

## Monthly Funding Information January 2020

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. The funding support you can access includes help with a funding search, 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, information, events, funding opportunities and job vacancies. More details can be seen on the VAL [website](#) or you can request support via <https://valonline.org.uk/contact/>

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## Funding for projects which support Adults

### [Masonic Charitable Foundation - Early Years Opportunities and Later Life Inclusion Grants](#)

The Foundation’s grant-making programmes for charities target funding where it is most needed. Current target areas include:

- Creating the best start in life for disadvantaged children and young people
- Reducing isolation in later life

Charities with incomes of under £500,000 can apply for a grant of between £500 and £15,000 over 1-3 years. Charities with incomes of over £500,000 can seek a large grant for up to 3 years. Grants are between £10,000 and £80,000 however the average grant ranges from £20,000 to £60,000. Large grants must be used to fund a specific project.

**The next deadline for small grant applications is 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and for large grant applications 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

## [Groundwork UK - Comic Relief Community Fund \(England\)](#)

The Comic Relief Community Fund (England) is offering grants to grassroots community organisations with an income of less than £250,000.

There are two types of grants available to organisations whose work delivers on one of Comic Relief's four strategic themes:

- Children Survive & Thrive: projects that support children under the age of 5 to reach their potential and have the best start in life.
- Fighting for Gender Justice: projects that improve equality for women, girls and the LGBTIQ+ community and initiatives that help people affected by domestic violence, abuse or exploitation due to their gender.
- A Safe Place to Be: projects that support people who are rebuilding their lives because of homelessness or forced migration.
- Mental Health Matters: projects that support good mental health in communities, improve access to support and tackle stigma and discrimination.

Funding is available to help you develop your organisation through a Capacity Building Grant (up to £500) or to deliver projects through a Project Delivery Grant (up to £4,000).

Administration of the local funding is being managed by community charity, Groundwork, which specialises in transforming communities and the local environment for the better.

**This is a rolling programme and applications can be made at any time.**

## [Veterans' Foundation Grants](#)

Many armed forces charities struggle to raise sufficient funding to support serving and former members of the British Armed Forces' and sometimes their dependants who are in need. The Veterans' Foundation has been created to establish a new and nationwide source of funding to help these charities. It acquires its funds through the Veterans' Lottery and donations.

The trustees of the Veterans' Foundation will disburse funds to Armed Forces charities and charitable activities.

They will support projects that:

- Reduce homelessness
- Increase employment
- Provide welfare and medical support
- Increase confidence and social integration
- Reduce dependence on drugs and alcohol
- Support other charitable activities that may be needed

You can apply for grants of any sum up to a maximum of £30K. Trustees will also consider a bid for a spread grant, i.e. £30K as £10K for each of the next three years. Please note that the trustees are likely to award more small grants than large grants. They will consider a range of factors including the service or item being applied for, the number of beneficiaries, the importance of the grant to the applicant charity and the needs of the beneficiaries.

**No closing dates advertised**

### **Asda Foundation - First Steps Enterprise Fund**

First Steps Enterprise Fund (FSEF) is a £300,000 pilot fund to support community organisations. The Social Investment Business manage this fund on behalf of the Asda Foundation.

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

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## [The Y Heritage Fund](#)

The Y has been awarded £707,500 through the Heritage Lottery Fund's pioneering "Kick the Dust" funding programme. "Y Heritage" is a collaboration between The Y, local universities and local authorities, and a range of heritage, cultural and creative organisations from across Leicester and Leicestershire.

Y Heritage will run a series of "Dragons Den" style pitches over three years where Leicester/Leicestershire based organisations can apply for funding of up to £30,000 from a panel of young people. The young people all engage in some way with The Y. The applicants must build opportunities for work or training into their project funding application. The aim is that young people and the heritage projects develop and thrive together.

The definition of Heritage is wide-ranging and includes many things from the past that should be preserved for future generations. This does not mean it is solely historic sites or buildings.

