

Monthly Funding Information

July 2022

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.

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Funding for projects which support Adults

[Sir George Earle Benevolent Fund](#)

Summary

Grants are available for local projects supporting older people experiencing loneliness and isolation. Activities or projects need to meet one of the following fund themes:

- Improve older people's access to social activity
- Reduce feelings of loneliness or isolation in older people
- Increase the availability of local projects or activity which supports older people
- Respond to local social or economic needs

Key Criteria

- Applying organisations annual income must be less than £250,000
- Applications must not be more than 25% of the organisation's annual income
- Funded projects should ideally begin 1st September 2022 and MUST be completed by 28th February 2023

Amounts available: Between £500 and £3,000

Grant deadlines: 22nd July 2022

[Money Saving Expert \(MSE\) - Building and Developing Resilience](#)

Summary

In response to the current cost-of-living crisis, MSE will bring forward its next planned funding round, which was originally due to open in September this year. The theme for the round is Building and Developing Resilience, and projects should focus on providing urgent money guidance and emergency debt help to those of in need of support through the cost-of-living crisis in the UK.

Key Criteria

- Applying organisations should have an annual income of less than £750,000 and have unrestricted reserves that are less than six months of their running costs.
- There is particular interest in applications which use memorable, innovative, and or creative ways of delivering financial life skills which will make a lasting impact on the way people think, behave and manage their money.
- All applications must demonstrate how the project they are seeking funding for has a lasting impact on the people taking part.

Amounts available: Max £7,500

Grant deadlines: Opens 20th June and closes on 22nd July 2022

[Lloyds Bank Foundation](#)

Summary

Both the Racial Equity and Unrestricted Funding Strands which offer grants and tailored support over 2 years for small and local charities that work with people with complex issues will close at the end of July 2022. Complex issues include:

- addiction and dependency
- asylum seeker and refugees
- care leavers
- domestic abuse
- homelessness
- learning disabilities
- mental health
- offending, prison or community service
- sexual abuse and exploitation
- trafficking and modern slavery
- young parents

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Have an annual income of between £25,000 and £1 million
- Have a proven track record
- Generally, be working with people aged 17 or over
- To be eligible for the Race Equity Strand organisations must also be working with people from specific minoritised communities

Amounts available: £50,000 over two years

Grant deadlines: Scheme closes on 29th July 2022

[HM Govt. - VCSE Health and Wellbeing Fund 2022- 2025](#)

Summary

The fund is intended to support voluntary and community organisations to provide a holistic support offer to women experiencing reproductive health issues so that they feel confident to remain in and return to the workplace. This includes ensuring that:

- Women feel supported in the workplace.
- Taboos are broken down through open conversation.
- Employers feel well-equipped to support women in managing their health in the workplace.

Key Criteria

Eligible organisations must:

- Meet the conditions set out in Section 70 of the Charities Act 2006.
- Work in England, with a plan to operate their programme in England only.
- Not apply for funding of more than 25% of their annual turnover.
- Have been operating in this area, or a closely related area, for at least three years

Amounts available: Between £200,000 and £600,000 over three years

Grant deadlines: 5th August 2022

[Allen Lane Foundation](#)

Summary

The Foundation provides grants to organisations which support one of the following beneficiary groups:

- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Offenders and ex-offenders
- Older people
- People experiencing mental health problems
- People experiencing violence or abuse

Key Criteria

- UK Wide applicants' income must be under £250,000
- Locally based applicants' (working across a village, estate or town) income must be less than £100,000.
- The focus is mainly on supporting adults within the above six beneficiary groups

Amounts Available: Max £15,000

Grant deadlines: 5th August 2022

[Getting Help in Neighbourhoods Adult Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund](#)

Summary

This fund is to enable local charitable organisations to provide local activities for people aged 18+ that:

- Build resilience and prevent adult mental health issues from developing or becoming worse
- Provide more opportunities and places for adults to seek help and support
- Support adults recovering or living with long-term mental health challenges to live as independently as they can
- Improve healthy life expectancy and reduces health inequalities

Key Criteria

Applying organisations will need to:

- Demonstrate a commitment to supporting adults that values and promotes their skills, experiences and potential.
- Be inclusive, promote and celebrate local diversity and use locally accessible venues that help to reduce isolation
- Develop its staff and volunteers' knowledge about mental health, growing the organisation's confidence to support people with mental health needs.
- Attend at least one focus group

Amounts available: Between £3,000 and £50,000

Grant deadlines: Round 2 opens on 17th June 2022 and closes on 8th August 2022

Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Reaching and Supporting Armed Forces Communities Programme *

Summary

Funding is intended to support projects which are specific and targeted, rather than taking a generalist approach. This could mean supporting a defined group with its own defined needs, or addressing a challenging and pressing need within Armed Forces communities.

