

Monthly Funding Information May 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 Grants and Funding page](#).

Visit the Leicestershire Communities website for information about [Covid-19 specific funding opportunities](#) .

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The Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Sustaining Support for Armed Forces Communities programme	4 th June 2021
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Homeless Link - Homelessness Winter Transformation Fund	21 st June 2021
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Funding for projects which support Young People (including young people with disabilities)	
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Leicestershire County Council - Holiday Activities & Food Programme Summer 2021	28 th May 2021
MOD – Education Support Fund *	30 th Sept 2021

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes	
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Boost Drinks – Choose Now Change Lives Programme *	9 th May 2021
Leicester City Council - Covid-Safe Communities Fund	16 th May 2021
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HM Govt. Neighbourhood Planning Support *	31 st May 2021

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<u>HM Govt. – Local Authority Treescapes Fund *</u>	31 st May 2021
<u>Local Govt. Assoc. - Brownfield Land Release Fund *</u>	2 nd June 2021
<u>Theatres Trust – Small Grants Scheme</u>	7 th June 2021
<u>HM Govt. - Urban Tree Challenge Fund *</u>	25 th July 2021
<u>Tesco – Community Grants</u>	Open
<u>Persimmon Homes - Community Champions</u>	Open
<u>Screwfix Foundation</u>	Open
<u>HM Govt. - Community Ownership Fund</u>	Open by June 2021
<u>HM Govt. - Changing Places Toilets *</u>	TBC

Funding for projects which support Adults

Grant:	<u>Thomas Pocklington Trust</u>
Summary:	<p>Supports organisations providing positive outcomes for blind and partially sighted people around one of the following priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education - for children and young people in and entering education • Employment – creating opportunities • Engagement - facilitating and encouraging self determination • Collaboration and Sustainability – promoting positive change to improve the sustainability of the sight loss sector.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is for new developments rather than established activity • Most grants are only for 1 year • Capital items (physical assets) can be funded as well as revenue items such as new staff salaries, training and resources
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £25,000
Deadline for Applications:	14 th May 2021

Grant:	<u>Solace - Empowering Women Fund</u>
Summary:	<p>Funding is available to support the sustainability of women's groups in local communities and to help women get to an empowered position.</p> <p>There are two funds available:</p> <p>Seed Funding - available to small women's groups to run activities that support women to build skills and confidence and decrease social isolation.</p> <p>Women's Sector - for women's groups and organisations to develop capacity to respond to changing needs in their communities</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applying organisations must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a not-for-profit and led by and for women • Have a safeguarding policy • Have an annual turnover under £1 million.
Min/Max Funding Available:	<p>Seed Funding between £500 and £1,000</p> <p>Women's sector Grants between £1,000 and £25,000</p>
Deadline for Applications:	28 th May 2021

Grant:	<u>The Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Sustaining Support for Armed Forces Communities programme</u>
Summary:	<p>To help charities to sustain activities and services that people from Armed Forces communities use and value.</p> <p>Project Funding Track – for existing projects only that are well used by people from Armed Forces communities. Up to 2 Full Time Equivalent staff can be funded to deliver the project or activity for a year plus other reasonable cost.</p> <p>Core Funding Track – For Armed Forces Charities only. Up to two Full Time Equivalent core staff can be funded where that enables the organisation to keep delivering services.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applicants must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Armed Forces charity • A registered charity with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £100,000
Deadline for Applications:	4 th June 2021

Grant:	<u>Futures ESFA - Community Grants</u>
Summary:	<p>For voluntary and community sector organisations to deliver projects that help engage and progress 'hard to reach' individuals towards the labour market.</p> <p>Activities could include training; confidence building; help with basic skills and job search assistance.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For organisations with a turnover of less than £750,000 • Eligible learners must be over 16, unemployed and have the right to live and work in the UK • Priority will be given to applications for projects that demonstrate an ability to target participants who are furthest from the labour market with significant barriers to employment
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £5,000 and £20,000
Deadline for Applications:	4th June 2021

Grant:	<u>Homeless Link - Homelessness Winter Transformation Fund</u>
Summary:	The fund aims to support winter night shelters to provide COVID-19 secure accommodation for the winter. It can now fund both revenue and capital costs which transform the service provided. Goes live on 24 th May.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations must have a turnover of between £250K and £5 million • Capital applications must be between £25,000 and £100,000 • Must own or lease the property for at least 3 years • Requires written local authority support • Funding must be spent by 31st March 2022
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £100,000
Deadline for Applications:	Capital applications 21 st June 2021 Revenue applications 5 th July 2021

Grant:	<u>The England Illegal Money Lending Team - Stop Loan Sharks Community Fund</u>
Summary:	Supports local groups that want to raise awareness of the issues of illegal money lending in their community. Schools, Statutory Agencies, Businesses, and Individuals can also apply.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Projects should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to raising awareness of the dangers of using loan sharks. • Prevent crime and disorder and makes a difference in local communities. • Promote the work of the Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) in communities. • Encourage reporting of loan sharks and signposts victims to the team.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	30 th June 2021