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 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

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## **Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes**

### **Melton Borough Council – Community Grants**

Community Grants are available for projects and services within the Melton Borough which demonstrate community benefit. Projects should help deliver the Council's priorities and organisations may submit more than one application per year.

The Council's current People Priorities are:

- Helping people fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions;
- Working with our partners to address vulnerability and tackle the root causes of social problems;
- Building safe, happy and healthy communities;
- Focussing on our priority neighbourhoods, supporting people to overcome disadvantage and live well independently.

Key Criteria:

- The organisation or project must be Melton based or carry out activities which benefit the Melton Borough.
- The organisation to which the application relates should be inclusive. However, exemptions can be applied for specific projects or services which cater for under-represented groups or those with protected characteristics.
- The purpose for which the grant is to be applied must not relate to promoting religious belief or party-political activities. However:
  - 1) Religious Organisations and Festival Projects provided by religious organisations will be considered for funding if they are providing a relevant service to the community. Religious festivals that demonstrate cultural diversity and are open to other communities in order to bring a 'shared experience' will also be eligible for funding. Requests for funding to promote religious beliefs will not be granted.
  - 2) Project Requests from political organisations or those which are of a purely social nature fall outside the scope of Community Grants.

Applications must be submitted by constituted community and voluntary groups for activities not conducted for profit.

The grant fund totals £42,000. Applicants can apply for any amount up to the maximum of £42,000.

For projects seeking funding of under £1,000 there is a separate process for applying.

Please contact the Community Grant Team with your enquiries by email: [communitygrants@melton.gov.uk](mailto:communitygrants@melton.gov.uk)

**Deadline for applications 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

### **National Community Land Trust Network - Funding for Community-led Homes** \*

Together with the Confederation of Co-operative Housing, Locality and UK Cohousing, the National Community Land Trust Network have created 'Community Led Homes' to support their mission of making community led housing a mainstream housing option. Community Led Homes will provide training, funding and practical support to community led housing groups, councils and developers. This includes a summary of various forms of funding available. <https://www.communityledhomes.org.uk/>

New grants have been announced as follows:

- **Community-led Homes Start-up Support Programme:** up to £10,000 revenue funding is available for early stage voluntary and community organisations exploring community-led housing. **All funding must be committed by March 2020.**
- **Community-led homes – becoming a Registered Provider / Investment Partner:** grants which aim to help community-led organisations progressing community-led projects to gain the support and funding they require to become a Registered Provider (RP) with the Regulator of Social Housing and/or an Investment Partner (IP) with Homes England. Up to £10,000 is available with **applications accepted until February 2020 or until all funding is committed, whichever is the sooner.**
- **Homes in Community Hands Programme:** operated by Power to Change, this programme will award grants averaging £50,000 to community led housing projects that will create schemes that deliver a majority of permanently affordable homes for rent or sale to locally connected people. These can be either as new build housing or by refurbishing empty properties. Funds will be largely focussed in Leeds City Region, Liverpool City Region, Tees Valley City Region, the West of England and the West Midlands. Funds will also be available to genuinely innovative community led housing projects anywhere in England. **Funding must be committed by December 2021.**
- **Enabling Hub Grant Programme:** funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, this programme aims to expand the network of Enabler Hubs - regional organisations supporting community led housing groups to deliver projects, particularly those likely to bid to Homes England for the Community Housing Fund. Development Grants up to £50,000 are available and Full Grants up to £150,000.

**The fund will remain open to applications from April 2019 until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.**

## Locality - Neighbourhood Planning Grant Funding

Communities who are involved in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan can apply for three types of grant funding:

- **Basic Grant Funding:** All groups undertaking a neighbourhood plan are eligible to apply for up to £9,000 in basic grant. As well as applying for a basic grant, you can also apply for technical support (provided you meet the eligibility criteria) to help you with your neighbourhood plan.
- **Additional Grant Funding:** Groups meeting the eligibility criteria are able to apply for additional grant of up to £8,000 (in addition to the basic grant). This will take the total amount of grant available to you to £17,000.
- **Affordable Housing for Sale Grant Funding:** This is a new element to the programme and it is running as a pilot scheme and is available during 2019-20 in the first instance. If you are wishing to bring forward affordable housing for sale you may be eligible for further grant funding of up to £10,000 to help develop these ideas.