Key Criteria

- Applying organisations must be charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs) in the UK which have been registered for a minimum of three years.
- Applying organisations do not need to be Armed Forces-specific, but must be willing to work in partnership with Armed Forces organisations.
- Partnership working is encouraged. Local Authorities, Health Bodies and other organisations not eligible to apply directly could deliver projects in collaboration with an eligible organisation.

Amounts available: Max £100,000 over 2 years to 3 years (grants over 3 years will be tapered)

Grant Deadlines: 8th August 2022 / 14th November 2022

Armed Forces Covenant Fund – Force for Change Programme *

Summary

Funding for community projects that reduce isolation and promote integration; supporting post-Covid recovery in local Armed Forces communities affected by isolation.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must be one of the following:

- A registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities and have been registered for at least one year at the time of your application.
- An Armed Forces unit or base.
- A local authority.
- A school.
- A statutory body that delivers or co-ordinates NHS care

Amounts available: Max £10,000

Grant deadlines: 8th August 2022 / 14th November 2022

Asda Foundation – Empowering Local Communities Grant

Summary

Grants are available to community groups to support a broad range of activities which can contribute towards transforming their community and improving the lives of people in their community. Support to help with the cost-of-living rise and for refugees is available.

Projects should be aligned to one of the following four themes:

- Building Resilient Communities.
- Active Lives.
- Seasonal Celebrations & Festivals.
- Leading Healthier Lives.

Key Criteria

- Activities must be for people aged over 18 years
- Applications can be obtained from the Asda Community Champion who are based at local stores
- Completed applications should be passed on to the Asda Community Champion for submission
- Activities must be completed by 30th September 2022

Amounts available: Between £500 and £1,500

Grant deadlines: 19th August 2022

Veterans Foundation

Summary

Grants are available to support charities and not-for-profit organisations that provide lifetime support for serving and former members of the British Armed Forces and their immediate families who are in need.

Key Criteria

A potential, qualified beneficiary “in need” is one or all of the following:

- At a disadvantage compared with non-armed forces citizens due to their service.
- Someone who is suffering from challenges such as: unemployment, homelessness, mental and physical ill-health, injuries, old age, a child's loss of parent, addiction and lack of education.
- Grants should bring benefit to beneficiaries collectively and/or individually; they provide a hand up, not a handout.

Amounts available:

Max £30,000 (can be spread over a max of three years)

Max £40,000 (exclusively for salaries and spread over a max of two years)

Grant deadlines: 26th August 2022

Living Well with Dementia

Summary

The Dementia Programme Board of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) would like to support VCS organisations to continue and develop their work with people living with dementia and their family or informal carers.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must meet one of the following outcomes:

- Meet the Dementia Programme Board vision
- Supports people with or without a formal diagnosis of dementia
- Supports people waiting for an appointment with Memory Assessment service
- Supports Carers of people with Dementia
- Supports seldom heard groups

Amounts available: Between £5,000 and £25,000

Grant deadlines: 31st August 2022

Thomas Wall Trust – Grants for Registered Charities

Summary

Grants are available for specific projects or core activities that equip disadvantaged people aged 18 and over with the necessary communication skills for employment. There is particular interest in hearing from groups supporting people experiencing multiple deprivation or major hurdles to employment, including women, people with disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers. The grant can support annual repeat funding for up to three years.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must have:

- An annual turnover of between £10,000 and £500,000
- Been registered with the Charity Commission for at least three years.

Amounts available: Max £5,000

Grant deadlines: 19th September 2022

Pink Ribbon Foundation

Summary

Grants are available to breast cancer charities in the UK that assist people affected by breast cancer and organisations that work on breast cancer research, prevention, early detection and treatment. The Foundation will consider applications from general cancer charities if any grant made will be used to benefit at least 50% of patients that suffer from Breast Cancer or for research into, or the dissemination of information about, breast cancer.

