

VCSE Grants & Funding Information

This document includes information about current grants and funding opportunities primarily for VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise) sector organisations, which includes charities and other not-for-profit community organisations.

Where the grant title includes an asterisk (*), Local Authorities and other partner organisations may also be eligible to apply for the funding.

The document is subdivided into categories:

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Funding for projects which support Adults (including older people, veterans and adults with disabilities)

Barchester's Charitable Foundation

The focus is about connecting or re- connecting people with others in their local community. Applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged.

The Foundations is focus is for:

- Older people 65+
- Adults (18+) with a physical or learning disability
- Adults (18+) with mental health problems

The Foundation can fund individuals and groups as well as trips.

Grant amounts: Between £100 and £2,500

Application deadlines: Quaterly deadlines advertised (Open in January, April, July and October).

Charles Hayward Foundation – Small Grants

Funding is available for charities to support preventative and early community-based services or programmes that focus on helping older people stay in their own homes and maintain their independence.

There are three categories:

- Programmes aiming to alleviate isolation and depression in older people, including informal day care, or regular social, physical and recreational activities.
- Programmes which give practical help, assistance and support for older people living in their own homes.
- Programmes addressing the emotional and practical needs of people with dementia and their carers.
- Charities should have an annual income of under £350,000
- Projects should exclusively benefit people over the age of 60

Grant amounts: Maximum £7,000

Application deadlines: Open – applications are accepted anytime

Family Fund – Your Opportunity Grant

The grant programme aims to enhance the life of disabled, or seriously ill, young adults, aged 18 to 24 years old, living at home. Young people cannot apply on their own, but applications should come from parents or carers.

The young adult needs to have a high level of support needs. Specific criteria apply.

Funding is available for essential items that improve quality of life and promote independence. The following are examples of what the fund could support: digital equipment, clubs and activities membership fees, musical instruments, sports equipment, day trips and white goods.

Grant amounts: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: Open

Friends of the Elderly – Grants for Older People

Small grants are available to support vulnerable older people living on low incomes in England and Wales.

The funding assists individuals and couples who are of (or over) the state pension age, have savings of less than £5,000, and do not meet the criteria for other funders. The funding aims to assist with various needs such as purchasing a new fridge, paying unexpected bills, obtaining food and clothing, or covering gas and electricity costs.

Individuals must submit their applications through a third-party Referral Agent. Acceptable Referral Agents include charities, local authorities, housing associations, community organisations, Information, Advice and Guidance providers, as well as social services representatives

Grant amounts: Maximum £500

Application deadlines: Open (the current waiting time for a decision is between 6-8 weeks)

Gardening with Disabilities Trust

Grants are available to individuals to enable them to continue gardening despite advancing illness, age, or disability.

The grants can be used for:

- Raised beds
- Poly tunnels
- Greenhouses, tools
- Small-scale garden adaptations. e.g. access pathways
- Plants, shrubs or compost

To apply for a grant, individuals must provide a letter from their doctor or other healthcare professional indicating their disability and a copy of another official document, such as a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or a Blue Parking Badge.

Grant amounts: No cash grants are awarded. Items are purchased on behalf of the applicant

Application deadlines: Open (Applications are reviewed every two months).

Hospital Discharge Grants for Carers

The grant scheme can support individuals (aged 18+) who are carers with the costs associated with the cared for person being discharged from hospital.

If the person is aged 18+ and looks after, helps or supports an adult who wouldn't be able to manage everyday life without their help and is not employed to do it then the person is an unpaid carer.

The fund is available to cover any additional costs linked to the discharge from hospital. For example, cleaning, housework, a short-term sitting service or carer's lost income due to time off work.

Carers can apply within 2 weeks of discharge from hospital and should complete the online application form for the area the cared for person lives in, Leicestershire or Leicester City.

If the cared for person lives in the County of Leicestershire, the application form is available via [VASL Support for Carers](#).

If the cared for person lives in the City of Leicester, the application form is available via [Age UK LeicesterShire and Rutland](#).

- The cared for person must live in Leicestershire or Leicester City
- The cared for person must have been discharged from hospital in the last two weeks (must have been discharged from 3rd February 2025 onwards).
- The carer can request help with the application from either VASL , Age UK LLR or their health and social care professional

Grant amounts: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: Open. Applications can be made from 3rd February 2025 but will close as soon as all the funds are committed.