Expenditure through a grant must be completed on or before 31 March 2020.

Information about applying for the 2020-21 grant programme is due to be available soon. Please check the website below for updates.

Applications for technical support will be considered on a rolling basis and are not affected by these timeframes.

**The last date for completing an Expression of Interest form for a grant application is 5.00pm on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

**Applications for 2019-2020 must be submitted by 5.00pm on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

## The Power to Change - Grants for research on volunteering in the community business sector

The Power to Change Research Institute is inviting expressions of interest for high-quality research projects on volunteering in the community business sector in England.

You can be a community business; an organisation that represents or support them; an academic; research organisation or think-tank. Power to Change are particularly interested in partnership bids between researchers and community businesses or voluntary sector organisations.

This round, funding of up to £50,000 per project is available. After the expression of interest phase, a selection of the projects will be invited to submit a full proposal for consideration by a panel. It anticipates funding 2 to 3 research projects.

### **Key dates:**

**Expressions of interest between 6th Jan and 3rd Feb 2020**

**Full proposals submitted between 10th Feb and 24th Feb 2020**

**Another round will be live in summer 2020.**

### **Postcode Community Trust – People’s Postcode Lottery**

Postcode Community Trust provides project-based funding in Great Britain under the following themes:

- improving community health and wellbeing
- increasing participation in arts and physical recreation
- reducing isolation

A range of not-for-profit organisations can apply for up to £2,000. Registered charities, CIOs, and SCIOs can apply for up to £20,000.

**The next round of funding opens on 21<sup>st</sup> January and closes on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

### **Art Fund - Museum of the Year Prize 2020 \***

This prize aims to identify the finest museums and galleries in the UK.

The purpose of The Art Fund Prize for museums and galleries is to recognise and stimulate originality and excellence in museums and galleries and increase public appreciation and enjoyment of all they have to offer.

A single award of £100,000 is presented to a museum or gallery whose entry, in the opinion of the judges, best meets the Prize criteria through a project completed or mainly undertaken in the previous calendar year.

£10,000 will be awarded to each of the other finalists.

The Prize is open to all museums and galleries in the United Kingdom.

Entrants are not required to explain how they plan to use the prize money – the investment is made on the understanding that the funds will be spent to the benefit of the winners’ audiences.

**The deadline for applications is midday on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

### **Blaby District Council - Community Grants**

Blaby District Community Grants scheme supports the voluntary and community sector to develop and strengthen community facilities and activities. Working in association with Everyone Active and Blaby District Youth Council it offers the following grants to groups/organisations in the local community:

- Large Capital Grants - up to £4,000
- Small Capital Grants - up to £500
- Revenue Grants - up to £500
- Everyone Active - up to £500
- Youth Grants - up to £500

Blaby District Youth Council supports applications that focus on the following key priorities for Children and Young People:

- Ensure the best start in life for our children
- Keep children safe and free from harm
- Support children and families to be resilient
- Ensure vulnerable families receive personalised, integrated care and support
- Enable children to have good physical and mental health

Everyone Active supports applications that focus on the following health and wellbeing priorities:

- Access to physical activity so people of all ages and abilities can keep fit, healthy and are encouraged to be physically active
- Improving health and wellbeing of local communities including mental health
- Reduction of obesity
- Increasing participation in young adults
- Being inclusive and having a diverse programme

**Deadline for applications is 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020**

### **[Greggs Foundation - Local Community Projects Fund](#)**

Funding for not-for-profit organisations in England, Scotland and Wales to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need in their communities.

The funding aims to support smaller, locally based organisations in Great Britain with projects to improve resilience within communities of interest, such as people who are living with disabilities or chronic illness, in poverty, homeless, elderly and isolated, or have another demonstrable significant need.