Key Criteria

Social enterprises and Community Interest Companies can also apply as long as they are legally constituted and their proposed project is clearly for public benefit.

Amounts available: Max £6,000

Grant deadlines: 26th May 2023

Masonic Charitable Foundation - Later Life Inclusion Grant

Summary

Grants (for up to 3 years) are available for local and national charities in England and Wales that are working to reduce loneliness and isolation in older people. Depending on their annual income level, charities can apply for:

- Small grants, for general running and/or overhead costs of the charity – core funding.
- Large grants, for projects and can be used for salary costs, activities, materials, etc.

Grant amounts should not exceed 15% of the total income of the applicant's charity.

Key Criteria

Applicants must be supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable older people over the age of 50 years and provide:

- Mental and physical health support.
- Gateway and access to service, e.g., transport and technology.
- Community based approaches, i.e., volunteering, positive ageing and neighbourhood support.
- Advocacy, social and welfare support.

Amounts available:

Small grants between £1,000 and £15,000 for charities with an income of under £500,000.

Large grants between £10,000 and £60,000 for charities with an annual income over £500,000.

Grant Deadlines: No closing date for applications

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

[OVO Foundation – Climate Changers Fund](#)

Summary

Funding is intended to help meet the two goals of the Foundation:

- Equip less advantaged children and young people with improved skills, knowledge, and confidence to take action on sustainability issues and contribute to building sustainable communities.
- Ensure less advantaged children and young people live in a sustainable community with increased access to green spaces and opportunities.

Key Criteria

Work should focus on:

- Children and young people (up to 25).
- Geographic areas and settings with higher levels of need among children and young people as defined by, for example, social mobility, child poverty or free school meal stats.

Amounts available: up to £350,000 over 3 years

Grant deadlines: 22nd July (for stage one application)

[Blagrove Charitable Trust – Listening Fund’s Advisors Fund](#)

Summary

Grants are available to youth-focused not-for-profit groups for projects which help disadvantaged young people in positions of leadership.

Funding is intended to:

- Support young people and organisations to work together to re-examine what skills, qualities and experiences are valued in leadership roles, to challenge conceptions of who can be a leader.
- Explore different leadership models and structures and strengthen organisations by including young people's experiences and expertise.
- Build a pipeline of opportunities which gives young people access to leadership roles.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Be supporting young people (aged 10 to 30) in England
- Have a turnover of between £200,000 and £2 million.

Amounts available: Max £40,000 over 2 years

Grant deadlines: 28th July 2022

[The 7stars Foundation](#)

Summary

Grants for groups and organisations to support young people (aged 16 and under) challenged by abuse and addiction, young carers, and those experiencing homelessness or who lack access to a safe space. Funding is intended to help young people who lack opportunities to cope with unfair situations and achieve their potential.

Key Criteria

- Applying organisations must have an annual turnover of less than £1.5 million
- For projects addressing Child Carers, preference will be given to applications that offer long-term impact or sustainable support, such as mentoring or outreach programmes, over recreational trips.

Amounts available: Max £2,500

Grant deadlines: 31st July 2022 / 31st October 2022 / 31st January 2023

[Universal Music UK Sound Foundation – School Awards](#)

Summary

The scheme aims to support the access to music for schools, students and teachers by supporting the purchase of musical instruments and equipment.

Key Criteria

- Only schools can apply
- Previous successful applicants must wait two trustee meetings (approximately 12 months) before being eligible to re-apply.

The Foundation also has [Individual Awards](#) to support individuals with purchasing instruments and equipment.

Amounts available: Max £1,500

Grant deadlines: 10th August 2022

Asda Foundation - U18 Better Starts Grant

Summary

Organisations working to benefit children and young people under 18 years of age can apply for funding for a range of activities that address the following:

- Provision of essential items e.g., food, hygiene products.
- Encourage physical activity.
- Improve mental health.
- Celebrations within communities e.g., summer holiday events.

Key Criteria

- A focus of the grant is to ensure children are supported during the summer.
- Organisations must have a presence in their local community and must demonstrate how the activity will benefit those under 18 years old.
- The local Community Champion should be contacted to discuss the grant and to check eligibility. Submission forms are available from the Community Champion.
- Applications should be submitted at least six weeks before the activity to give enough processing time.

