

Monthly Funding Information March 2024

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.

Please also note the grants that are **NEW** to the bulletin.

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Funding for projects which support Adults

[Veterans Foundation](#)

Summary

The Foundation offers grants to charities and not-for-profit organisations that provide support to those in need among serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families.

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 experiencing challenges such as the following: unemployment, homelessness, mental and physical ill-health, injuries, poor welfare, old age, a child's loss of parent, or addiction

The funding can be used to cover a range of costs directly related to projects covering a range of aspects of social care for the Armed Forces community.

Key Criteria

The Foundation has introduced an online eligibility quiz. This must be completed in order to access the application form.

Amounts available:

Grants up to £30,000 - can be for one year or a multi-year grant for up to three years.

Grants up to £50,000 - for the exclusive use of salary costs for up to over a two-year period

Application deadlines: 23rd April 2024 (also 30th July and 15th October 2024)

Baring Foundation – Arts and Mental Health Programme – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available to arts organisations in the UK for projects that promote the role of creativity in the lives of people with mental health problems from ethnically diverse backgrounds. The purpose of the 2024 call is to fund participatory arts activities and opportunities for men with mental health problems.

Key Criteria

The funding can be used for either of the following approaches, or a combination of the two:

- Work which finds ways to achieve equal representation (or a significant increase) of men in mixed gender creative activities.
- Men-only creative activities.

Projects should provide new and attractive creative opportunities for men who are not already taking part and target those men who are least likely otherwise to take part.

The grant cannot support work that is already funded. It can though support the extension or expansion of this work. The Foundation is particularly looking for improvements and innovation in services, as well as for men who previously have not been accessing a creative service.

Projects should take place over at least one year, and preferably two or more years.

Amounts available: Grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 are available for the current round

Application deadlines: 23rd April 2024

Veterans' Capital Housing Fund – Major Capital Grants Programme – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Veterans Capital Housing Fund's Major Capital Grants programme is for capital projects which focuses on supporting projects that contribute to reducing veterans' homelessness and ending rough sleeping. Grants will support capital projects that support new builds, significant refurbishment, or extension of accommodation for veterans who are at risk.

Applications can be submitted by registered charities and registered social housing providers.

Key Criteria

The funding is intended to help with the costs of refurbishment or extension of accommodation facilities linked to:

- Transitional homeless Veteran housing
- Accommodation or facilities in a Veteran care homes where the provision would be specifically and clearly for Veterans.
- Accommodation or facilities in long-term, Veteran supported rented housing for Veterans with additional needs such as mobility disabilities which mean that their access to appropriate housing is limited.
- Social housing.

The grant can be used to pay for most things needed for the project and could include the following costs:

- Direct building costs relating to the building project.
- Staff time for this fixed-term project to manage it effectively.
- Professional fees that are directly related to their building project, such as qualified project managers.

Amounts available: Maximum £500,000

Application deadlines: 17th June 2024

Armed Forces Covenant Trust – Refurbishment Grants Programme – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust is delivering the Veterans' Capital Housing Fund on behalf of the Office for Veterans' Affairs. The Veterans' Capital Housing Fund supports projects that contribute to the wider aim of ending veterans' homelessness by providing affordable and viable homes for veterans.

Key Criteria

Under this programme, the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust will award grants towards projects that assist in the refurbishment or extension of rental accommodation (transitional or permanent housing) that will offer high quality support for veterans with a housing need.

To be eligible for this funding, you must be one of the following:

- A registered charity that can show it works with veterans or
- A registered social housing provider that can show it works with veterans

You can apply to this programme if your project will:

- enable refurbishments of existing affordable homes for rent to veterans
- enable refurbishments of sites that increase the availability of veteran housing
- ensure properties meet decent homes and energy efficiency standards

Amounts available: Maximum £75,000

Application deadlines: 19th June 2024

Wolfson Foundation – Hospice Care Home Training Programme

Summary

Funding is available for training to encourage greater collaboration and interchange of ideas amongst staff in hospices and in care homes, particularly around dementia care for those approaching the end of life. The purpose of the education and training is to:

- Encourage increased collaboration, sharing of knowledge and good practice across hospice and care home.
- Address unmet education and training needs cost effectively within hospices' immediate region.
- Have a direct impact on patient care for those with a diagnosis of dementia who have palliative care needs.

Key Criteria

- Retrospective costs and in-house training cannot be funded
- Hospices are eligible for a maximum of two grants per year
- A grant may be for a series of events, e.g., a series of workshops on dementia and palliative care in care homes.
- Applications must be received at least one month before training commences.

Amounts available: Maximum £2,000

Application deadlines: Open - applications are accepted on a rolling basis

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

[Prudence Trust](#) – NEW GRANT

Summary

In this funding round, titled 'What's Working for Young People's Mental Health, funding is available to support evaluation work for youth mental health organisations to help them to better understand the impact of their work, and find out how they can improve, and increase the standard of evaluation.

Key Criteria

Examples of what funding can cover include:

- Consultancy support for work such as strategy review, theory of change, creation of an evaluation and change plan.
- Upskilling of staff responsible for monitoring and evaluation
- Costs to work with an external evaluator or academic on specific programmes.
- Staff or consultant time to review evidence of similar services.

Priority will be given to proposals that clearly demonstrate strategic value, e.g., designing more effective programmes, demonstrating impact for commissioning, stopping programmes, or aligning services with young people's needs.

Amounts available: Maximum £200,000

Application deadlines: Expressions of Interest to be submitted by 8th March 2024, with full applications to be completed by 3rd May 2024.