Parkinson's UK – Physical Activity Grants

Community groups and organisations across the UK can apply for grants to help people with Parkinson's to become and stay active. It will support new activities that encourage people affected by Parkinson's to participate in physical activity and sport or increase their participation in these areas.

This could be anything fun that encourages people, particularly those from isolated and ethnic communities, to get moving, such as a walking group, a dance class, or playing table tennis.

Examples of what the fund will support include:

- Equipment
- Facility hire
- Coaching fees
- Parkinson's specific online support
- up to 10% of core costs

Applications will be accepted from activity providers, national governing bodies, Parkinson's groups and branches, and sports and healthcare professionals.

Projects must last for between three and 12 months and start within three months of receiving a grant.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have a business bank account.
- Consult with a local staff member of Parkinson's UK
- Be able to explain how they intend to reach and engage with their target community or audience and how they will promote the project.
- Explain how they plan to continue the activities and ensure their longevity and continuing impact after the funding ends.

Grant amounts: Maximum £3,000

Application deadlines: Open (Applications can be made at any time until all of the funding has been allocated).

Wolfson Foundation – Hospice Care Home Training Programme

Hospices that are members of Hospice UK can apply for grants to deliver specialist training courses for care home staff, with a particular focus on dementia care for people approaching end of life.

The funding covers a comprehensive range of costs associated with delivering CPD-accredited training, including teaching expenses, venue hire, travel costs, and catering. Both new courses and repeat sessions of existing training programmes are eligible, though the funding cannot be used for in-house training.

- Applications must be received at least one month before the start of the course, conference or module.
- Courses need to be CPD credited

Grant amounts: Maximum £2,000

Application deadlines: Open (The funding will be allocated on a first come, first served basis until the budget is fully allocated).

Wolfson Foundation – Professional Development Grants

Grants are available in the form of bursaries for hospice staff to access training to improve the quality of care given to hospice and palliative care patients and their families and carers.

Bursaries can cover fees for university accredited palliative care courses including degree, master's and PhD level programmes. Some palliative care conferences may also be included.

- All applicants must be working in an eligible organisation as either a: Nurse, Healthcare Assistant, Doctor, Allied Health Professional or Social Worker
- Applications must be received at least one month before the start of the course, conference or module.

Grant amounts: Maximum £1,500 (up to 50% of course or module fees) in anyone year

Application deadlines: Open

Funding for projects which support Young People (including young people with disabilities)

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials

Supports individual children and young people living with severe poverty, a lack of the basic facilities and additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability, or poor health in the family. Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs. The referrer's organisation should also be able to administer and supervise the grant on our behalf.

Grant amounts: Funds specific critical items

Application deadlines: Open

BBC Children in Need Project Funding

Grants to cover project costs for up to three years are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people aged up to 18 years.

Grant amounts: Maximum £120,000 or £40,000 per year (but usually much less)

Application deadlines: Open

BBC Children in Need Core Funding

Grants to cover core costs for up to three years are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people aged up to 18 years.

Grant amounts: Maximum £120,000 or £40,000 per year (but usually much less)

Application deadlines: Open

Blue Spark Foundation

Schools, colleges and community groups can apply for grants to support the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other projects.

Grant amounts: Most grant awards will be under £5,000

Application deadlines: Open

Buttle UK – Chances for Children Grants *

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

Grant amounts: Maximum £2,400

Application deadlines: Open

Central Social and Recreational Trust

Grants are available for affiliated sports clubs and organisations in England to provide recreational facilities for disadvantaged children and young people under the age of 21.

The funding can be used to purchase equipment and maintain gymnasiums or buildings to be used for recreational or other leisure time occupations by children who would otherwise be unable to access these types of facilities.

Only clubs/organisations affiliated to their governing body for example the Amateur Boxing Association of England, National Association of Clubs for Young People, Football Association will be considered for a grant.

The Trustees will consider the application where the majority of beneficiaries are under 21, but will not consider grants for individuals.

Grant amounts: Maximum £1,500

Application deadlines: Open

CLA Charitable Trust

Charities, not-for-profit organisations and schools exclusively for children with additional needs in England and Wales can apply for grants for projects that improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people who are disabled or disadvantaged by helping them to visit and participate in recreational and educational opportunities in the countryside. help disabled or disadvantaged children connect with nature and the countryside.