Amounts available: Between £500 and £1,500

Grant deadlines: 19th August 2022

MOD - Education Support Fund *

Summary

Grants are available for publicly funded schools, academies and free schools throughout the UK to mitigate the effects of significant mobility and/or deployment of their service communities.

Key Criteria

- Schools must be subject to either significant mobility of Service children or have Service children whose parents are subject to deployments.
- If applying as a cluster an individual school can also submit their own separate bid, provided it is for a different initiative (no double bidding allowed).

Amounts available: Not disclosed

Grant deadlines: 30th September 2022

Weavers Company Benevolent Fund

Summary

Grants are available for organisations which support people in trouble.

The three Priorities are:

- Young Offenders - projects that involve the rehabilitation of young offenders
- Ex-Offenders - projects that help ex-offenders of all ages.
- Disadvantaged Young People - prevent young people offending in the first place. Projects that help young people make better life choices and fulfil their potential

Key Criteria

Grants are normally awarded for one year only. The preference is to:

- Support small organisations. Local organisations, such as those working in a village, estate or small town, should normally have an annual income of less than about £100,000.
- Pump-priming new projects, especially those that are innovative and can serve as a model elsewhere.

Amounts available: Max £15,000

Grant deadlines: Open

HM Govt. – Senior Mental Health Lead Training *

Summary

Grants are for eligible state-funded schools and colleges to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

Key Criteria

- All state-funded education settings that are in receipt of ESFA pre-16 revenue, high needs block, or 16 to 19 programme funding are eligible for the grant.
- Schools and colleges that claimed a grant in the 2021 to 2022 financial year are not eligible to apply for another grant.
- The training needs to be within the 2022 to 2023 financial year, up to 31 March 2023.

Amounts available: Max £1,200

Grant deadlines: Open

The David Wilson Foundation

Summary

The grant fund is focused upon advancing the health and wellbeing of younger members of the community and supports schemes which build skills and confidence through education and sport.

Key Criteria

Potential applicants need to complete a short on-line form in-order to then be considered for a formal invitation to apply

The grant has a focus on the East Midlands and particularly Leicestershire and Rutland.

Amounts available: Not disclosed

Grant deadlines: Open

Hargreaves Foundation

Summary

The grant scheme can fund projects, initiatives or the purchase of specific items that support young people in one or more of the following:

- Enables individuals to experience the mental and physical health benefits of participatory sport
- Ensures participatory sport is accessible (accessibility includes affordability)
- Provides sporting or educational activities that foster life skills
- Aims to improve academic engagement and attainment
- Encourages the development of skills and personal attributes to aid future employability

Key Criteria

Beneficiaries must be under the age of 18, and living with a mental health problem, physical disability or growing up in poverty

Amounts available: Not disclosed

Grant deadlines: Open

True Colours Trust – UK Small Grants

Summary

Grants for charitable organisations to deliver activities which support disabled children and children (aged 0-25 years) with life-limiting conditions and their families. Eligible organisations must have annual income of less than £350,000.

Key Criteria

Funding available for the following:

- Activities for disabled children, children with life-limiting conditions and their families.
- Activities which support siblings of disabled children or siblings of children with life-limiting conditions.
- Bereavement support for children and young people.
- Family support / parent-led peer support for parents of disabled children.
- Respite which supports the whole family.
- Support for disabled children and children with life-limiting conditions who are shielding or unable to return to school due to Covid-19.
- Equipment and Materials

Amounts available: Max £10,000

Grant deadlines: Open

Oakland Foundation

Summary

The fund is available for clubs, groups, organisations and schools which support children under the age of 16 and their families. There are three themes:

- Education: to ensure children get the best education no matter what their background.
- Health and nutrition: to ensure children have access to healthy food.
- Sport: to ensure children have access to sport and activities irrespective of social background or physical ability.

Key Criteria

Preference will be given to:

- Applications with a clearly defined and measurable outcome.
- Applicants who have a demonstrable track record of delivering outcomes

Amounts Available: Not disclosed

Grant deadlines: Open

Buttle UK – Chances For Children Grants *

Summary

Frontline professionals (from a registered charity, housing association or public sector organisation) can apply for individually tailored grants for children and young people who have experienced a crisis that has had a significant impact on their social and emotional wellbeing and educational engagement.