[Esmée Fairbairn Foundation Youth-Led Creativity Funding](#) – NEW GRANT

Summary

This funding is focused on work led by and for young people who have less access to creative programmes or who are underrepresented in arts and culture.

- This includes young people who:
- Are D/deaf, disabled or neurodivergent.
- Are from communities experiencing racial inequity.
- Are economically or educationally disadvantaged.
- Identify as LGBT+.
- Have migration or care experience.

Key Criteria

The funding can be used for project and/or core costs.

Applications can also be accepted from two or more organisations working in partnership.

Amounts available: Maximum £120,000

Application deadlines: Online Expressions of Interest need to be submitted by 15th March 2024

KFC Youth Foundation – Community Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

The KFC Youth Foundation (formerly known as KFC Foundation) provides grants to support grassroots organisations in the communities where KFC's restaurants are located. The Foundation works with organisations that benefit young people (aged 11-25 years) in the UK through activities that:

- Support those in a position of economic disadvantage (i.e., care leavers, those experiencing homelessness, young carers, young parents, refugees, young people at risk of or with experience of the criminal justice system).
- Empower young people to fulfil their potential and build a positive future by providing spaces that allow young people to feel safe and secure, helping them to unlock talent, build life skills, provide mentoring and improve their chances to gain meaningful employment.
- Empower all young people to fulfil their potential and build a positive future.
- Will demonstrate positive results within 12 months of the receipt of funding.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations need to:

- Have an annual turnover of less than £300,000
- Be based in the UK
- Have existed for at least 12 months at the time of submission.
- Have a suitable safeguarding policy

Uniformed groups such as scouts, guides and statutory bodies such as local authorities are not able to apply

Amounts available: Maximum £2,500

Application deadlines: Expression of interest deadline is 17th March 2024

There is a two-stage application process:

Expression of Interest:

- Applicants should first submit a two-minute video about their organisation.
- Applicants should then complete and submit an Expression of Interest form, via the link on the KFC Foundation's website.

Successful groups will be notified of their outcome and invited to complete a full application.

Grow Wild - Youth Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grow Wild Youth Project funding is a youth-led process for people aged 14-25 to deliver a creative project that celebrates and shares why UK native plants and/or fungi are so special.

Projects need to:

- Focus on UK native plants and/or fungi.
- Engage other. Aim to share the project with at least 100 people. This can include people taking part in person and engaging with online or social media content about the project.
- Benefit others; should have a positive impact on other people.
- Make good use of the £500 grant.
- Have a 'wow-factor', be original and come up with something exciting.

As well as the grant, successful applicants will receive:

- Support and online training from Grow Wild.
- Opportunities to connect with a community of young nature enthusiasts completing projects across the UK.
- The chance to complete Kew's Young Environmental Leader Award designed to work alongside their Grow Wild project and recognise their achievements.

Key Criteria

Successful projects can be started in May 2024 and must be completed by the end of October 2024

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have a great project idea.
- Find a supporting organisation, such as a school, university, youth club or a local community group, to help them deliver the project.

Amounts available: Maximum £500

Application deadlines: 19th March 2024

Impetus Connect Fund – Youth Employment Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Impetus Connect Fund is founded on a belief in social equality – that all young people should have the same chance to succeed whatever their background. The Youth Employment Grant round is now open, and applications are welcomed from organisations supporting young people to prepare for and find work, with a particular focus on young people from ethnic minority backgrounds.

Key Criteria

Impetus are looking to fund organisations that:

- Support young people to find work or develop work related skills
- Primarily work with young people from ethnic minority and socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds

Successful organisations will receive:

- £100k in unrestricted grant funding per year, for two years (with potential to continue thereafter)
- Expertise, coaching and capacity-building support from Impetus' Investment team
- Access to peer learning forums, a chance to network with and learn from other portfolio charities and their senior teams
- Access to sector-based coalitions to influence policy and the national conversation on the issues faced by the young people you serve
- Access to a world-class pro-bono network of specialist advisers including PwC and Bain
- Access to further grants through co-investment with a network of donors

Amounts available: Maximum £100,000

Application deadlines: 7th April 2024

Barclays Community Football Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Barclays Community Football Fund aims to help improve access to football for all. The funding is for groups that are running football activities for one or more of the following underrepresented groups:

- women and girls
- young people with disabilities
- young people from racially diverse communities
- young people from the LGBTQ+ community
- young people from lower socio-economic groups

Key Criteria

The funding can be used for anything that will support delivery of football activities to under-represented groups. Typical examples of costs might include a contribution towards:

- Venue hire including floodlights and heating
- Coaching costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Equipment
- Kit
- Marketing and communications
- Training and qualifications
- Insurances and affiliation

The funding should support engaging under-represented young people, particularly girls, and get them involved in football activities.

Amounts available: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: 24th April 2024

Kellogg's School Breakfast Clubs Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

Kellogg's, in partnership with Forever Manchester, is offering grants to schools across the UK to help fund breakfast clubs aimed at pupils between reception and year 13, to ensure that those who need it most receive a morning meal.

Priority will be given to schools that either:

- Have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding (for England) and eligible for free school meals (Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales); or
- Are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Key Criteria

- Only one grant per school in each academic year is available
- Fee paying schools are not eligible for funding.

Amounts available: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: Open but only a limited number of grants are available, and the fund may close at short notice if oversubscribed.

Pixel Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Pixel Fund is offering grants for UK-registered charities to deliver projects and activities that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults aged under 26 years old and provide a measurable difference to the charity's users.

Key Criteria

The fund's focus is the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults. Grants will not be awarded to projects or organisations that are not core-focused on mental health-related matters.

The Funding is intended to support specific projects that will provide a measurable difference to the applicant organisation's users, and not the organisation's core organisational running costs.

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: To apply, groups must first book a place at an Applicants' pre-meeting which will be held regularly throughout the year. The next Applicants' meeting date is on Thursday 15th February at 12:30pm.

True Colours Trust - UK Small Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

The True Colours Trust provides grants to help support families, children and young people in the UK with complex disabilities and/or life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. The Trust seeks to bring about better lives for children and their families through a broad mix of research, advocacy, service delivery and innovation.

Applications are accepted from UK registered charitable organisations and community interest companies that:

- Have an annual income of less than £350,000.
- Are delivering projects in the UK.
- Are working with children and young people aged from 0-25 years.
- Are open to children and families of all faiths, backgrounds and cultures.

The Trust is particularly keen to receive applications from organisations which operate in areas of high deprivation.

Key Criteria

Grants can be used for the following:

Projects

- 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 and families bereaved of a child.
- Family support / parent-led peer support for parents of disabled children.
- Respite which supports the whole family.

Equipment and Materials

- Renovation, upgrading and additional equipment for hydrotherapy pools and multi-sensory rooms.
- Minibuses.
- Specialised play equipment/access to play and leisure for disabled children, children with life-limiting conditions and their families.

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: Open

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

Bailey Thomas Charitable Fund

Summary

UK charities, Parent Teachers Associations, and schools can apply for grants to help both children and adults with severe learning difficulties, together with autism.

Grants can be used to purchase equipment, support capital works as well as covering project and core costs.

Key Criteria

- A further application from an organisation will not normally be considered for a period of at least two years after consideration of a previously successful grant (if your previous application was unsuccessful, this period is one year).
- The Trustees will not consider more than one application from an organisation at any one meeting at a time.

Amounts available:

Small Grants - Maximum £5,000

General Grant Programme - Minimum £9,000

Application deadlines: 1st March 2024 for General Grants Programme. Small Grants are considered on a monthly basis.

Leeds Building Society Foundation

Summary

With a focus on supporting those in need of a safe and secure home, Leeds Building Society Foundation is now offering grants to UK registered charities for projects which address one or more of the following themes:

1. Financial stress - projects that help with bills or debt stress.
2. Security and refuge - projects that support emergency accommodation.
3. Quality and suitability of housing.
4. Health and wellbeing support for those experiencing homelessness.

Applications are welcome from those who take a Housing First and/or relationship-based approach

Key Criteria

The funding is to be used as follows:

- Small Grants - provide funding to projects being delivered anywhere in the UK that support those in need of a safe and secure home. Grants may only be used for capital expenditure (that is, to purchase items used to directly help those in need).
- Large Grants - can support new work or existing work, providing they are not requesting retrospective funding and fund core, project and/or capital costs. These grants are only available to organisations with a turnover of £5 million or less who are based in or delivering work in Yorkshire and/or the North East of England.

Amounts available:

Small Grants of between £250 and £1,000 for projects.

Large Grants of between £25,000 and £100,000. The grant can be a one year grant or split across two or three years.

Application deadlines: 4th March 2024

[Nuffield Foundation Research, Development & Analysis Fund](#)

Summary

Funding is available for rigorous research proposals for pioneering ideas which have the potential to change lives. The Nuffield Foundation funds qualitative, quantitative and mixed-methods projects to inform social policy and practice across Justice, Welfare and Education.

Key Criteria

The Foundation's main focus is to fund research around the areas of education, welfare and justice.

More details can be seen in the [Guide for Applicants](#).

There are two stages to apply for funding:

Stage 1: Submit an outline application form online

Stage 2: Shortlisted applicants will be invited to complete a full application form for peer review and Foundation consideration.

Amounts available: Maximum £750,000

Application deadlines: 11th March 2024

[The Hedley Foundation](#)

Summary

Grants to support small-to-mid-size registered charities to help to improve the quality of life of young people, disabled people, elderly people, the terminally ill and otherwise disadvantaged people and their carers.

Key Criteria

- Applications for building construction, general running costs, transport, financial deficits or overseas projects are not eligible
- Applications on behalf of a church, museum or an individual are not eligible
- Applicants cannot have received a previous grant from The Foundation within the last 2 years (or submitted an application which was unsuccessful within the last 12 months)

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 13th March 2024 (at least 6 weeks before the next review meeting on 24th April 2024. Further application review meetings are on 17th July and 13th November 2024)

Arts Council England - Cultural Development Fund *

Summary

The aim of the Fund is to level up through investment in culture across England. The fund will unlock local growth and productivity, increase access to excellent creativity and culture, and regenerate communities. It will achieve this through capital investment in transformative place-based creative and cultural initiatives.

Round Four of the programme will support places to achieve the following outcomes:

- Unlock local economic growth and productivity.
- Become more attractive places in which to live, work, visit and invest.
- Strengthen local leadership, partnerships and capability.

Key Criteria

Applications are accepted from partnerships between formally constituted organisations from both the public and private sectors (and the voluntary sector where appropriate).

The lead should be a local authority, combined authority, mayoral authority, Local Enterprise Partnership, university, cultural organisation, or other appropriate body in England

It is expected that at least one partner would be from the cultural, heritage or commercial creative industries, depending on who is most appropriate to meet the aims and outcomes of the proposed activity

The minimum partnership funding amount for this programme is 15% of the total project cost. A minimum of 50% of that partnership funding should be cash.