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

Grant:	<u>Thomas Pocklington Trust</u>
Summary:	Supports organisations providing positive outcomes for blind and partially sighted people around one of the following priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education - for children and young people in and entering education • Employment – creating opportunities • Engagement – facilitating and encouraging self determination • Collaboration and Sustainability – promoting positive change to improve the sustainability of the sight loss sector.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is for new developments rather than established activity • Most grants are only for 1 year • Capital items (physical assets) can be funded as well as revenue items such as new staff salaries, training and resources
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £25,000
Deadline for Applications:	14 th May 2021

Grant:	<u>Leicestershire County Council - Holiday Activities & Food Programme Summer 2021</u>
Summary:	For Leicestershire schools and Voluntary and Community Sector organisations to deliver summer holiday activities for school-aged (5-16 years) children living in Leicestershire who are eligible for free school meals.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed provision should be for a minimum of four hours a day, four days a week and run for four weeks over the Summer Holidays. • The activity must be for children aged between 5 and 16 years of age
Min/Max Funding Available:	<p>The grant rate is set at an amount per child participant of £13 per place per day</p> <p>Additional funding is available for activities for children with SEND/additional needs, along with funding for reasonable capital expenditure.</p>
Deadline for Applications:	Closes 28 th May 2021

Grant:	<u>MOD – Education Support Fund *</u>
Summary:	<p>Grants are available to publicly funded schools, academies, and free schools throughout the UK to mitigate the effects of significant mobility and/or deployment of their service communities.</p> <p>Children may have to change school when a service parent is posted, or the school may support a pupil when a parent is absent for long periods of time. This fund is available to support schools in embedding practices that can benefit the service children and their school.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools need to provide evidence of the exceptional impact mobility and/or separation has on service children and on the school. • It cannot be used for infrastructure projects, but smaller scale refurbishments, such as adapting current spaces, and indoor or outdoor equipment are acceptable.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Not disclosed
Deadline for Applications:	30 th September 2021

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

Grant:	<u>Boost Drinks – Choose Now Change Lives Programme *</u>
Summary:	<p>There are 3 main areas of support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations supporting rough sleepers • Foodbanks • Community groups that bring the local community together, whether it be through Sport, Art, Music or just generally providing a place for people to come together. <p>After each closing date 3 groups will be selected to go forward to a public vote.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top tier local authorities cannot apply • Only groups who are contacted following the expression of interest stage can apply <p>3 key criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diversity – benefit a diverse range of communities 2. Legacy – the grants should leave a lasting legacy for the community to enjoy for years to come 3. Impact – the project should be high impact and make a real difference to a community
Min/Max Funding Available:	Between £1,000 and £10,000
Deadline for Applications:	3 Rounds close: 9 th May 18 th July 26 th September 2021

Grant:	<u>Leicester City Council - Covid-Safe Communities Fund</u>
Summary:	To support Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and faith-based groups and organisations in the city of Leicester to look towards recovery and to help them work through the impacts of Covid-19, reopening to provide essential services and activities to local communities in a Covid-secure manner.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fund is for delivering front-line services and not open to applications offering solely information, advice and guidance, or signposting services. • Applications that relate to or are covered by support available through other mechanisms or assistance already provided by Leicester City Council will not be considered. • Delivery of the funded activity should be completed within 3 months of the grant being awarded
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	16 th May 2021

Grant:	<u>HM Govt. - Community Renewal fund</u>
Summary:	Leicester City Council is the lead authority for this fund in Leicester, which will support innovative pilot projects that boost the economy through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in skills • Investment for local businesses • Investment in communities and place • Supporting people into employment
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations must submit their bid to Leicester City Council • Project proposals should be focused on support for Leicester residents or businesses. • All funding must be spent by end March 2022
Min/Max Funding Available:	Applications should be for a minimum of £250,000. Preferred amount is £500,000
Deadline for Applications:	21 st May 2021

Grant:	<u>HM Govt. Neighbourhood Planning Support *</u>
Summary:	There are two new funds to support local authorities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Simpler Approach Pilot – aimed at local planning authorities to work in partnership with their communities to help establish and explore the idea of a simpler kind of neighbourhood plan. 2. Under-represented Areas - aimed at local planning authorities who are interested in increasing the uptake of neighbourhood planning.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Both schemes have their own specific criteria
Min/Max Funding Available:	Simpler Approach Pilot grant max £30,000 Under-represented Areas grant max £50,000
Deadline for Applications:	31 st May 2021