Funding can be used to support projects, capital works and running costs.

Priority is given to projects focusing on children and young people, disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation.

Applicants can reapply after three-years.

Priority is given to smaller organisations with a turnover of less than £1.5million.

Grant amounts: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: Open

David Wilson Foundation

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

Grant amounts: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: Open

Education Opportunity Foundation – Main Fund

Grants are available to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational projects with children and young people under the age of 25 in marginalised communities within the UK and internationally.

For UK projects, the focus is on improving the educational outcomes and life chances of care experienced young people.

Projects should:

- Improve access to educational opportunity - including support for care experienced young people to attend and engage in mainstream school life.
- Improve educational outcomes - including enabling care experienced young people to learn in ways that works for them.
- Improve life chances - Including improving the support for care experienced young people (aged 16-24) to access further education, employment or training opportunities and improving support for them to remain engaged with these opportunities.

Key Criteria:

- The Foundation will fund between 25% to 100% of the total project costs but will give preference to projects with some degree of matched funding
- Annual grant payments cannot exceed 50% of an organisation's three-year average income
- Applying organisations should have an income normally between £25,000 and £2.5 million

Grant amounts: Between £30,000 and £90,000 (maximum £30,000 per year for a multi-year project)

Application deadlines: Open - applications are assessed on a rolling basis.

Ernest Cook Trust – Outdoor Essentials Grant

Funding is available to state-funded schools in selected parts of the UK, including Leicestershire, for projects that connect children and young people with nature and support their wellbeing.

The grant offers support for improving school grounds, covering transport to outdoor learning venues, providing clothing for outdoor activities, and training teachers.

- Schools working with children aged 4 to 18 can apply
- Priority will be given to schools that have not previously received funding from the Ernest Cook Trust, schools in rural areas and schools with underserved communities
- For Multi Academy Trusts applications must be made by the individual schools

Grant amounts:

- Primary and special schools maximum £500
- Secondary schools maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: Open (But applicants are urged to apply soon, as funding rounds will close once sufficient applications have been received).

Family Action – National School Breakfast Programme

Schools in disadvantaged areas can apply for a 75% subsidy for breakfast club provision until July 2025.

Family Action will source and deliver breakfast food products to participating schools. All breakfast products offered through the programme meet the school food standards.

Schools can choose and order the food products and quantities they need for their pupils.

All schools that have 40% or more children in IDACI bands A-F can apply

Schools currently receiving support for their breakfast provision from Magic Breakfast or Gregg's will not qualify for the National School Breakfast Programme.

Grant amounts: This is a 75% subsidy to support the cost of the breakfast provision

Application deadlines: Open (due to close July 2025)

Happy Days Children's Charity

The charity awards funding for different types of activities to support families with children aged 3-17 who have a disability, a special need, have been abused or have a life limiting condition.

Grants are available for the following activities:

- Family Day Trips - eligible trips include zoos, farm parks, theme parks, the seaside or the theatre
- Family Holiday Breaks - a short break family holiday by the seaside or in the countryside, usually in the United Kingdom. Other destinations will be considered according to cost.
- Group Day Trips and Visiting Theatre - a day trip to a wide variety of destinations, for example, the seaside, a theme park, the theatre, or for a theatre workshop to visit the applicants' premises. Items that can be funded are tickets/passes and transport costs
- Group Activity Holidays - a group activity holiday to a wide variety of destinations such as outdoor activity centres, holiday camps and sailing breaks

Applications for family activities are accepted from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers.

Applications for group activities are accepted from organisations such as SEN schools and groups, young carers and women's refuges.

Grant amounts: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: Open

Hargreaves Foundation

The grant scheme can fund projects, initiatives or the purchase of specific items that support young people (under 18, living with a mental health problem, physical disability, or growing up in poverty) in participating in sport, educational activities, improving academic engagement and improving opportunities for employment

Grant amounts: not disclosed

Application deadlines: Open

Henry Smith Charity - Holiday Grants for Children

For schools, small charities, and not-for-profit organisations. Those in the 20% most deprived areas in the UK are likely to be prioritised. Funding is available for recreational trips and holidays for groups of children aged 13 and under who are disable or disadvantaged.

Grant amounts: £500 - £2,750

Application deadlines: Open, but applicants should apply at least 5 weeks before the trip date.

Love Reading for Kids – Funding for Schools Scheme

Schools and early years' settings can apply for grants to buy non-curriculum books for their libraries and encourage more children to read for pleasure.

Areas for Consideration will include:

- Schools with income deprivation or cultural deprivation
- Schools with Free School Meals (FSM)
- IDACI
- Literacy levels
- Schools looking to improve standards

Please note that any grant awarded will be awarded as credit to be spent on www.lovereadng.co.uk or www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk and should be spent within six months of being awarded.

PTAs are not eligible to apply, the application needs to come directly from the school

If an application is declined, the school is eligible to reapply 12 months after the previous application date

If an application is approved, the school is ineligible to apply for the Scheme for three years after the approval date due to intense competition

Grant amounts: Between £1,000 and £5,000

Application deadlines: Open

National Deaf Children's Society – Community Grants

Funding is available for community groups, charities, and not-for-profit organisations supporting deaf children and their families across the UK.

In this round, funding will support projects and activities that promote the development of deaf children in their early years (ages 0–5). This stage is crucial, particularly for children who may face challenges with language, communication, and social skills without the right support.

Projects may involve families, professionals, and older deaf children, provided they contribute to early years development.

Grants are for 12 months and cover the essential running costs of the project including venue hire, transport and wages for sessional workers.

- Grants must not be used for services that are provided as standard by government funded education or health services
- Organisations must be based in the UK, with a UK bank account, have safeguarding policies and procedures and appropriate insurance in place

Grant amounts: Between £1,000 and £10,000

Application deadlines: Open (Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with set assessment dates throughout the year).

Oakland Foundation

The fund is available for clubs, groups, organisations and schools which support disadvantaged children under the age of 16 and their families. Themes include: Education, Health and Nutrition and Sport.

Grant amounts: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: Open

Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Arts-Based Learning Fund

Funding is available for arts organisations and charities working with schools, colleges and other formal education settings to deliver high-quality arts-based learning projects lasting two to four years.

The funding aims to improve the lives and achievements of children and young people experiencing inequality, with priorities including support for disadvantaged pupils, expanding access to arts-based teaching in underserved schools, addressing inclusion and racism, developing digital and blended learning, and embedding arts in curricula for the long term.

- Applications must be made in partnership with schools or other formal education settings
- Arts organisations can be charities, community organisations, social enterprises and not-for-profit companies active in the arts and culture sector
- Activities should take place in school hours
- Rarely consider financial/grant requests representing more than 50% of an applicant's annual turnover

Grant Amounts: Between £30,000 and £300,000 (Maximum £100,000 per year)

Application deadlines: Open

Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Youth Fund

Funding is available for not-for-profit youth organisations which support disadvantaged young people aged 14 to 25. Funding is for core operating costs and to help grow the impact of what organisations already do.

There is a focus on:

- Targeted work with and for young people who face transitions in their lives which may be challenging or create barriers for example into or out of education, care settings, housing or the secure estate (including prisons, bail accommodation and youth detention accommodation).
- Work that recognizes young people's multiple and overlapping identities (for example race, gender, sexual orientation, class, faith, migration status, ability).
- The Foundation will prioritise work that takes place outside of London.
- Organisations should have an annual turnover of over £30,000 and under £3.5 million
- At least 50% of the organisation's focus is on work with and for 14–25-year-olds
- For work delivered through partnerships, there must be a lead partner who can receive funds and the partnership must already be active
- The Fund is not looking to support new or untested approaches, projects or finite pieces of work

Grant amounts: Maximum £150,000 over three years

Application deadlines: Open – applications can be submitted at anytime

Samworth Brothers – Community Opportunity Fund

Funding is available for organisations delivering sport or food and nutrition projects for young people under the age of 18 years of age and looking to expand their capacity.

The fund can support both revenue and capital costs.

- Projects need to be located in areas where a Samworth Brothers business is an integral and important part of the community. Details of locations are provided in the Guidance / Criteria Document.
- Organisations applying for sports related activity should be affiliated with their relevant sport governing body

Grant amounts: No grant amount stated, but the maximum grant awarded has been around £75,000 (over three years).

Application deadlines: Open, but applications should be submitted by the 25th of the month to be considered at the next meeting.

Sofronie Foundation

Funding is available for charities and other community organisations to deliver educational and vocational projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged young people in the UK, France and Netherlands.

