • To reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions within communities • To improve biodiversity and support the creation, protection, enhancement and management of sustainable green spaces • To raise awareness and understanding on the above outcomes as well as providing necessary training and skills to manage and support projects.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	The Council is keen to support projects that can maintain or build on some of the positive environmental benefits that have arisen from the current Covid 19 situation, such as reduced carbon emissions; increased biodiversity; improved air quality; greater appreciation of nature and green spaces.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Up to £3,000
Deadline for Applications:	26 th February 2021

Grant:	Locality - Neighbourhood Planning Grant Funding
Website:	https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/grant-funding/#affordablehousing
Summary:	<p>Support for groups developing a Neighbourhood Plan. There are three types of funding:</p> <p>Basic funding up to £10,000 Additional funding up to £8,000 Affordable housing project up to £10,000</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>There are different criteria for each of the funding strands. but these include:</p> <p>Basic - The group must be writing a neighbourhood development plan Additional – allocating sites for housing Affordable housing – seeking to allocate sites for affordable housing</p>
Min/Max Funding Available:	£28,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	Armed Forces Day – Event Funding
Website:	https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/organise-your-own-event/apply-for-funding/
Summary:	Armed Forces Day is on 26 th June 2021. The grant can contribute towards the costs of running an event including; road closures, event promotion, first aid and insurance.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must first register your event on the Armed Forces Day website. • Grant is match funded offering up to half the total cost.
Min/Max Funding Available:	£10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Not advertised

Grant:	Aviva - Community Fund
Website:	https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/about-us
Summary:	<p>For registered charities and community interest companies that work in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community resilience: tackling inequality and improving environments to build more connected, more resilient communities • Financial capability and inclusion: giving people the tools to become more financially independent <p>Eligible causes will be able to submit their projects to the Aviva Community Fund through Crowdfunder.</p> <p>Every 3 months £250,000 is shared out by the Aviva UK employees to the projects that matter to them the most.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects submitted should be to develop a new approach, product or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group. • Applying organisations must have an annual income under £1 million and have been operating for over 12 months
Min/Max Funding Available:	£50,000
Deadline for Applications:	None advertised

Grant:	Lutterworth Area Community Fund (previously Magna Park Community Fund)
Website:	https://lutterworth.magnapark.co.uk/community/community-fund/
Summary:	The fund aims to support a wide range of projects and organisations. Including education, commercial, well-being and health, sport and recreation, environment, community connectedness and youth activity.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Projects must be within close proximity of Magna Park and fall within the administrative Parish boundaries of: Ashby Parva; Bittewsell & Bittesby; Claybrooke Parva & Magna; Cotesbach; Lutterworth Town and associated parishes; Misterton & Walcote; Monks Kirby; Pailton; Ullesthorpe; Wibtoft and Willey
Min/Max Funding Available:	£2,500 to £175,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open until 1 st November 2025

Grant:	Henry Smith Charity – County Grants
Website:	https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/
Summary:	Grants can be used towards running costs, salaries, project costs, or one-off capital expenditure such as building refurbishment or equipment.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	You must be a not-for-profit organisation or UK registered charity with an annual income of under £250,000 (up to £1 m if operate county-wide)
Min/Max Funding Available:	£500 to £20,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	Power to Change - Community Business Crowdmatch
Website:	https://www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/programmes/community-business-crowdmatch/
Summary:	Crowdmatch will provide £1 for £1 match-funding against what you raise with your crowdfunding campaign. It is particularly looking to support new and existing projects in deprived areas of the country and work with BAME individuals and community leaders.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Applicants should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally rooted • Accountable to the local community • Trading for the benefit of the local community • Broad community impact
Min/Max Funding Available:	£10,000
Deadline for Applications:	Not advertised

Grant:	Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust
Website:	www.bernardsunley.org/index.html
Summary:	Registered charities and other “exempt” organisations including places of worship; hospices; heritage centres and specialist schools can apply. Funding is for capital projects including building works, recreational spaces and minibuses.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	There are four categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Min/Max Funding Available:	Generally, under £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Support available for Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Sector organisations in Leicestershire

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire	
<p>Leicestershire County Council has a contract with Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL) to provide support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leicestershire, including help with identifying and securing funding. If you are a VCS organisation who is seeking to apply for funding, or bid for contracts, please contact VAL's Sector Support Team for assistance, advice and guidance. VAL can provide assistance with searching for funding opportunities, checking the relevance of the fund to your funding aspirations, and a read and review of your bid. You can also sign up for further e-bulletins from VAL, including news, events, funding opportunities, job vacancies and updates from the Government and Charity Commission.</p> <p><u>Contact Details:</u> Website: www.valonline.org.uk/contact Tel: 0116 2575050 Email: helpline@valonline.org.uk</p>	

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire	
<p>Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency (CASE) is a social enterprise and co-operative which provides advice, guidance and support to existing and emerging co-operatives, social enterprises and community enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. CASE supports co-operatives and social enterprises to develop and grow, through the promotion of co-operative ways of working.</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council has a contract with CASE to provide support to people currently running (or thinking of setting up) social enterprises in Leicestershire.</p> <p><u>Contact Details:</u> Website: http://case.coop/ Tel: 0116 222 5010 Email: enquiries@case.coop</p>	

Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation	
<p>The Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation is a charity which helps local individuals and companies to give money, in a tax efficient way, directly to local needs. It does this by helping set up new local family and company charitable funds and then supports those donors to give grants to local charitable groups of their choice through the Making Local Life Better Fund (previously the Donor Matching Scheme). This scheme is currently closed whilst it delivers the Coronavirus Emergency Support Fund.</p> <p>The Community Foundation also administers local and national grant schemes on behalf of those organisations. These vary throughout the year, please check the website for the funds currently available.</p> <p><u>Contact Details:</u> Website: https://www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/ Tel: 0116 262 4916 Email: grants@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk</p>	

Commissioning Opportunities	  
<p>VCSE organisations are encouraged to explore opportunities to receive income through delivering contracts for services commissioned by the public sector.</p> <p>You can register to receive details of commissioning opportunities through the following websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source Leicestershire: http://www.sourceleicestershire.co.uk/ • Due North: https://procontract.due-north.com/Login • Contract Finder: https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder 	

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

Leicestershire Communities Website



The Leicestershire Communities website contains a range of useful information to help local people to actively participate in their communities, including information for people involved in community groups, charities and social enterprises.

This section of the [website](#) provides a range of support, information and resources related to Grants and Funding, including Monthly Funding Bulletins, information from a range of funders, along with details of support provided to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and social enterprises, by other relevant organisations.

Website: www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants