

Monthly Funding Information March 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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Rosa and Smallwood Trust – Women Thrive Fund	25 th March 2021
Comic Relief – Capacity Building Grant	Open

Funding for projects which support Young People (including young people with disabilities)	
Grant Fund	Closest Deadline
Gem - Cash For Kids	12 th March
Rosa and Smallwood Trust – Women Thrive Fund	25 th March 2021
Youth Music Network – Fund A	1 st April 2021
Comic Relief – Capacity Building Grant	Open
The Family Fund Trust – Family Fund	Open

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes	
Grant Fund	Closest Deadline
The Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund *	26 th March 2021
War Memorial Trust – Grants *	31 st March 2021
The National Lottery – Climate Action Fund	8 th April 2021
School for Social Entrepreneurs - Heritage Trade Up Programme	9 th April 2021
Heart Research UK and SUBWAY - Healthy Heart Grants	4 th May 2021
Magic Little Grants	31 st Oct 2021
Locality – Neighbourhood Planning Grants	Open
The National Lottery Grants for Heritage *	Open
DPD – Eco Fund	Open
Football Foundation – Grants *	Open

Funding for projects which support Adults

Grant:	Rosa and Smallwood Trust – Women Thrive Fund
Website:	https://rosauk.org/
Summary:	<p>The funding is to support the UK’s most vulnerable, disadvantaged and/or under-represented women and girls to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve their mental health and wellbeing, gaining confidence, tools, skills and support to sustain those improvements; and/or • Improve their financial resilience, increasing their routes out of poverty, gaining confidence, tools, skills and support to secure a stable financial future.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>All funding must be spent, and activity completed by 31st December 2022. Applicants must address one of 13 priority areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug and alcohol services • Education and employment activity • Work to address women’s and girls’ loneliness • LGBTQI-specific services • Services for Black and minority ethnic women and girls • Work with women and girls with multiple and/or complex needs
Min/Max Funding Available:	Maximum £40,000
Deadline for Applications:	25 th March 2021

Grant:	Comic Relief – Capacity Building Grant
Website:	https://www.groundwork.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/national-grants/comic-relief-community-grants/comic-relief-apply-for-capacity-grant/
Summary:	Support for small community organisations to become stronger and more robust and to improve their ability to deliver their services. This could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training trustees, staff or volunteers • Reviewing or updating policies and procedures • Increasing the understanding of the needs of your beneficiaries
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Organisations must have an income of under £250,000 The work must deliver on one of Comic Relief's four strategic themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children Survive & Thrive • Fighting for Gender Justice • A Safe Place to Be • Mental Health Matters
Min/Max Funding Available:	Maximum £1,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

Grant:	Gem - Cash For Kids
Website:	https://planetradio.co.uk/gem-106/charity/info/grants-gem/
Summary:	Supporting children and young people up to and including the age of 18 who are affected by poverty, illness, neglect or who have additional needs. The fund is open to families as well as voluntary sector groups. Eligible costs include specialist equipment and the delivery of activities.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Grant applications can only be made to support children living in its broadcast area.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Maximum £3,000
Deadline for Applications:	12 th March 2021

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Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>All funding must be spent, and activity completed by 31st December 2022. Applicants must address one of 13 priority areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug and alcohol services • Education and employment activity • Work to address women's and girls' loneliness • LGBTQI-specific services • Services for Black and minoritised women and girls • Work with women and girls with multiple and/or complex needs
Min/Max Funding Available:	Maximum £40,000
Deadline for Applications:	25 th March 2021

Grant:	Youth Music Network – Fund A
Website:	https://network.youthmusic.org.uk/fund-a
Summary:	Supports music-making and music-making related activities for children and young people (aged 0-25) facing barriers.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Criteria include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer a music-related programme for children or young people facing barriers in England. • Meet one or more of Youth Music's priority areas (Early Years, disabled young people, young adults, youth justice system, young people facing barriers and organisations and the workforce). • Be co-designed by children/young people.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £2,000 and £30,000
Deadline for Applications:	1 st April 2021 / 30 th July 2021 / 3 rd December 2021

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Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £1,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	The Family Fund Trust – Family Fund
Website:	https://www.familyfund.org.uk/
Summary:	Supports families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under. It can fund a wide range of items that will help meet the child's additional needs. Items include sensory toys, family breaks, computers and washing machines.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One application per household • Supports families on low income
Min/Max Funding Available:	Not disclosed
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

Grant:	The Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund *
Website:	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-grant-from-the-natural-environment-investment-readiness-fund/how-to-apply-for-a-natural-environment-investment-readiness-fund-grant
Summary:	The fund supports nature projects in England which tackle climate change, create and restore habitats, or improve water quality. The scheme supports organisations to get their environmental projects ready for investment by the private sector.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Projects must protect or enhance the domestic natural environment in line with one or more of the Government's 25 year environment plan goals in the context of one of 8 natural capital asset types including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban or areas of transition from rural to urban land uses (peri-urban). • Enclosed farmland • Freshwaters and wetlands • Woodland • Semi-natural grassland
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £10,000 and £100,000
Deadline for Applications:	26 th March 2021

Grant:	War Memorial Trust – Grants *
Website:	http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/
Summary:	Grants for the repair and conservation of war memorials are available between 25% and 75% of eligible costs.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will only fund works in-line with best conservation practice to minimise any damage to the war memorial • two or three quotes/tenders will be required • projects cannot be funded if they have already started or have finished.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Freestanding war memorials max grant £30,000 Non- freestanding war memorials max grant £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	31 st March 2021 / 31 st July 2021 / 30 th November 2021

Grant:	The National Lottery – Climate Action Fund
Website:	https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-round-2
Summary:	The fund's focus is on place-based, community-led partnerships that will make the changes in their community they believe will have the biggest impact on climate change. The second round will focus on supporting medium scale to large-scale projects addressing waste and consumption. There are two types of funding- development funding and full awards.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development grants - support those who need more time to develop their partnership, engage widely or test their approaches. The minimum length is 12 months • Full awards - support those who have more developed proposals and might be able to start longer-term plans at an earlier stage. The length of full awards will be between three to five years
Min/Max Funding Available:	Development Funds max £150,000 Full award max £1.5 million
Deadline for Applications:	8 th April 2021

Grant:	School for Social Entrepreneurs - Heritage Trade Up Programme
Website:	https://www.the-sse.org/courses/heritage-trade-up-programme/
Summary:	This is a fully funded training course for leaders of heritage organisations. Key Benefit are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen your organisation with a free learning programme which includes eight full days of learning between October 2021 and June 2022 • Receive a £10,000 Trade Back grant that supports your recovery from the Covid pandemic. • Gain a network of peers, who will help you develop your plans and act as a sounding board.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations can be promoting cultural or physical heritage. • Keen to support those that represent the underrepresented or celebrate hidden histories • The organisation must be already active, based in the UK and have a proven track record
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	9 th April 2021

Grant:	Heart Research UK and SUBWAY - Healthy Heart Grants
Website:	https://heartresearch.org.uk/healthy-heart-grants/
Summary:	<p>Funding for new, original and innovative projects that actively promote a healthy heart and help to prevent, or reduce, the risk of heart disease in communities.</p> <p>There are application windows for each of the 12 regions of the UK.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keen to support projects which can be delivered remotely or following social distancing measures. Could be single, one-off events. • Can fund either running costs or requests for equipment only
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £1,000 and £10,000 (each region allocation is only £10,000)
Deadline for Applications:	<p>Anglia Region (parts of South Leicestershire) open from 6th April to 4th May</p> <p>Central Region (most of Leicestershire) open from 17th May to 14th June</p>

Grant:	Magic Little Grants
Website:	https://localgiving.org/about/magic-little-grants/
Summary:	<p>The funding aims to support organisations carrying out projects that address the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Organisations should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an annual income under £250,000 • Be eligible to join Localgiving • Not be a national charity
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £500
Deadline for Applications:	Open until 31 st October 2021

Grant:	Locality – Neighbourhood Planning Grants
Website:	https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/grant-funding/#affordablehousing
Summary:	<p>There are three types of grant funding to support the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic Grant - for all groups undertaking a neighbourhood plan 2. Additional Grant – for groups facing more complex issues 3. Affordable Housing for Sale Grant – for groups wishing to bring forward affordable housing for sale
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be undertaking a neighbourhood plan • There are specific criteria for the Additional and Affordable Housing Grants
Min/Max Funding Available:	<p>Basic Grant – up to £10,000 Additional Grant - up to £8,000 Affordable Housing for Sale Grant - up to £10,000</p>
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	The National Lottery Grants for Heritage *
Website:	https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/national-lottery-grants-heritage-2021-22
Summary:	It supports a broad range of heritage projects and activities including, castles and historic places of worship, stories and memories of communities, public parks, natural landscapes and native wildlife.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Projects will be prioritised which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boost the local economy • encourage skills development and job creation • support wellbeing • create better places to live, work and visit • improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £3,000 and £5 million
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	DPD – Eco Fund
Website:	https://green.dpd.co.uk/
Summary:	The fund will support the delivery of green projects and environmental initiatives by local community organisations.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	DPD particularly encourages applications on behalf of schools and educational facilities working on green projects with their students, and start-up companies working on developing environmentally friendly products.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £2,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	Football Foundation – Grants *
Website:	https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding
Summary:	Supports the building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, such as changing rooms, 3G pitches, fencing, portable floodlights, pitch improvements and clubhouse refurbishment.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve facilities for football and other sport in local communities. • Sustain or increase participation amongst children and adults, regardless of background age, or ability. • Help children and adults to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £10,000 and £500,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

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

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

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

Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation	
<p>The Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation is a charity which helps local individuals and companies to give money, in a tax efficient way, directly to local needs. It does this by helping set up new local family and company charitable funds and then supports those donors to give grants to local charitable groups of their choice through the Making Local Life Better Fund (previously the Donor Matching Scheme). It is also still managing the Coronavirus Emergency Support Fund.</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.

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](#) 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/leicestershirerutlandspport>

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