Applicants must:

- Be working directly with the children/young person
- Have carried out at least one home visit
- Have made a full assessment of the children's or young person's needs

Key Criteria

The children or young people being supported must meet all of the criteria:

- Be children or a young person aged 18 and under, if living with parent/carer, OR 20 and under if living independently, with little or no support from their family
- Be living on a low income and experiencing financial hardship
- The children and young people have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on all three of the following: their social wellbeing; their emotional wellbeing; and their educational engagement
- The family or young person has recently taken action to improve their situation, are actively engaging with support and are moving on from the crisis.

Amounts available: Max £2,000

Grant deadlines: Open

Masonic Charitable Foundation – Children and Young People

Summary

Grants (for up to 3 years) are available for local and national charities in England and Wales helping disadvantaged children and young people to overcome the challenges they face.

Depending on their annual income level, charities can apply for:

- Small grants, for general running and/or overhead costs of the charity – core funding.
- Large grants, for projects and can be used for salary costs, activities, materials, etc.

Key Criteria

- Projects must support disadvantaged and vulnerable children aged 0-18 and up to the age of 25 years for disabled young people.
- Grant amounts should not exceed 20% of the total income of the applicant charity.
- For small grants, at least 75% of the charity's beneficiaries must be disadvantaged children and young people
- For large grants, all of the beneficiaries of the project must be disadvantaged children and young people and their families/guardians.

Amounts available:

- Small grants between £1,000 and £15,000 for charities with an income of under £500,000.
- Large grants between £10,000 and £60,000 for charities with an annual income over £500,000.

Grant deadlines: Open

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

[HM Govt. Places of Worship Protective Security Funding Scheme](#)

Summary

The scheme is intended to reduce the risk and impact of hate crime at places of worship and associated faith community centres. Funding is available for protective security measures to places of worship that have been subject to, or are vulnerable to, a hate crime attack.

Key Criteria

The scheme can cover the provision and installation of up to three security measures from a selected list which includes:

- CCTV (fixed cameras, not pan-tilt cameras)
- Fencing and/or railings (no more than 2.1m high)
- Manually operated pedestrian and vehicle gates
- Door hardening, locks and mail box/mail bag
- Reinforcing single glazed windows (with anti-shatter film or bars/grilles only)
- Intruder alarms including integrated smoke/heat detection

In the financial year 2022-2023, mosques and associated faith community centres can also apply for some security guarding services, where they feel security guards will improve the safety of their site and those worshipping there. All measures under the scheme must be completed and delivered by 31st March 2023.

The scheme is open to all faiths, except the Jewish community. This is because a separate funding scheme administered by the [Community Security Trust](#) is available to provide security measures at certain Jewish faith institutions.

Amounts available: Not disclosed

Grant deadlines: 14th July 2022

Mercia Park Community Fund

Summary

Grants are for community projects within a 5-mile radius of the Mercia Park Development at Junction 11 M42 which:

- Help strengthen local communities (particularly their quality of life and life chances)
- Improve the natural environment

Key Criteria

Priority will be given to:

- Organisations who can clearly demonstrate that they are addressing a need in the local community and offering localised support.
- Smaller charitable organisations that have limited access to larger funds.
- Projects should start from November 2022 onwards, for a maximum 12-month period

Amounts available: Max £5,000

Grant deadlines: 22nd July 2022. Please note, this is the final round of funding and may close early if oversubscribed

OPCC – Commissioner’s Safety Fund

Summary:

Funding is available for community projects that help reduce the risk of crime and abuse and increase public safety.

There will be six rounds of funding per year and funding can be used for projects and initiatives that meet any of the objectives of the [Police and Crime Plan](#)

Key Criteria

- If you wish to apply for a project focussing on a local area, you are advised to refer to the local Community Safety Partnership plan to ensure that your proposal complements (rather than duplicates or overlaps) existing provision.
- Applicants are advised to check the detail of the Funding Agreement to ensure that they can comply with the terms and conditions associated with the funding.

Amounts available: Max £10,000

Grant deadlines: Opened 1st June and closes 25th July 2022 (closing dates will occur every 2 months)

Baring Foundation - Arts and Mental Health Programme

Summary

The fund supports Global Majority-led arts organisations to develop their offer of creative opportunities to people living with mental health problems.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must be:

- An established arts organisation of any kind (including museums).
- An Arts organisations that is Global Majority-led (in this case meaning communities that experience racism in the UK, including Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities)
- An Arts organisations that has been established for at least two years with audited accounts for at least that length of time.