Grants of up to £2,000 can be used towards the costs of sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. The Foundation is also interested in new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting the community.

Successful projects will be expected to demonstrate improvements for beneficiaries against at least one of the key performance targets:

- Decreased social isolation.
- Improved health and wellbeing.
- Improved resilience/coping mechanisms.
- Improved life skills.
- Improved opportunities.

Priority will be given to local organisations that have Greggs shops or premises nearby.

**The next deadline for applications is 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.**

## [Leicestershire County Council - SHIRE Environment Grant](#)

Leicestershire County Council has recently launched its new SHIRE Environment Grant. This programme has been established to support the delivery of community-based projects which are focused on waste prevention and reuse, reducing carbon emissions and improving biodiversity.

This new scheme will be replacing the current SHIRE Recycling Grant and SHIRE Climate Change Grant, which are now in their final rounds of funding.

Grants of up to £3,000 will be available through the new scheme. Grants will be available for any of the following organisations:

- constituted village/community groups
- community enterprises
- registered charities
- town/parish councils
- community managed libraries
- schools and colleges
- places of worship

Projects could include ideas such as repair cafes, reuse libraries, community gardens and improving energy efficiency of community buildings.

**Deadline for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

## [Ministry of Defence - Armed Forces Day Grants](#)

The Ministry of Defence offers a grant for Armed Forces Day (27<sup>th</sup> June 2020) events up to the value of £10,000, depending on the size and format of the event. This grant is match-funded and can cover up to half the total cost of the event. For example, If the total cost of the event is £10,000 and you raise £5,000, the grant could cover up to £5,000.

To apply for this grant, you must first register your event on the Armed Forces Day website. Ministry of Defence funding can be used to pay for:

- road closures required to hold an event, including to allow for parades and marches
- decorations, flags and banners
- newspaper and radio advertisements to promote the event
- marshalling, security and first aid arrangements for the event
- insurance
- PA and communications systems

Ministry of Defence funding cannot be used to pay for:

- hospitality, including food, drinks and accommodation
- military assets, including displays, equipment or military vehicles
- entertainment, such as bands or musicians, films or other entertainment
- transport for guests or organisers
- VAT

**Application deadline 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

## [The Coalfields Regeneration Trust](#)

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the 5.5 million people living in Britain's former mining communities. Many of these communities still require support due to the huge impact the closure of the mines had upon them.

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme (England) 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 & Wellbeing: Supporting activities that improve the health and wellbeing of all age groups

Capital costs are not eligible, but applicants can apply for funding for core costs up to 50% of the total amount requested. This can include operational costs, as well as administration and management.

Eligible wards in Leicestershire are all in North West Leicestershire (Ashby Woulds, Castle Rock, Greenhill and Measham South).

**There are four rounds per year. The next deadline is 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Other closing dates are: 5<sup>th</sup> June / 11<sup>th</sup> September / 11<sup>th</sup> December**

## [Esmee Fairbairn - Museum Collections Fund](#)

More than £3.75 million of funding is available over the next three years towards core collections work and time-limited projects in UK museums that bring collections closer to people.

The Esmee Fairbairn Collections Fund, which is provided by the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and administered by the Museums Association (MA), has been offering grants to museums since 2011 to fund projects that demonstrate the significance, distinctiveness and power of collections to people.

Reflecting changes to the museum sector and the findings of the MA's 'Empowering Collections' report, the Fund will now be split into two tiers, with support for core collections work in museums being offered for the first time.

There are two types of grant:

### **Collections innovation and engagement grants**

These grants are from £20,000 to £90,000 over two years and available for outstanding ideas that make a strong link between the collection, the people you want to work with, and the activities and context of your organisation.