Amounts available: Between £2 million and £5 million

Application deadlines: Expressions of Interest for Round Four will be accepted between 9am on 5th February 2024 and 12pm (midday) on 15th March 2024.

Co-op - Carbon Innovation Fund - NEW GRANT

Summary

The Co-op Foundation is offering grants to support innovative projects that will:

- Reduce the amount of peat needed to grow crops within food supply chains.
- Remove the amount of peat needed to grow crops within food supply chains.
- Sustainable management/looking after peat soils by using alternative, non-damaging farming methods for crops and/or livestock grazing.

Grants can be used for core and capital costs, such as:

- Core costs including staff salaries, rent, travel, learning and evaluation, bills, training.
- Capital costs including physical goods such as machinery, tools, raw materials.

Key Criteria

Any type of organisation, of any size based in the UK is welcome to apply for Round 3 funding. Applicants need not have charitable status to apply, but their activities must be in keeping with the Co-op Foundation's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Projects must start within six months of receiving the grant, but thereafter can be spent over any time period.

Amounts available: Minimum £50,000 / Maximum £150,000

Application deadlines: 15th March 2024

Benefact Group – Movement for Good Awards – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Benefact Group is an international family of specialist financial services companies that give all available profits to charities and good causes.

Key Criteria

Charities and good causes are nominated by the public to be entered into a draw. Registered charities, non-registered charities, churches, not-for-profit organisations and Community Interest Companies (CICs) in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man can be nominated.

Once nominated, the charity will be included in all the remaining £1,000 draws in 2024. Winners are drawn at random. The more times a charity is nominated, the more chances it has to be selected.

Amounts available: Grants of either £1,000 and £5,000 are available. Larger grants of £10,000 will be available later in the year.

Application deadlines:

The next £1,000 draw is taking place on 18th March 2024, and the deadline is 17th March.

£5,000 special draws support one charity sector with 10 awards of £5,000 each for the following sectors/dates:

- Animals - nominations from 19 February to 23 February 2024.
- Health - nominations from 22 April to 26 April 2024
- Youth - nominations from 17 June to 21 June 2024
- Environment -nominations from 12 August to 16 August 2024
- Arts and Culture -nominations from 21 October to 25 October 2024.

People's Health Trust – Nature for Health Programme – NEW GRANT

Summary

The overarching aim of Nature for Health is to improve mental health and provide greater access to natural spaces and nature-based activities for people experiencing mental health problems, socioeconomic disadvantage, marginalisation and discrimination.

Key Criteria

The programme is aiming to support projects which achieve the following outcomes:

- Support for adults and young people (aged 11-18) who are experiencing mental health problems, socio-economic disadvantage, discrimination and marginalisation:
 - to have greater access to natural spaces and nature-based activities
 - to be involved in the development and running of nature-based activities in their local area
 - to experience measurable positive changes to their mental health.
- Additional support for those who need it accessing other services, for example, advice or specialist mental health services.
- The learning gained through the delivery of funded activity is used to work with decision-makers locally to make changes that benefit local people's access to nature.

Amounts available: Maximum £40,000

Application deadlines: 20th March 2024

Comic Relief – Safety and Security for Refugees and Asylum Seekers - NEW GRANT

Summary

Funding is available to help organisations address the challenges faced by the migration sector and to support refugees and asylum seekers to safely and securely rebuild their lives in the UK.

The programme offers flexible, core funding for proposals which focus on the following:

- Services and support for refugees and asylum seekers.
- Influencing and advocacy focusing on safer routes and improved outcomes for refugees and asylum seekers.
- Or a combination of both.

Key Criteria

- Applying organisations should have organisations an income of between £250,000 and £10 million
- Priority will be given to organisations that involve people with lived experience of forced migration to the UK. This should include current practice in involving lived experience in developing the organisation's work and priority areas, and/or in the running of the organisation.
- There is no predefined start date. Grant recipients will be able to propose a date that reflects when they will start allocating costs.

Amounts available: Up to £200,000 (over three to five years)

Application deadlines: 26th March 2024

Sport England – Small Grant Scheme

Summary

Sport England has extended its Small Grants programme to not-for-profit organisations who have been impacted by the October/November 2023 storms and flooding and are seeking storm relief funding. Funding is only designed to help with the initial clear up to enable activity to resume.

Example costs include:

- Skip hire to remove sediment and rubbish.
- Minor electrical works to restore power.
- Decontamination works or clearing of blocked drains.
- Cleaning work to get showers and changing rooms back up and running.

Key Criteria

The available funding will be focused on those areas worst affected, and priority will be given to sports and activities that need to return quickly.

Amounts available: Between £300 and £15,000

Application deadlines: 31st March 2024

British Gas Energy Trust

Summary

British Gas Energy Trust is offering grants to support vulnerable energy consumers to pay off their energy debts. The Individuals and Families Fund is intended to tackle fuel poverty by clearing the energy debts of struggling, eligible households and respond to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

Key Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be British Gas credit or pre-payment meter customer.
- Live in England, Scotland or Wales.
- Not have received a British Gas Energy Trust grant within the last 12 months.
- Be seeking a grant to clear an outstanding debt on a current or open gas, electricity or dual fuel energy account in their own name or be a member of that household.
- Have electric and/or gas debt of £250 to £1,500 on an active energy account for a main residence.
- Be in or facing Fuel Poverty.
- Have received help from a money advice or guidance agency.

Amounts available: Maximum £1,500 per household

Application deadlines: 31st March 2024 (or until the funding runs out, whichever is sooner)

UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs

Summary

Funding and specialist support are available for UK social entrepreneurs to help them develop as social leaders, and to start up or grow their idea for a social venture. UnLtd is inviting applications from social entrepreneurs aged 16 and over who are living in the UK and who are the founder of the social business.

Start Up funding (not including wages) and support is available for social entrepreneurs with an idea or who are in the early stages of development.

Scaling Up funding (to support wages and living costs) and support is available for social entrepreneurs to grow their existing social venture to help it make a bigger difference.

Key Criteria

The social entrepreneur must:

- Have identified a social issue and developed a business model that works to solve it.
- Be committed to, and have a track record of, delivering local, regional or national social impact at scale.
- Be experienced, ambitious and capable of growing their venture.
- Have a realistic growth plan.
- Be committed to working full-time in their social venture.

The social venture must:

- Be at least one year old and less than four years old.
- Have a turnover of less than £250,000 in their last financial year.
- Be dynamic and ready to grow to local, regional or national scale and have a logical and appropriate plan to deliver this.
- Have a compelling performance to date and/or a logical and appropriate plan for rapid growth to reach local, regional or national scale.
- Not solely exist to secure investment in the year ahead.
- Target beneficiaries predominantly based in the UK.

Amounts available:

Maximum £8,000 for Start Up Support

Maximum £18,000 for Scaling Up Funding

Application deadlines: 31st March 2024 (followed by further deadlines on 30th June 2024 and 30th September 2024)

Thomas Wall Trust

Summary

Funding is available for registered charities that are working to develop communication skills for people from disadvantaged groups who want to improve their employment prospects.

As an inclusive charity, the Trust welcomes proposals which target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups demonstrably facing major hurdles to employment, especially women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, and refugees.

Key Criteria

The funding will support project costs for a charity that equips disadvantaged people (aged 18 and over) with the necessary communication skills ready for employment.

Priority will be given to:

- Match funded projects
- Self-sustainable projects, with a view to becoming less reliant on grants in the future

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 29th April 2024

There is a two-stage application process:

- Stage one is to complete an online Expression of Interest form (available on the Trust's website) which requires some basic contact details and a description of what the funding is required for.
- Stage two is by invitation only and involves completing a more in-depth application form and to submit a Project Plan, budget, latest set of financial accounts and any relevant policies.
- The next deadline to submit a first stage application is 29th April 2024 for assessment at the July 2024 meeting.

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust

Summary

Grants are available to large charitable groups and organisations in the UK for projects that further the objectives of the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust, particularly those that educate young people in rural areas and the relief of poverty in rural areas.

The main objectives are to:

- Advance the education of the public using research and dissemination of information concerning agriculture.
- Advance the education of young people within rural areas.
- Relieve poverty within rural areas.
- Promote the benefit and social welfare of inhabitants of rural communities by associating together with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure.
- Promote research into agricultural-associated activities.
- Advance the education of the public using research and dissemination of information concerning insurance.

Key Criteria

- It is not necessary to be a registered charity to apply as long as the funding is for charitable purposes.
- The Trustees generally provide support to organisations that have strong farming and insurance backgrounds.
- The Trustees do not provide funding for university fees, salaries or overseas appeals

Amounts available: Between £1,000 and £50,000

Application deadlines: 24th May 2024

Theatre Trust – Small Grants Scheme

Summary

The grants will support small capital improvements to theatres run by charities and not-for-profit groups that will make a big impact to a theatre's resilience, sustainability or accessibility, or to improving the diversity of audiences.

Priority will be given to improvements to buildings that protect theatre use and remove barriers to participation and attendance.

Eligible projects include:

- Improvements and repairs to the building fabric.
- The installation of key plant and machinery.
- The purchase of key equipment (not software) to improve digital infrastructure.

Key Criteria

Applicant organisations must:

- Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.
- Demonstrate that they run a regular theatre programme of professional, community and/or amateur work presenting no less than 30 performances a year.
- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 7th June 2024 and 17th January 2025

Jerwood Foundation – Arts Grants

Summary

Grants are available for arts organisations across the UK to support a variety of projects and activities that make the arts available for public benefit.

Key Criteria

For the current funding round, the trustees will only consider applications for projects starting more than three months, but less than 12 months, from the funding round closing date (1st June 2024 to 1st March 2025).

Amounts available: Maximum £180,000 (most grants range between £1,000 and £25,000)

Application deadlines: 14th June 2024 and 4th October 2024

Radcliffe Trust - Heritage and Crafts – NEW GRANT

Summary

Funding is available for charities, not-for-profit groups, and exempt organisations for projects that fall under the following categories:

Music

Funding for classical music performance and training especially chamber music, composition, and music education. This includes:

- Composition and contemporary music - in the case of commission applications the lead composer must be named.
- Bursaries for courses and summer schools; limited to UK-based students.
- Music therapy and special needs.
- Academic research.
- Youth orchestras.
- Performance projects.

Heritage & Crafts

Funding for the development of the skills, knowledge and experience that underpin the UK's traditional cultural heritage and crafts sectors. This includes support for:

- Emerging craftspeople.
- Craft and conservation projects and training.
- Projects demonstrating creative outcomes by designer-makers.
- Projects with potential for capacity building within the sector.
- Special needs projects focusing on the therapeutic benefits of skills development.

Key Criteria

Under Music Grants, funding is not available for operating costs, competitions and capital projects. Applications from individual mainstream primary or secondary schools will not be supported.

Under Heritage & Crafts Grants, funding is not available for: Capital costs or Core costs; Projects that are solely or primarily about nature, landscapes, gardens, land management or environmental conservation; Projects that are primarily social or therapeutic in nature; Projects that are solely or primarily for equipment or materials.

Amounts available: Average grant is between £2,500 and £7,500

Application deadlines: 31st July 2024 (for consideration in December 2024)

HM Govt. - VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme

Summary

The scheme will help voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations (VCSEs) across England to deliver more efficient services for people and communities by saving money on their energy bills. The scheme has two elements:

- Free independent energy assessments - this will help organisations identify how to reduce their bills and where to get further support.
- The installation of energy efficiency measures - organisations with an energy assessment may then be eligible to apply for a capital grant to install recommended energy efficiency measures in their premises. This element will open in January 2024.

Key Criteria

- All measures will need to be installed and paid for by March 2025.
- Priority will be given to organisations for whom energy is the biggest concern and those directly supporting individuals and communities with critical needs, particularly those related to the rising cost of living.
- Organisations must be able to demonstrate that they are financially sustainable but require support around energy
- Organisations must not be suitable for blended finance or loan support through other schemes
- Please note that the two scheme elements have slightly different eligibility criteria

Amounts available: Between £2,000 and £150,000

Application deadlines: Scheme closes August 2024

HM Govt. – Community Automated External Defibrillators Fund

Summary

Grants are available for community organisations across England to buy automated external defibrillators (AED) to install in a public place.

The funding will be allocated on the following basis:

- 100 applications will be selected by DHSC to receive a fully funded AED - selection is based on areas that are most in need of AED throughout England. Applicants will be advised in mid-October and units shipped in mid-November.
- 1,900 applications will receive partial DHSC funding for an AED - organisations will be required to provide their own match funding (£750)

The funding for the scheme is based on a first come first served basis.

Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be based in England.
- Not be an organisation that is eligible for the Department of Education scheme, e.g., a school.
- Locate the secure defibrillator cabinet outside in an area that is accessible to members of the public 24 hours per day.
- Be able to provide an electrical power source to ensure the defibrillator cabinet light and heater operate to keep the device at the right temperature.
- Provide match funding for their application (c. £750).

Amounts available: Maximum £750

Application deadlines: 21st September 2024 or until all the funding has been allocated, whichever comes first.

We Are Undefeatable In The Community Small Grants

Summary

Active Together are looking to support local groups and organisations in Leicestershire, Leicester or Rutland to grow an existing or to activate a new physical activity offer in the community and inspire more individuals living with a long-term health condition to get active.

Key Criteria

All projects that work directly with individuals living with a long-term health condition and that meet the criteria will be considered.

Applications will only be considered following completion of Active Together's World Cafe Events Evaluation, which can be found [here](#). If your organisation has not attended attend any of Active Together's World Cafe events this year, please [get in touch](#) with Active Together to discuss your application first.

Amounts available: Maximum £500

Application deadlines: Open - Applications will be assessed on a rolling first come first served basis until all funds have been fully allocated. The scheme closes on 20th October 2024.

[Green King IPA – Proud to Pitch In](#)

Summary

Grants are available for grassroots sports clubs and community organisations to deliver activities within local communities across the UK.

Individuals may nominate a sports club or organisation to receive a cash grant to continue delivering sports activities.

Examples of projects that have previously received funding include:

- Renovations of a club's facilities to make them more inclusive and accessible.
- Coaching qualifications and referee courses.
- New equipment and kit.

Key Criteria

- Funded projects should be delivered by 31st December 2024
- The project beneficiaries must be aged 18 and over.
- Priority will be given to organisations that can demonstrate how their sports club or project benefits members of the local community, and projects that will have a long-term impact.

Amounts available: Maximum £4,000

Application deadlines: Open to applications all year but the scheme closes 1st November 2024

[ACRE – Village Halls Small Grants Fund](#) - NEW GRANT

Summary

This is the latest release of the £3 million grant fund announced by government in May 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

Grants are intended to support smaller capital projects in rural village halls (owned by a charity) such as boiler replacements, insulation, toilet upgrades and new kitchens.

Key Criteria

- The town or village in which it is situated must have a population of 10,000 or less
- The grant can cover up to 20 per cent of eligible project costs. The balance of funding must for the works proposed must be in place, or at least confirmed within 6 weeks of making an application to small grants fund.
- Project expenditure must take place before 31st March 2025
- The Grant cannot be used for projects that solely seek to repair, maintain or renew
- Work that is undertaken solely to ensure compliance with Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements is not eligible.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they have a freehold or leasehold interest in the village hall in place. If a leasehold interest, there must be at least 21 years left to run on the lease.

Amounts available: Between £2,000 and £5,000

Application deadlines: The fund is expected to stay open to applications until December 2024

MyCommunity – Community Ownership Fund

Summary

The fund is to help communities across the UK to take ownership of assets/properties at risk of closure.

There are two funding elements:

- Capital - to purchase or lease an asset and pay for refurbishment costs.
- Revenue - to fund project development costs, such as feasibility studies, or running costs in the first year of operation, such as staffing costs.