Although the lead applicant must be a Global Majority-led arts organisation, they may wish to partner with an organisation specialising in mental health, which is not arts-focused.

Amounts available: Between £20,000 and £60,000 (over a minimum of two years)

Grant deadlines: 26th July 2022

Woodward Charitable Trust – General Grants

Summary

The grant scheme is for smaller organisations working with isolated children and young people, disadvantaged families, and prisoners and ex-offenders in the UK.

The grant can be used to support core costs in the following areas:

- Children and young people who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in antisocial behaviour - includes gang violence and knife crime, education and mentoring.
- Disadvantaged families - includes parenting support and guidance, mental health, food poverty, refuges and domestic violence projects.
- Prisoners and ex-offenders - specifically projects that maintain and develop contact with prisoners' families and help with the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders after their release.

Key Criteria

- Applying organisations must have an annual turnover of less than £200,000.
- Most grants are only for one year
- Funding is available for a maximum of three consecutive years or three grants within five years. After their last grant organisations should wait two years before reapplying for a further grant.

Amounts available: Max £3,000 (most grants are for under £1,000)

Grant deadlines: 29th July 2022

Harborough District Council – Platinum Jubilee Capital Grant Fund

Summary

The fund will help mark this historic milestone through helping to secure or develop significant capital assets across the Harborough district, as a lasting commemoration. Projects must meet at least one HDC Corporate Priorities:

- Community leadership to create a sense of pride in our place
- Promoting health and wellbeing and encouraging healthy life choices
- Creating a sustainable environment to protect future generations
- Supporting businesses and residents to deliver a prosperous local economy

Key Criteria

Projects must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be creative
- Be a new project
- Have a long-lasting impact/ legacy of Jubilee
- Enhance the local place
- Have a demonstrable public benefit and be freely available to the local community

Amounts Available: Max grant £70,000 (ten grants will be awarded)

Grant deadlines: 31st July 2022

HM Govt. - Community Ownership Fund

Summary

The funding is intended to support communities to purchase community assets and amenities which are at risk of being lost and run them as sustainable community businesses. Assets include parks, community centres museums, theatres, pubs and post offices.

Key Criteria

- The Fund will contribute up to 50% of the total capital required.
- Capital funding for purchasing or refurbishing assets - requires match funding
- Revenue funding for running costs including legal fees, utilities and staffing- match funding not required.
- Revenue funding request cannot be more than 20% of the capital funding request or £50,000, whichever is smaller.
- Applicants must demonstrate that the community asset: is at risk of loss without intervention, has community value, has or will have community use and there is clear plan for long-term sustainability
- A 15-year lease is required on an asset

Amounts available: Max £250,000

Grant deadlines: Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time. There are three bidding windows for the full application. The first one closes on 19th August 2022. There will be two more bidding windows before March 2023.

Leicestershire County Council – SHIRE Community Grant

Summary

Grants are available to support the delivery of projects, activities and services which are specifically targeted at improving the lives of vulnerable/disadvantaged people and communities.

Applications can include costs to run and deliver projects, including any equipment (capital items) required, as well as funding for core organisational running costs.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Be a VCSE organisation, or Town/Parish Council
- Provide services for vulnerable/disadvantaged people who are residents of Leicestershire (not Leicester City)

Amounts Available:

- Small Grants – maximum £3,000
- Large Grants – minimum £3,001, maximum £10,000

Grant deadlines: Round 2 Opened on 6th July and closes 7th September 2022

Esmee Fairbairn - Collections Fund

Summary

This fund supports museums to use their collections to become relevant and sustainable organisations that are connected to and valued by their communities. These grants are for museums to innovate, kick-start or develop their collections engagement practice where there is a strong link between a relevant collection and audience.

Key Criteria

- All applications must focus on existing collections, typically held by an accredited museum or partnership of museums and other organisations
- The funded work must engage and involve audiences to achieve public benefit.
- Applicants from within the museum sector must be members of the Museums Association

Amounts available: Between £20,000 and £90,000 over three years max

Grant deadlines: 14th September 2022

Power To Change – Powering Up

Summary

Tailored support packages are available to support community businesses in England in the areas of digital growth, environmental sustainability, and financial resilience, with a cross cutting theme of diversity, equity and inclusion. This second round will focus on community businesses that are looking to deliver changes within their business to help address the climate crisis and/or improve their use of digital to better serve their communities.