**Expressions of interest should be submitted in March or September 2020.**

### **Collections strategy and development grants**

Grants are from £90,000 to £250,000 for projects running for five years or under will be awarded to initiatives that use collections work to support the established strategy of an organisation for longer term benefit. This type of grant aims to accelerate the development of museums that are ready to find new ways and do more to involve their audience and communities with collections. It's designed to help organisations overcome some of the barriers of traditional project funding, and the MA will offer additional coaching where our skills and network can add benefit.

### **Expressions of interest should be submitted in May 2020.**

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- The potential of the collection to inspire and interest audiences, and the coherence of the plans to enhance its understanding and use.
- The approach to engage and involve local communities, communities of interest, or other audiences in the collection, and the sense of how this will enhance the lives of those taking part.
- The beneficial impact on the organisation and individuals within it, and, where appropriate, how the project benefits partner museums, the wider museum sector, or partners from other sectors.
- The project's feasibility and value for money.
- The longer-term legacy of the work and the strength of the plans to make it sustainable.

There is a two-stage application process. Initial application forms are available to download from the [Museum Association's website](#) and should be submitted by email to the Museums Association.

**The closest deadline for applications is 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

### **[Arts Council England - Creative People and Places Fund](#)**

The new funding round will open for applications in mid-January 2020. It is focused on supporting programmes of cultural activity and engagement in 66 locations across England where people's involvement in arts and culture is significantly below the national average

In Leicestershire and Leicester, the eligible local authority areas are Oadby & Wigston, Melton, Hinckley & Bosworth and Leicester City.

Activities must be delivered over four years and take place between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

A total of £11.6 million will be awarded in grants during this second funding round and organisations can apply for grants of:

- Between £1 million and £2 million over four years for new programmes which are not part of a Creative People and Places expansion programme.
- Between £750,000 and £1.75 million over four years for places which would be covered by a current Creative People and Places expansion.

It is expected that at least 25% of total project costs should come from other sources.

Consortia that consist of arts organisations, museums, libraries, amateur groups, and voluntary and community sector groups can also apply.

**Applications will be accepted from 16<sup>th</sup> January until 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

## [Architectural Heritage Fund \(AHF\) - Transformational Project Grants](#)

Grants of up to £350,000 are available to support charitable organisations with historic-building restorations that will contribute towards reinvigorating local high streets in England.

Administered by the Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), the Transformational Project Grants scheme is part of the AHF's Transforming Places Through Heritage Programme. This £15 million programme funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) aims to help England's high streets and town centres become thriving places, strengthening local communities and encouraging local economies to prosper.

Not-for-profit organisations, including charitable incorporated organisations, community interest companies and parish and town councils, can apply for grant funding towards the capital costs of restoration projects that will create alternative uses for redundant or underused historic buildings in town centres.

Eligible projects should have:

- The clear potential to deliver great examples of alternative uses and/or ownership structures and investment models, which will aid the long-term regeneration of the building and place where it is located.
- The capability of completion within three years.
- A positive impact on the vitality and distinctiveness of the local area, with potential to act as a catalyst for other owners and a model transferable to other places.
- Design proposals that offer a creative and high-quality adaptation for the new use of the building, while achieving exemplary conservation standards.

Buildings must be in a high street or town centre in England that is already the focus of a wider strategy or a place-based initiative, which aims to revitalise the surrounding area. The building should also be of special architectural or historic interest and in, or transferring to, community ownership or that of a charitable/social enterprise organisation.

Grants can fund the cost of building acquisition, repair and conservation work and associated fees as well as work required to enable 'meanwhile' use or change of use, including services and fit-out.

**The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.**

## [Leicestershire County Council - Community Kitchen Fund](#)

A community kitchen is a space where people can come together to cook and eat. They've existed in one form or another for many years; soup kitchens, foodbanks, public canteens and social eating projects are just a few of the different types of community kitchens. A community kitchen can be what you and your community wants or needs it to be. However, Leicestershire County Council is offering funding to help establish community kitchens (in the County) that have household food waste prevention at their heart.

