

Monthly Funding Information January 2021

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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Grant Fund	Closest Deadline
HM Government - Changing Futures Fund *	21 st Jan 2021
Veterans' Foundation Grants	31 st March 2021
Groundwork UK – Comic Relief Community Fund	Open
Asda Foundation – First Steps Enterprise Fund	Open

Funding for projects which support Young People (including young people with disabilities)	
Grant Fund	Closest Deadline
BBC Children in Need - Emergency Essentials Programme	Open
Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Ideas and Pioneers Fund	Open
Groundwork UK – Comic Relief Community Fund	Open
Asda Foundation – First Steps Enterprise Fund	Open

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes	
Grant Fund	Closest Deadline
Leicestershire County Council – Leicestershire Communities Fund	22 nd Jan 2020
The National Lottery - Local Connections Fund	26 th Jan 2021
Architectural Heritage Fund -Transforming Places through Heritage Grants	31 st Jan 2021
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council - Parish Community Initiative Fund and Hinckley Community Initiative Fund.	12 th Feb 2021
Windrush Community Fund	12 th Feb 2021
Leicestershire County Council – SHIRE Environment Grant	26 th Feb 2021
Angling Trust - Get Fishing Fund *	12 th March 2021
The National Lottery Community Fund *	Open
HM Govt. - Grants for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure *	Open

Funding for projects which support Adults

Grant:	HM Government - Changing Futures Fund *
Website:	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changing-futures-changing-systems-for-adults-experiencing-multiple-disadvantage
Summary:	Seeking local partnership approaches to improve the way that systems and services work to support individuals experiencing multiple disadvantage - including a combination of homelessness, substance misuse, poor mental health, domestic abuse, and contact with the criminal justice system.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Partnerships will be expected to provide match funding (could be direct funding or in-kind such as staffing) Partnerships should have the following representation as a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authority • Strategic NHS partners • Police and/or Police and Crime Commissioner • National Probation Service. • Voluntary, social and community sector partners.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Up to £15,000 for year 1 (2020/21) £1.5 to £4.5 million over years 2 and 3 (2021/23)
Deadline for Applications:	Expressions of interest by 21 st Jan 2021

Grant:	Veterans' Foundation Grants
Website:	https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/
Summary:	The grant will support projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For smaller charities / organisations that support servicing or former members of the British Armed Forces and their dependants. • Funding could be £30,000 over 3 years
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max funding £30,000
Deadline for Applications:	End of March /May / September and December

Grant:	Groundwork UK – Comic Relief Community Fund
Website:	https://www.groundwork.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/national-grants/comic-relief-community-grants/
Summary:	<p>There are four strategic themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children Survive & Thrive: projects that support children under the age of 11 to reach their potential and have the best start in life. • Fighting for Gender Justice: projects that improve equality for women, girls and the LGBTQI+ 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.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Open to grassroots community organisations with income under £250,000</p> <p>Grants are intended to increase the organisations capacity. For example, by recruiting and training more volunteers or trustees, developing website or other social media presence or engaging with service users, clients and the community to develop models of delivery and understand their needs.</p>
Min/Max Funding Available:	Up to £1,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	Asda Foundation – First Steps Enterprise Fund
Website:	https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/firststeps
Summary:	<p>For charities and social enterprises looking to take on their first loan to help them grow and become more sustainable. Preference is given to organisations that work in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people • Health and wellbeing • Employment for young people
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applicants should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be based and work in England • Have been operating for at least one year • Provide evidence of need for and benefit to their local community
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £30,000 (90% loan 10% grant)
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

Grant:	BBC Children in Need - Emergency Essentials Programme
Website:	https://www.familyfundservices.co.uk/emergency-essentials/
Summary:	Delivers emergency essentials for children and young people living in severe poverty as well as with additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability or poor health in the family.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs. • Supports young people up to the age of 18 including those that are living independently • Eligible items include essential household items such as cookers, fridges, freezers, children's beds and bedding
Min/Max Funding Available:	In most cases the required items are supplied, but it is possible to obtain a cash grant to purchase an item.
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Ideas and Pioneers Fund
Website:	https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/ideaspioneers/
Summary:	Open to individuals and organisations to support their ideas for change to make a better society.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Prioritising applications from:</p> <p>Young people (aged 18 to 30 years)</p> <p>Those most affected by systemic oppression and or discrimination including deaf, disabled, ethnic minority or those in poverty.</p>
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Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

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 - Local Connections Fund
Website:	https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/local-connections-fund
Summary:	<p>Fund is intended for small constituted voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to enable them to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build relationships in and across communities to help reduce loneliness and build connections between people and communities • Bring together organisations who are working on social connections to celebrate their work, share learning and best practice, and form/bring together peer networks.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Projects should be completed and spent the funding by the end of March 2021

	<p>Applications should enable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People and communities feel more connected. • Individuals feel supported and less lonely or isolated. • People more aware of services available that help them to connect with others and get involved. • Organisations learn from each other.
Min/Max Funding Available:	£300 to £2,500
Deadline for Applications:	26 th Jan 2021