Grant:	<u>National Survivor User Network – Side by Side Fund</u>
Summary:	<p>Supports applications from peer support, mutual aid, or self-help groups to enable them to connect remotely, prepare to move their activities to face-to-face, or make their group more sustainable.</p> <p>Particularly interested in groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • led by and for people from racialised communities/people of colour. • led by and for young people (aged 18-25). • who have been unable to meet during the COVID-19 pandemic, which may be due to digital poverty
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>The activity must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • take place in a community setting (not NHS or local authority) • benefit people or communities who live with mental ill-health, trauma, and distress.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Min £200, Max £500
Deadline for Applications:	31 st May 2021

Grant:	<u>HM Govt. – Local Authority Treescapes Fund *</u>
Summary:	A capital grant fund to support the establishment of trees in non-woodland settings such as in riverbanks, hedgerows, parklands, urban areas, beside roads and footpaths. It will also cover the maintenance activity costs for up to 4 years.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications will be accepted from unitary and top tier local authorities • If the top tier LA in an area is not making an application, but several lower tier LA's have formed a group, they can apply via a group bid, however one lead applicant will be required to be the Lead Applicant. • Local Authorities are expected to work partnership with community groups, volunteers and other NGO's.
Min/Max Funding Available:	£50,000 to £300,000
Deadline for Applications:	31 st May 2021

Grant:	<u>Local Govt. Assoc. - Brownfield Land Release Fund *</u>
Summary:	<p>Support the release of local authority-owned brownfield land for housing, and in addition, the fund will also seek to support self and custom-build projects on both brownfield and greenfield sites.</p> <p>The funding will provide upfront capital to address viability issues arising from abnormal costs of the proposed development.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	To enable release local authority owned land by the end of March 2024 for housing development that otherwise would not come forward during that period
Min/Max Funding Available:	Not disclosed
Deadline for Applications:	2 nd June 2021

Grant:	<u>Theatres Trust – Small Grants Scheme</u>
Summary:	<p>The fund supports small capital improvements to theatres run by charities and not-for-profit groups. This can include works to make theatres COVID-secure and ready to reopen.</p> <p>Projects should make a big impact to a theatre's resilience, sustainability, or accessibility.</p>
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years • run a regular theatre programme presenting no less than 30 performances a year.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	7 th June 2021

Grant:	<u>HM Govt. - Urban Tree Challenge Fund *</u>
Summary:	Grants are available for up to 50% of the costs of planting “standard” trees in urban and peri-urban locations. The grant award also contributed towards upto3 years of after care
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum number of trees on any planting site is 10 • Applicants must have full management control over the land or signed consent from the organisation that does • A minimum 50% of total planting should be undertaken in the first planting year (if planting over two years). The grant cannot be used to support the planting of trees required under a planning consent or restocking condition or as part of a tenancy agreement.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Block bids (multiple planting sites in one application) min grant £250,000 Individual planting location applications grant range of £10,000 to £30,000
Deadline for Applications:	25 th July 2021

Grant:	<u>Tesco – Community Grants</u>
Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For projects which make a positive difference to the local community. • Three projects in each of the 575 local stores are voted on by the customers in store using tokens. • Projects (to be voted on) change every 3 months
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus is on supporting children and families • Please note that it can take between 12 and 18 months for an application to be shortlisted for the public vote
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £1,500
Deadline for Applications:	Open


Grant:	<u>Persimmon Homes - Community Champions</u>
Summary:	60 donations of up to £1,000 are awarded every month to local community groups.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding matches money already raised by the applicant • Groups who have been unsuccessful in previous months can re-apply each month
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £1,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open

Grant:	<u>Screwfix Foundation</u>
Summary:	Supports projects that will fix, repair, maintain, improve or construct homes, community properties and community facilities.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	The project must help those in need, either through financial hardship, sickness, distress or other disadvantage
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £5,000
Deadline for Applications:	Open, but with quarterly decision meetings in March, June, September and December


Grant:	<u>HM Govt. - Community Ownership Fund</u>
Summary:	Community groups will be able to bid for up to £250,000 matched-funding to help them buy or take over local community assets at risk of being lost, to run as community-owned businesses.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	Projects should be focused on place-based assets or amenities, which are important to the local community, build connections between people and foster a sense of pride in the local area – but are at risk of being lost without community intervention.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Max £250,000
Deadline for Applications:	1 st Bidding round will open by June 2021

Grant:	<u>HM Govt. Changing Places Toilets *</u>
Summary:	District and Unitary Authorities will be able to apply for funding to install Changing Places Toilets in their communities and will be sent full details on how they can access the funding.
Key Eligibility Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authorities are encouraged to work in partnership with other organisations to deliver these facilities. • Community organisations are encouraged to contact their District or Borough Council to register interest in creating a Changing Places toilet at their venue.
Min/Max Funding Available:	Not disclosed
Deadline for Applications:	Not disclosed

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 and updates from the Government and Charity Commission. There are three newsletters which you can select to receive by ticking the appropriate box.</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