Leicestershire County Council has put together a support package to help Leicestershire communities establish new community kitchens, and or to provide access to training for staff and volunteers at existing community kitchens to allow them in turn to provide training on the food waste issue to others.

To apply for the funding your proposed community kitchen has to meet these criteria:

- It has to have food waste prevention at its heart
- It must be led by volunteers; serve Leicestershire residents and be sustainable
- An appropriate and responsible organisation must lead on the application process, e.g. registered charities, Parish Councils and constituted community groups

There are three types of grant:

- **Set up support** – Set-up funding is intended to cover the cost of training a group of volunteers to get a community kitchen project up and running. Successful applicants can access a combination of funding, goods and services (these have a combined value of up to £6,238)
- **Maintenance funding** – Up to £2,000 funding is available to support the ongoing activities of the community kitchen volunteers following completion of their training
- **Innovation fund** – of up to £2,000. Once established, community kitchen volunteers may want to push themselves to try something new. Examples have included travelling to run cooking classes for new communities or providing catering services for community events.

**Applications should be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Applicants should be aware that funding is limited and typically no more than two new community kitchen projects receive funding each financial year.**

### **[Power to Change / Plunkett Foundation - More than a Pub: The Community Pub Business Support Programme](#)**

Want to take ownership of your local pub and run it for the benefit of the community? Need help getting it into community hands?

The More than a Pub programme provides business development support to enable the community ownership of pubs in both rural and urban communities across England.

Funded by Power to Change and delivered by Plunkett Foundation, the second round of the programme builds upon the success of the first, which saw over 450 enquiries received from communities across England and saw 28 pubs open under community ownership.

The programme includes:

- Action planning
- Learning events and peer networking
- Bursary funding up to £2,500
- Business development advice
- Loan and grant funding packages up to £100,000

**Funding and support is available until September 2020.**

## [National Churches Trust - Foundation Grants Programme 2020](#)

Listed and unlisted Christian places of worship of any denomination in the UK are invited to apply for grants towards urgent maintenance works and small investigative works in 2020.

Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available for repair projects on buildings that were originally built as churches and are open to the public on a regular basis. The funding aims to support interventions to investigate or address small problems before they turn into large repairs.

The Trust provides funding for:

- Urgent maintenance work.
- Items identified as high priority within a Quinquennial Inspection Report/survey reports/other sort of report.
- Small investigative works/surveys.

Projects can cost up to £10,000 (excluding VAT), and match funding of at least 50% is required.

Applications from places of worship in the Trust's priority areas of North East England, Northern Ireland and Wales are especially encouraged but the programme is open to applications from across the UK.

**Applications can be made at any time before 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

## [Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation](#)

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 [Donor Matching Scheme](#).

The Community Foundation also administers local and national grant schemes on behalf of those organisations. These vary throughout the year, please check the [website](#).

## [Office for Low Emission Vehicles - Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure](#) \*

The government offers grants to support the wider use of electric and hybrid vehicles via the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV). This includes:

- The Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS) provides grant funding of up to 75% towards the cost of installing electric vehicle chargepoints at domestic properties across the UK.
- The Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS) is a voucher-based scheme that provides support towards the up-front costs of the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charge-points, for eligible businesses, charities and public sector organisations.
- The On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) provides grant funding for local authorities towards the cost of installing on-street residential chargepoints for plug-in electric vehicles.

**No application deadlines advertised**

## [Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales](#)

Core funding grants are available to support small and medium-sized local charities with a proven track record of helping people aged 17 years and older in England and Wales achieve positive change in one or more of the complex social issues as specified by the Foundation.

The grants programme offers long-term funding, including core costs and tailored development support to small and medium-sized charities that have a track record of working to help people overcome the following issues:

- Addiction and dependency
- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Domestic abuse
- Care leavers
- Homeless and vulnerably housed
- Learning disabilities
- Sexual abuse and exploitation
- Offending, prison or community service
- Mental health
- Trafficking and modern slavery
- Young parents

Grants of between £45,000 and £100,000 are available for work delivered over three years.