The fund can support initiatives that increase access to:

- Higher education, such as programmes that raise aspirations, build confidence, and develop skills in preparation for university.
- Vocational training through initiatives that equip young people with practical skills, or work experience to prepare them for future employment

Projects must be improving the lives of disadvantaged young people

Grant amounts: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: Open (Can take up to three months for a decision).

Tesco Stronger Starts

The scheme is open to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people.

Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores.

Grant amounts: up to £1,500

Application deadlines: Open

The Allen Lane Foundation – Young People’s Programme

Funding is available to charities and not-for-profit organisations working with young people aged 12-21 who are socially excluded or marginalised, and who may have experienced significant issues within their lives. The grants can be used to support a range of activities, including core costs, project work, and capital expenditure.

- The Foundation is not looking to fund general youth provision due to the limitation of available resources
- Organisations that work across a local area, such as a village, estate, or town, must have an annual income of less than £100,000 to be eligible
- Organisations that work across the entire UK must have an annual income of less than £250,000 to be eligible

Grant amounts: Maximum £15,000

Application deadlines: Open (applications are accepted on a rolling basis)

The Kings Trust – Development Awards

Funding is available to help young people (aged between 16 and 30) move into training, education, or employment. The grant can cover costs such as accredited course fees, tools, uniforms, equipment, or transport.

- Applicants are required to provide supporting documents like a course offer or interview letter
- The young person should be unemployed, working fewer than 16 hours a week, or studying less than 14 hours weekly

Grant Amounts: Between £10 and £500

Application deadlines: Open

The Martin Trust for Young People

Available for individual young people and for organisations which support young people between 12 and 25 years of age. Individuals and voluntary youth organisations need to be living in and or supporting young people in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland.

Grant amounts: £1,000 for groups; £100 - £250 for individuals

Application deadlines: Open (applications considered four times per year)

The Outward Bound Trust – Adventure Fund

Funding is available in the form of bursaries for schools or youth groups to help young people (aged between 11 and 24 years) from across the UK access outdoor education programmes run by The Outward Bound Trust.

Applications are open to both individuals and organisations, with priority given to those facing financial hardship or disadvantage

Grant amounts: Bursaries cover up to 40% of course fees

Application deadlines: No application deadlines are provided, but it states: “Early applications are encouraged, as funding is limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis”.

True Colours Trust - UK Small Grants Programme

Grants for charitable organisations to deliver activities which support disabled children and children (aged 0-25 years) with life-limiting conditions and their families.

Grant amounts: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: Open

Variety – Wheelchairs for Children

Parents, teachers, physiotherapists, and occupational therapists of a child or young person under the age of 19 living with a disability or long-term health condition, can now apply for funding to purchase a new wheelchair.

The funding is for bespoke wheelchairs for any purpose, including manual, powered and sports wheelchairs that are not available through local authority wheelchair services in England, Wales & Scotland.

The applicant must confirm that they will take responsibility for arranging the maintenance and insurance of any equipment funded

Grant amounts: The scheme does not make cash grants but will liaise directly with your supplier to arrange delivery of the wheelchair.

For requests exceeding £5,000 an assurance must be given by the medical professional involved that the recommended item is the only model suitable because of the child’s particular requirements.

Application deadlines: Open (the Wheelchair Committee meets six times per year)

YHA Bursary Scheme

Schools and colleges in areas of high deprivation in England and Wales can apply for support towards the cost of a residential stay at a Youth Hostel Association (YHA) owned hostel.

The bursary can be used towards payment for a school residential with an overnight stay (with or without catering and activities) at any available YHA-owned hostel.

The bursary support is valid for stays on the following dates:

- 4th November 2024 – 4th March 2025
- 2nd November 2025 – 28th February 2026

The scheme is open to primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, schools offering alternative provision, and colleges based in areas of high social deprivation with a high number (upwards of 30%) of children receiving pupil premium or free school meals.

No school can access more than one bursary per residential stay.

Grant amounts: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: Open

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

Alpkit Foundation

Grants are available for individuals, community groups, schools, and other not-for-profit organisations to encourage people across the UK to get involved with outdoor activities and experiences.

The funding aims to break down barriers to outdoor participation by supporting projects that promote diversity and inclusion in the outdoors, as well as participation, education, conservation and protection of the natural environment, and health and wellbeing.

- Applications should be submitted at least three months before the project start date
- There's no limit to the number of times you can apply for an award.
- Particularly like projects that encourage responsible outdoor activity, have long lasting benefits, introduce new people to get outdoors and demonstrate value for money

Grant amounts: Maximum £500

Application deadlines: Open (Applications are reviewed every two months)

Angling Trust – Angling Improvement Fund *

Funding is available for angling organisations to help stop the spread of invasive non-native species and boost biosecurity at fishing venues.

Funding is available to support:

- Training of members to undertake invasive species management
- The purchase of management equipment
- The installation of biosecurity facilities at venues

Invasive non-native species are those that have been introduced by human activity into Great Britain and are causing significant negative impacts. These may include:

- Invasive plants such as Floating pennywort, Canadian pondweed, Water fern, Giant hogweed, Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam
- Invasive invertebrates such as Killer shrimp, Demon shrimp, Zebra mussel
- Mink
- Applicant venues must be located in England and offer a form of fishing covered by an Environment Agency non-migratory trout and coarse fishing licence
- It is not a requirement to be an Angling Trust member club or affiliated organisation to apply
- There must already be angling taking place at the site
- If you are interested in installing a biosecurity station you do not need to have an invasive species established on your site
- Applicants should attempt to match the award with a similar amount of funding from their own sources

Grant amounts: Maximum £5,000 (Budget £100,000)

Application deadlines: Open (The fund will remain open until all funding has been allocated).

Architectural Heritage Fund – Heritage Revival Fund

The fund will support charities and social enterprises in taking ownership, adapting, and reusing neglected historic buildings such as theatres, department stores and former banks for community use.

The funding will support projects from the earliest stages through to capital works, including feasibility studies, business plan development, design, surveys, and the costs of acquiring and renovating buildings.

Three grants are available:

- Project Viability Grant - to establish whether a project is viable. Work will probably focus on understanding the condition of the building, how it might be used, and whether that intended use is appropriate for the building and likely to be sustainable.
- Project Development Grants - towards the costs of developing and co-ordinating your project and taking it towards the start of work on site.
- Capital Works Grants - further information and guidance will be issued 12th May 2025.

Priority will be given to historic buildings in towns across England

Grant amounts:

- Project Viability Grants up to £15,000
- Project Development Grants up to £100,000
- Capital Works Grants up to £350,000

Application deadlines: 27th June 2025 for expressions of interest for Capital Grants. The deadline for Capital Grant full applications is 29th September 2025.

Expressions of interest for Project Viability or Project Development Grants can be submit anytime.

Arnold Clark – Community Fund

Funding is available for organisations working in one of three themed areas:

- Cost of Living - directly helping people most impacted by rising living costs, such as food and utility banks, shelters, poverty-relief services, accommodation aid, and initiatives promoting equal opportunities.
- Community Support – for youth groups and clubs, animal welfare, arts and culture, community enhancement, education training / advancement, mental health, relief support, sustainability enhancement and projects.
- Gear Up for Sport - for youth groups and clubs
- Organisations must be operating within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch. Note that there are branches in Nottingham and Burton on Trent so a good proportion of Leicestershire and Leicester will be eligible
- Community Support and Gear Up for Sport themes – organisations can apply once per year
- Cost of Living theme – organisations can apply every six months

Grant amounts: Maximum £2,500

Application deadlines:

Open. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but it is recommended to apply as early as you can once the fund is open, as applications could be paused due to high demand.

The three themed areas have separate application windows throughout the year.

Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants

Support a wide variety of arts-related activities, from dance to visual arts, literature to theatre, and music to combined arts. Also, buildings and infrastructure.

Open to: Individuals, organisations, libraries, and museums

Grant amounts: Up to and over £100,000 for projects lasting up to three years

Application deadlines: Rolling programme – no deadlines

Aviva – Community Fund

Funding is available via Crowdfunder for small community organisations looking to support projects that help address financial wellbeing and climate action.

- Financial Wellbeing - helping people take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially independent and ready for anything.
- Climate Action - promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change.

The Fund also gives causes access to volunteers, as well as tools and resources to help build their capabilities and achieve long-term sustainable success.

- Organisations must have been operating for at least 12 months and have published financial data available
- Organisations set up as trusts (including charitable trusts) are not currently eligible to participate in the Fund.

Grant amounts: Maximum £50,000 (via match funding donations of up to £250)

Application deadlines: Open (applications are reviewed quarterly)

Benefact Trust – Grants Programmes

A range of grants are available for Christian charities and organisations that aim to help communities thrive and tackle social issues from homelessness and poverty to climate change and cultural cohesion. The [Community Impact Fund](#), which covers capital and revenue costs, can support projects that address social challenges, grow congregations, and provide outreach in the community. Examples of types of projects which may be considered for funding include tackling poverty, supporting mental health, addressing homelessness, or engaging young people.

Grant amounts: Not disclosed on all grant schemes

Application deadlines: Open

Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust

Funding is available for capital projects including building works, recreational spaces, and minibuses. For registered charities and other “exempt” organisations including places of worship; hospices; heritage centres and specialist schools.

There are four categories:

- Community – village halls, youth-based organisations
- Education –special schools assisting those with SEND
- Health - residential care, treatment centres, equipment
- Social Welfare – housing for homeless, day centres, projects supporting ex armed forces and emergency services

Grants amounts:

- Small grants - under £5,000
- Medium grants - £5,000 to £20,000
- Large grants - over £20,000

Application deadlines: Open all year

Biffaward

There are four themes:

- Rebuilding Biodiversity
- Community Buildings
- Recreation
- Cultural Facilities.

Projects must generally be within 5 miles of a Biffa operation and 10 miles of an active licensed landfill site – please use the on-line postcode checker as advised.

Total project cost must be under £200,000

Grant amounts: Main grants from £10,000 to £75,000

Application deadlines: Open - Rolling Programme

Big Issue Invest – Big Energy Saving Loans

Charities and Social Enterprises in England can apply for loan finance for energy efficiency and renewable energy installations.

Investment can be used for a variety of projects, including:

- Insulation
- Buying and installing renewable energy equipment
- Heat exchangers and heat pumps
- LED light installations
- Replacing old gas fired boiler systems with new efficient ones
- Property improvements, such as extra single glazing on existing windows, double glazing improvements, systematic draught improvements
- Energy efficiency survey and technical assistance costs

If your organisation is a Company Limited by Shares, we would require it to have an asset lock, dividend lock and social mission in place within its governance documents.

Grant amounts: Between £20,000 and £200,000 (loan)

Application deadlines: Open

British Gas Energy Trust – Individual and Families Fund

The fund, set up in response to the rising cost of living and inflation, will provide eligible customers with grants to help clear outstanding arrears. Applications take up to four weeks to be assessed.

The fund is available to British Gas and non-British Gas customers with credit or pre-payment meter accounts.

Several suppliers have their own support fund which is restricted to their customers only. These are: OVO, Boost, Eon, Eon Next, EDF, Scottish Power, Octopus, Shell Energy, SSE and Utilita. If you are a customer of one of these companies, please apply to them directly.

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Pre-payment meter customers must have between £50 and £1,700 of energy debt
- Credit customers must have between £250 and £1,700 of energy debt
- You live in England, Scotland, or Wales
- You have not received a grant from the British Gas Energy Trust within the last 2 years
- You must be seeking a grant to clear an outstanding debt on a current or open gas, electricity or dual fuel energy account. The account must be in your name and relate to your main residence
- The trust does not consider awarding grants to closed accounts (e.g., if you have moved home)
- If your application is successful, your energy account will be credited with the grant. Please note the British Gas Energy Trust does not award cash payments
- You must be in or facing fuel poverty
- You have received help from a money advice agency or used our trusted partner's self-help Benefit Calculator tool within the last 6 months

Amounts available: Maximum £2,000

Application deadlines: Will remain open until all available funds have been awarded.

Charis Grants Ltd / N Power – Business Solutions Foundation

Funding is available for not-for-profit organisations to improve the environment, forge stronger community bonds, support local educational institutions, encourage responsible business and improve places and spaces

Projects could include:

- Energy efficiency measures
- Waste reduction and recycling initiatives
- Improvements to outdoor environments
- Training programmes which develop local skills and employment opportunities

Projects must be located within a 50-mile radius of the N Power offices in Solihull (B91 3ES) or Leeds (LS15 8ZB). To note that Coalville is 44 miles and Lutterworth is 46 miles from Solihull and therefore the western part of the County of Leicestershire is likely to be eligible.