Key Criteria

The scheme will be prioritising support to community businesses in the most deprived areas of England, as well as organisations that are supporting, or are led by, disabled people and communities experiencing racial inequity.

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- A registered charity: a company registered on Companies House; or a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission.
- Trading for at least 12 months.
- Able to dedicate a minimum of 12 days (over the next 12 months) of their time or a team members time to engage with the support being offered in this programme.

Amounts Available: Max support package value of £20,000 which includes:

- Paid access to technical and business support providers (up to £9,000)
- Professional development and wellbeing support (up to £3,000)
- An unrestricted grant to support community business leaders, and their team, to engage in the required support of the programme (up to £8,000)

Grant deadlines: 19th September 2022

Association of Independent Museums – Collections Care Scheme

Summary

Grant for small to medium sized museums to care for their collections more effectively and efficiently and to meet the standards required for accreditation. There are three grant programmes:

- Collections Care Audits - to undertake a basic professional collections care audit
- Collections Care Scheme - to develop a more sustainable approach to the conservation and management of collections through improvements to collection care.
- Remedial Conservation Scheme - to conserve objects that are part of a museum's permanent collection

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Be Association of Independent Museums (AIM) members
- Have less than 50,000 visitors or a turnover of under £300,000 per year

Amounts available:

- Collections Care Audits - grant of £1,100
- Collections Care Scheme and Remedial Conservation Scheme – max £10,000

Grant deadlines: 31st September 2022

Leicestershire County Council - SHIRE Environment Grant

Summary

Supports new and innovative projects that will meet one or more of the grant scheme outcomes:

- 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 Criteria

- The main beneficiaries must be residents of Leicestershire, excluding Leicester City and Rutland
- All relevant permissions and consents necessary to enable the project to go ahead must have been obtained from the relevant authorities before a grant can be offered.
- There are other specific criteria for community building and biodiversity related initiatives

Amounts available: Max £3,000

Grant deadlines: Round 2 closes 28th October 2022

LGBT+ Futures – Equity Fund

Summary

The grant supports intersectional work being undertaken with the following under-represented communities:

- Deaf and/or Disabled LGBT+ people.
- LBT+ women.
- LGBT+ people from Black, Asian and Minoritised Ethnicities (BAME) and LGBT+ people of colour.
- Older LGBT+ people.
- Trans and Non-Binary people.

Key Criteria

- Applying organisations must be non-profit and able to show they are led by and for the communities of focus. This means their primary objective must be to serve the communities of focus, and these communities must be majority-represented in leadership.
- All grants must be fully spent by August 2023

Amounts available: Between £100 and £25,000

Grant deadlines: Applications accepted until 30th October 2022

Localgiving - Magic Little Grants

Summary

The grant scheme supports community-based projects which address the following themes:

- Improving mental wellbeing.
- Enabling community participation in the arts.
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty.
- Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality.
- Improving biodiversity and green spaces.
- Enabling participation in physical activity.
- Responding to the climate emergency and promoting sustainability.
- Increasing community access to outdoor space.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Have an annual income under £250,000 or be in their first year of operation
- Have charitable aims that are not solely for the advancement of religion
- Not be a national charity
- Be operating on local/regional community initiatives

Amounts available: Max £500

Grant deadlines: Applications can be submitted at any time. The scheme closes on 31st October 2022.

Hilden Charitable Fund

Summary

There are two funding programmes available:

- Asylum Seekers: For organisations working to provide essential services which help meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees and support their integration into the wider community.
- Penal Affairs: For work "through the door" where organisations go into prisons with projects and support to help prisoners (especially women) cope and/or maintain family bonds and to be better able to resettle positively when released. Post-release projects which support positive settlement and reduce the risk of re-offending are also welcomed.

Key Criteria

- Both core and project funding is available.
- Applying organisations must have an income of less than £250,000 and hold less than twelve months spending in cash reserves

Amounts available: between £5,000 and £7,000 per year for up to two years

Application deadlines: 27th November 2022 / 26th March 2023

HM Govt. Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) – Wave 2 *

Summary

Local authorities, combined authorities and registered providers of social housing can apply for funding to improve the energy performance of their social homes. Specifically the scheme will support improvements to social housing stock currently below Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) C to enable them to reach that standard.