Key Criteria

- Applicants are required to contribute 20% 'match' funding towards the total capital required although in exceptional cases the amount of match funding can be 10%
- Revenue funding requests cannot be more than 20% of the capital funding request or £50,000, whichever is smaller
- Revenue funding does not need to be matched
- Parish and Town Councils can also now apply
- The asset/property must continue to provide community benefit in the future

Amounts available: Capital Grants - Maximum £250,000 / Revenue Grants - Maximum £50,000

Application deadlines: Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time. If successful, applicants will be invited to submit a full application. (The programme will run until March 2025)

Magna Park - Lutterworth Area Community Grant – NEW GRANT

Summary

In response to the ongoing expansion of Magna Park, GLP (formerly Gazeley) as developer and owner of Magna Park, has committed to establish a new Community Fund initiative to support community and voluntary organisations to deliver local projects within the geographical area surrounding Magna Park.

The fund aims to support a wide range of projects and organisations. Including education, commercial, well-being and health, sport and recreation, environment, community connectedness and youth activity.

There is still over £600,000 of the fund remaining which is available until November 2025.

Key Criteria

- Projects must be within close proximity of Magna Park and fall within the administrative Parish boundaries of:
Ashby Parva; Bittewsell & Bittesby; Claybrooke Parva & Magna; Cotesbach; Lutterworth Town and associated parishes; Misterton & Walcote; Monks Kirby; Pailton; Ullesthorpe; Wibtoft and Willey.
- Anyone can apply but all applicants will be subject to compliance and verification checks. The maximum amount that can be awarded to individuals or informal groups is capped at £5,000

Amounts Available: Between £2,500 and £175,000

Application deadlines: Open with quarterly decision panels. (January, April, July, October). Applications will need to be submitted by the last day of the preceding month (for example 31st March to be considered in April).

Harborough District Council – Environmental Grant Scheme – NEW GRANT

Summary

Harborough District Council has adopted the Climate Emergency Action Plan 2022 - 2030. To support this plan, the council have developed a grant scheme that will invest up to £450,000 in local, environmental projects (over four financial years between April 2023 and March 2027).

The Environmental Grant Scheme will encourage communities across the Harborough District to engage in capital projects that will have a positive and provable impact on the environment. The grant scheme is open to any constituted 'not for profit' village/community groups, community enterprises, registered charities, and town/parish councils.

Projects should align with one or more of the following outcomes:

- Reduce the carbon footprint of the community.
- Reduce the waste produced in the community.
- Create, or protect and enhance, biodiversity or environmental assets such as green spaces and waterways.
- Educate and/or raise awareness of climate change that will result in one of the above outcomes

Key Criteria

The project must:

- Be based in, and support, a village or major settlement in the Harborough District.
- Have a minimum of 10% cash match funding and that funding must be from a source other than Harborough District Council.
- Have a letter of support from someone, in a position of authority, who is going to champion the project (for example a letter from the parish council or a local councillor)
- Be backed by a plan that demonstrates the viability and sustainability of the project

Amounts available: Between £5,000 and £20,000

Application deadlines: Applications can be submitted at any time. The scheme will close in 2027.

Flexible Finance Fund (for Black & Racially Minoritised Groups)

Summary

The Flexible Finance Fund is a partnership between Social Investment Business (SIB), The Ubele Initiative and Create Equity. It will be providing £4 million of loans, grant funding and support to 15 to 25 Black and Racially Minoritised charities and social enterprises in England.

Key Criteria

Eligible organisations must:

- Be Black and Racially Minoritised-led, which means 51% or above of the organisation's board and senior management team must be from Black and Racially Minoritised backgrounds
- Be based in England
- Be legally constituted and a registered charity or social enterprise
- Be primarily constituted for social benefit improving people's lives or the environments they live in
- Have been operating for at least two years
- Have a minimum turnover of £200,000 in its last financial year
- Not be subject to any insolvency proceedings, e.g., winding-up, administration, insolvency, bankruptcy
- Have no previous repayable finance – organisations must not have received repayable finance of greater than £25,000. This excludes Bounce Back Loans

Amounts Available:

Loans are £50,000 to £1.5 million with a term of one to six years.

Unrestricted grants of £50,000 to £200,000 (ranges from 50% to 100% of the loan amount capped at £200,000).

Application deadlines: Open

Utilita Giving Grants for Charities and Organisations

Summary

Utilita Giving is the recently established charitable arm of Utilita. The charity will operate primarily by the making of grants to individuals, households and/or other charities with similar objects.

The funding is for projects that fall within Utilita Giving's purpose of supporting people in fuel and food poverty. The charity will prioritise funding that goes to:

- Relieve fuel poverty or food poverty.
- Educating the public in matters relating to fuel poverty or food poverty, including causes and impacts of such poverty and the things people can do to help prevent it.

Key Criteria

The funding can be used by charities for projects/activities which support people in fuel and food poverty.

Examples include:

- A new van or transport for foodbank charities to collect and redistribute food.
- Additional paid staff to support a fuel poverty advice phoneline.
- Additional money to feed disadvantaged families in a warm and welcome space.

Amounts available: Discretionary

Application deadlines: Open

Action for Race Equality - Windrush Justice Programme

Summary

The Programme supports not-for-profit organisations based in the UK who provide advocacy support to those wishing to access the Windrush Compensation Scheme, including work to regulate their status before being able to access the fund.

The funding can be used to pay for case workers, cover administrative costs, venue costs, run awareness raising events, and staffing costs.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Have at least 51% of their Trustees/Governing body who are Black, Asian or mixed heritage.
- Be already providing advocacy support to those seeking to access the Windrush Compensation Scheme
- Have at least three unrelated individuals responsible for the governance of their organisation
- Have a bank account in their name, requiring two independent signatories.