Grant:	Architectural Heritage Fund -Transforming Places through Heritage Grants
Website:	http://ahfund.org.uk/england
Summary:	<p>The fund is for individual heritage buildings in, or transferring to, community ownership and is open to charities and social enterprises. There are several strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Viability Grants: up to £15,000, for early viability and feasibility work, open now for applications. • Project Development Grants: up to £100,000, for capital project development costs, open now for applications. • Crowdfunding Challenge Grants: up to £25,000, to match fund crowdfunding campaigns, open now for applications. • Transformational Project Grants: up to £350,000, for transformational capital projects, currently closed for applications. • Community Shares Booster Grants
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The programme will focus on places where strategic regeneration programmes are planned or are already underway. This includes Heritage Action Zones or places that have secured funding through the Future High Streets Fund. • Projects should not be standalone but sit within a wider initiative to regenerate and bring a new purpose to the immediate surrounding area.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max grant £350,000
Deadline for Applications:	31 st January / 30 th April / 31 st July / 30 th September

Grant:	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council - Parish Community Initiative Fund and Hinckley Community Initiative Fund.
Website:	https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/200335/funding_for_community_projects/509/parish_and_community_initiative_scheme
Summary:	The grants are available for community groups including Parish and Town councils. They can be used for a wide variety of projects including; play areas, community building improvements, heritage trails, and sports facilities. In 2021 the council is giving high priority to any schemes that help to improve the environment.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must be within the borough of Hinckley and Bosworth • Maximum of 50 per cent of total project costs funded • All works must be completed within the financial year • Projects must demonstrate that they meet the council's corporate aims and that they are of community benefit
Min/Max Funding Available:	£12,000
Deadline for Applications:	12 th February 2021

Grant:	Windrush Community Fund
Website:	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-windrush-community-fund#north
Summary:	<p>For charities and community-based organisations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness of the support available under the Windrush Scheme and Windrush Compensation Scheme. • Support those who may have been affected because they could not show that they had a right to live in the UK. • Ensure that individuals and communities have accurate information about the schemes and how to apply. • Build capacity at a community and grassroots level in supporting those affected to access the schemes <p>There are 2 phases or rounds of funding.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding can be used for events and other communication campaigns including the promotion of that activity. • Initiatives awarded up to £2,500 should be delivered within 6 months of receipt of funding • Initiatives awarded up to £25,000 should be delivered within 12 months of receipt of funding
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £2,500 and £25,000
Deadline for Applications:	Phase/Round 1 12 th February 2021 Phase/Round 2 30 th June 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:	Angling Trust - Get Fishing Fund *
Website:	https://grants.anglingtrust.net/online-application-forms/
Summary:	The aim is to encourage more people in England to take up fishing or get involved for the first time. The funding is support future angling events.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are accepted from angling clubs, fisheries, charities, schools and local authorities • Activities must take place in freshwater fisheries • The funding can cover a range of costs including: • Equipment to ensure activities are following Covid-19 safety guidelines, including PPE and signage • Fishing equipment including tackle and bait • Event resources including gazebos • Coaching fees • Promotional and marketing costs
Min/Max Funding Available:	Small grants up to £500 Large grants up to £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	12 th March 2021

Grant:	The National Lottery Community Fund *
Website:	https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/
Summary:	<p>The three regular funding programmes for England have re-opened for applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Lottery Awards for All • Reaching Communities • Partnerships <p>Funding can be for up to 5 years</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>The aim of the programmes is to support communities to thrive by funding activities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build strong relationships in and across communities. • Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities. • Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage
Min/Max Funding Available:	<p>Applications under £10,000 Applications over £10,000</p>
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	HM Govt. - Grants for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure *
Website:	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles
Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS) - grant funding of up to 75% towards the cost of installing electric vehicle chargepoints at domestic properties. • Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS) - a voucher-based scheme that provides support towards the up-front costs of the purchase and installation of electric vehicle chargepoints, for eligible businesses, charities and public sector organisations • On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) - grant funding for local authorities towards the cost of installing on-street residential chargepoints
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVHS - applicant must own, lease, or have ordered a qualifying vehicle and has dedicated off-street parking at their property • WCS - installation must be completed and voucher claimed within 6 months • ORCS – must be located in a residential area where off street parking is not available. Can be located in a local authority car park if this is in close proximity to a residential area and used for residential parking.
Min/Max Funding Available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVHS and WCS both have a max grant of £350 per socket. • ORCS max grant is £7,500 per charge point
Deadline for Applications:	Open

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

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire



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.

Contact Details:

Website: www.valonline.org.uk/contact

Tel: 0116 2575050

Email: helpline@valonline.org.uk

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire



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.

Leicestershire County Council has a contract with CASE to provide support to people currently running (or thinking of setting up) social enterprises in Leicestershire.

Contact Details:

Website: <http://case.coop/>

Tel: 0116 222 5010

Email: enquiries@case.coop

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