Key Criteria

- Grant levels will vary according to the EPC band(s) of the homes being upgraded and the number of homes involved in each bid.
- Wave 2 funding will open in late August or early September 2022, however, interested parties may begin preparing applications now. Guidance will be published in July or August
- Homes both on and off the gas grid are eligible for funding
- There is no income related eligibility requirement for social housing tenants, although Registered Providers may wish to consider the income profile of tenants to determine how best to make progress towards reducing fuel poverty.

Amounts available: Discretionary

Grant deadlines: Wave 2 will close eight weeks after it launches

UK Deaf Sport – Together Fund

Summary

The Grant is available for organisations which support Deaf or Hard of Hearing people to optimise their opportunities to participate in sport.

Key Criteria

The fund is open to clubs and community groups operating in England that are members of UK Deaf Sport, Registered Charities, Not For Profit, Social Enterprise, or Community Interest Companies.

The delivery of all projects, including completion of organisations and participant surveys, provision of receipts etc must be completed by the end of December 2022.

Amounts available: Max £3,000

Grant deadlines: Open (Whilst there is no set deadline in applying for this funding, please note that there is a limited budget)

Motability – Active Travel Grants

Summary

Grants are available for projects which expand access to quality and affordable travel equipment and journeys, and ensure disabled people have the same opportunities to make decisions about how they travel in the UK.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Have been established for at least three years.
- Be fully incorporated with a charitable purpose and undertaking research to support disabled people with their transport needs.
- Have had an annual income of at least £150,000 per annum over the past three years.

Amounts available: From £100,000 to £4million for over up three years

Grant deadlines: Stage one applications can be submitted at any time

Hamish Ogston Foundation

Summary

The Foundation seeks to support projects that promote long-term sustainability, maximum financial impact, and measurable social outcomes. There is a focus on three areas:

- Heritage – Protecting the heritage of important sites across the UK and preserving structures, their craftsmanship, and their traditions.
- Music – Promoting the UK's choral and organ traditions, including related initiatives and apprenticeships, to preserve their knowledge and culture.
- Health – Working towards eliminating the disparities in both access to medical treatment and health awareness amongst the most disadvantaged sections of society.

Key Criteria

Two stage application process.

Funding will be awarded to projects that align with the Foundation's guiding strategy:

- Encourage an entrepreneurial mindset – Secure the long-term sustainability of funded projects and, where appropriate, promote sustainable apprenticeships and employment.
- Maximise the benefit – Provide a commercially-minded input to ensure that no money is wasted.
- Address the North-South divide – Help address the economic divide between the South of England and the rest of the UK. Preference will be given to projects north of the line from the Severn to The Wash.
- Easy to measure outcomes – Have measurable outcomes that are easily monitored to ensure a visible and lasting difference.

Amounts available: Min grant / investment of £1.5 million

Grant deadlines: Open

HM Govt. - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

Summary

Grants are available towards the VAT incurred during repairs and maintenance of listed buildings that are used principally as public places of worship, or which are listed places of worship owned by specified organisations that look after redundant places of worship.

The scheme is open to UK listed places of worship of all denominations and religions.

Key Criteria

- The minimum value of invoices (excluding VAT) for any one claim to the scheme is £1,000
- To support smaller schemes applicants can submit one claim with a value of between £500 and £1,000 (excluding the VAT paid) in any 12-month period.
- Only works carried out to repair, maintain or alter the fabric of an existing listed building are eligible
- Eligible works must be carried out by a VAT registered contractor.

Amounts available: Not disclosed

Grant deadlines: Closes 31st March 2025

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 and updates from the Government and Charity Commission. There are currently two newsletters which you can select to receive by ticking the appropriate box. At present funding and commissioning items are included in the voluntary sector support newsletter.

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

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).

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.

Contact Details:

Website: <https://www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/>

Tel: 0116 262 4916

Email: grants@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk

Commissioning Opportunities



VCSE organisations are encouraged to explore opportunities to receive income through delivering contracts for services commissioned by the public sector. You can register to receive details of commissioning opportunities through the following websites:

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



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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) 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.

Website: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/leicestershirerutlandsport>

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