Amounts available: Maximum £22,000 (over two years)

Application deadlines: Open

SIB - Thrive Together Fund

Summary

The scheme offers an unrestricted funding package for small and medium sized charities and social enterprises that are working to improve people's lives or the environment in which they live and who are looking to grow or diversify their business models. The scheme offers a blend of loan (75%) and grant (25%). Loans have a repayment term of between 1 and 6 years with an interest rate of 7.5% on the balance of the loan.

Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be registered in England as either a Charity, Community Interest Company or Community Benefit Society
- Have a viable borrowing request (that can reasonably be expected to meet its repayment obligations)
- Have a minimum of two years' operating activity
- Have a minimum turnover of £100,000 in their last financial year

Amounts Available: Between £25,000 and £150,000 (inclusive of 25% grant)

Application deadlines: Open

National Archives – Skills Bursaries *

Summary

Grants are available to individuals from public sector bodies, commercial organisations, registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations to support the development of the skills needed to ensure continued resilience of the archives sector in England and Wales.

Funding is intended to provide archivists with training, professional career development or mentoring that would not usually be available in their own organisational development programmes, including in areas such as:

- Digital archiving
- Environmental sustainability
- Diversity, equity and inclusion

Key Criteria

- Bursaries will be paid to the employer, rather than the individuals themselves
- The programme is open to any individual working with a recognised archive collection. This principally includes employees but may also include trustees or volunteers.

Amounts Available: Maximum £500 for individuals, but group or network applications are accepted where the £500 per person award remains.

Application deadlines: Open

Crowdfunder – Cost of Living Resilience Fund

Summary

This is a match-funding initiative and thus not a traditional grant scheme (funds awarded are conditional upon applicants first securing crowdfunding via Crowdfunder's platform).

The fund aims to increase sustainability in social sector organisations by supporting them to deliver projects which build organisational stability and resilience to deliver.

Examples of the kind of project which would be match funded include:

- Refurbishment of premises to better serve the community and increase delivery capacity.
- Development of a new service or product to bring in additional revenue.
- Investment in current activity to allow growth or expansion of services.

Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Bring in over 33% of its income through trading activities.
- Be based in and support communities in areas of deprivation in England, as measured using the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).
- Provide services supporting people with the cost of living.

The types of services being delivered may include (but are not limited to):

- Provision of advice, in particular debt and financial advice.
- Provision of warm spaces over winter, linked to the provision of wider advice & support services.
- Provision of free or low-cost food, through food banks or food delivery boxes.
- Support with housing needs whether that be through advice to those made homeless, provision of low/no cost home furnishings or provision of housing itself.
- Access to transport to enable people to access shops or facilities and employment.

Amounts available: A maximum of £50,000 of match funding is available for any organisation.

Application deadlines: The fund will close when all the funding is allocated.

National Lottery Community fund – Climate Action Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) has announced a new Climate Action Fund, which will provide up to 25 grants (over three to five years) for projects that involve more people in climate action in the UK and inspire 'bold and exciting change'. The funding is for partnership projects that reach more people by either:

- Linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities and inspiring them to take action.
- Influencing work with communities at a regional or national level, for example by linking up groups across locations, or a campaign that inspires change across one country, or the whole UK.

Key Criteria

The funding is intended to reach people who are new to climate action by funding other types of organisations and by using other people's everyday activities and interests as a starting point for climate action.

For example, a project might:

- Involve people who have not had a say. This could be because they are new to climate action, or because they come from communities that experience poverty, disadvantage and discrimination.
- Introduce a climate perspective to a group who came together around another interest or activity.
- Test the best ways to engage different audiences in climate action.
- Spread an exciting local approach to climate action by sharing it nationally.

It is not necessary to be a climate or environment-focused organisation to apply. Applications will be accepted from partnerships with:

- A mix of organisations and sectors.
- Smaller groups that represent the people they are working with.

Amounts available: Minimum £500,000 / Maximum £1,500,000. Up to 25 grants available.

Application deadlines: Open, no deadlines specified. The programme opens on 27th March.

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.

Events/Training:

[Managing Remote Volunteers 7th March \(2pm - 4pm\) Booking is Required](#)

This online Zoom training session will cover the best practice and challenges of managing and supporting remote volunteers. Suitable for Volunteer co-ordinators or staff undertaking similar role who recruit and manage volunteers who are not based on-site. This course is free to Leicestershire based groups with County beneficiaries.

[Meet The Funders Harborough 13th March \(1.30pm to 6.30pm\) Booking is Required](#)

The Leicestershire VCSE Funding Fair is a face-to-face event and all Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise organisations based in the county are invited to attend and speak to local and national funders who are actively investing in community groups in your area.

[Organisational Planning for VCSE Groups 19th March \(1.30pm to 3.30pm\) Booking is Required](#)

This session will help you to understand the importance of planning and help you navigate the challenges and continue to make a positive impact in your community. It will provide you with the knowledge of what planning tools are available, and what is important for your specific organisation now and in the future.

Contact Details:

[VAL website](#)

Tel: 0116 2575050

Email: helpline@valonline.org.uk

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire

CASE

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:

[CASE website](#)

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:

[Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation Website](#)

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 East Midlands](#)

[Due North](#)

[Gov UK Contract 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.

[Easy Fundraising Website](#)

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.

[Leicestershire Communities Grants and Funding Webpage](#)