There are no application rounds. Charities with an income of between £25,000 and £1 million that work across England and Wales are eligible. Charities can apply whenever they feel they are ready and can expect a decision within five months of starting the application process.

The Foundation's eligibility criteria now enable it to respond where need is greatest by analysing the number of eligible small and medium-sized charities in a given area, specific local needs and the size of the Foundation's current investment in each issue and region.

**Applications can now be made at any time, and groups can expect notification of an outcome in around five months.**

## [Severn Trent - Community Fund](#) \*

Severn Trent Community Fund is a programme that aims to support community wellbeing as well as protect and sustain water and natural resources, within the Severn Trent area.

The programme will distribute grants of £2,000 - £250,000 for local initiatives that meet the following aims:

- People - Projects that facilitate healthier lifestyles and skills development
- Place - Projects that help create better places to live in and use
- Environment - Projects that facilitate a healthier natural environment, greater access to that environment or support the preservation of water

Since they are a water company, they also encourage projects to have a connection to the water cycle in some way. This might mean creating sustainable drainage, installing grey water recycling, creating more water efficient green places (parks, allotments) or encouraging hydration for health.

Not for profit organisations, including schools, local authorities and parish councils can apply for a grant for:

- Funding for new projects and their associated costs that meet the aims of the fund (unfortunately retrospective funding or general running costs are not eligible)
- Projects need to be sustainable with a long-term impact.
- Capital and revenue costs are eligible

There are 3 sizes of grant that can be applied for:

- £2,000 - £10,000
- £10,001 – £75,000
- £75,001 - £250,000

Severn Trent can also support a select number of community events with plastic-free water provision using water bars. It will provide approved supplier partners to run the water bars for you. This is to ensure that in no way can any Community Fund money come back into Severn Trent

**No closing dates for applications. The programme will have quarterly panels in March, June, September and December.**

## **Support available for your organisations**

### **Social Investment**

Social investment is a financial enablement tool which enables organisations to focus on organisational development and long-term sustainability. It can be used for buildings, infrastructure, IT, equipment, cashflow, enabling and retaining contracts and trading activities, kicking start new services/ projects or strategic positioning. Grant funding alone is not a viable source of sustainable business funding! A good place to start to find out more about social investment is the Good Finance [website](#)

Don't be put off by the fear of having to repay a loan when you first start exploring social enterprise and investment. Going on the investment readiness and social investment journey is beneficial in that it will help you to think about the direction your organisation will take and where income will be generated. It will therefore help you to develop a business mind-set. The journey is just as important as the end goal.

You are not obliged to take out a loan when developing social enterprise business models, but it is likely that you will need it if you are successful!

### **Grant Funds**

#### [The Reach Fund](#)

A grant programme that helps charities and social enterprises raise investment. This fund is for organisations who need some extra support to raise investment e.g. governance, financial modelling or business planning. To access this fund you need to approach a social investor and then complete a diagnostic tool. If approved then you work with the social investor to develop a support plan.

### [The Enterprise Development Fund Programme](#)

Offers tailored support to organisations that are thinking of exploring new models of trading to help them become more financially resilient and who require support to make the transition. The second round is going to be launched soon, and the themes are equality and mental health.

### **Business Support**

Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency (CASE) is a social enterprise and co-operative established in 1982 that is the trusted organisation for co-operatives, social enterprises and community enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. It supports co-operatives and social enterprises to develop and grow and we promote co-operative ways of working.

CASE has been awarded a small grant from the Connect Fund to raise awareness about social investment, support groups to develop social enterprise business models and scale up, and access social investment. The project started in January 2019 and finishes in June 2020.

If you are a social enterprise or charity in the East Midlands that has a good idea or proposal to generate income from trading then please feel free to get in touch with Natasha Jolob, Social Impact and Investment Adviser on Tel: 0116 222 5010, Email: [n.jolob@case.coop](mailto:n.jolob@case.coop)

If you are interested in accessing support to develop and grow through enterprise and investment, you can contact:

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