Applying organisations must have been operational for two years and can provide accounts to confirm its turnover/income.

The project must be completed within 12 months of the grant award.

Amounts available: Funding available is in three bands:

- Up to £19,999
- £20,000 to £39,999
- £40,000 to £100,000

Please note, for organisations with income up to £50,000, the maximum grant is £19,999.

Application deadlines: Open (Awards are made on a quarterly basis)

Charities Aid Foundation – Venturesome Impact Fund

The Charities Aid Foundation is a UK-based charity that supports and strengthens the charitable sector by providing funding, advice and financial services.

The fund aims to help organisations strengthen their financial resilience, grow trading income and increase social impact where traditional grants or bank lending may not be suitable. Rather than providing one-off grants, the fund offers repayable finance, allowing capital to be recycled to support more organisations over time.

Organisations can use the funding to support working capital, manage cash flow, expand services, invest in staff or systems, or develop new income-generating activities.

- The fund is open to UK-registered charities, social enterprises and community groups that can demonstrate a clear social purpose and measurable impact
- Applicants must usually have been operating for at least one year, show a minimum annual turnover of £75,000, and be able to repay the investment from trading or other earned income

Grant amounts: Loans ranging from £50,000 to £1 million (loans are typically over three to five years, with fixed interest rates)

Application deadlines: Open

Chesterton House Foundation

Funding is available for charities and individuals whose work has a positive impact on the community.

The website contains information on the wide range of causes that it has supported.

The Foundation does consider applications from across the UK and internationally, but projects in Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, and Derbyshire are given priority.

Grant Amounts: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: Open.

CityFibre – Community Fund Small Grants

CityFibre aims to address key digital challenges, enhance social value, and foster stronger community connections by offering a small grants programme.

Funding is available for community projects that address digital barriers impacting local communities.

Funding is only available in specific geographic locations including Leicestershire and Warwickshire.

No specific criteria are disclosed other than the project must be supporting communities in the specific geographic locations.

Grant amounts: Maximum £1,500

Application deadlines: Open – this is a rolling programme and applications can be submitted at any time.

Clothworkers Foundation

Awards capital grants to organisations working in the following programme areas: Substance Misuse and Addiction; Communities Experiencing Racial Inequality; LGBT+ Communities; Disadvantaged Young People; Domestic and Sexual Abuse; Homelessness; Older People; People with Disabilities; Prisoner and Rehabilitation; Economic Disadvantage.

Capital projects are defined as works to buildings, purchasing fittings fixtures and equipment and vehicles.

Grant amounts: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: Open

Community Foundation – Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation administers various grant funds throughout the year.

Details of current grant programmes can be seen on the Community Foundation's website.

One of the main, current funds is the [Making Local Life Better Fund](#), which awards grants for work anywhere in Leicestershire and Rutland. Grants need to be spent within a year of receiving it. Eligible organisations can apply to cover costs such as:

- Core organisational running costs
- Staffing
- Training and skills development
- Premise costs, including rent and hiring venues
- Volunteer expenses
- Equipment and materials

Grant amounts: Between £1,000 and £3,000

Application deadlines: Open. Applications are reviewed at quarterly meetings in February, May, August and November.

Co-operative Bank – Customer Donation Fund

Organisations with a Community Directplus account at the Co-operative Bank, such as registered charities, co-operatives, and credit unions, can apply for funding for a wide range of projects and activities that enhance the community and the environment.

The fund won't support trips or holidays, salaries, rent and running costs

Grant amounts: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: Open (applications can be submitted any time).

Cosaraf Charitable Foundation – Hardship Grants *

Funding is available to charities, housing associations, schools, and social services that support individuals and families across the UK in financial need.

The scheme supports individuals and families who have exhausted all other funding sources and are struggling with everyday costs, such as basic living expenses, household items and utilities, work- or education-related expenses, or rent arrears.

The Foundation distributes both Zakat and Sadaqah funds. Sadaqah funds are available for all people of all faiths and none. Zakat funds are only available for Muslim applicants.

- Priority will be given to the most financially excluded people, families over individuals, those with caring responsibilities, and items that will make the most difference to the individual/family's long-term future.
- Applications will only be accepted where they are made on an individual's behalf by a third-party social organisation (e.g. charity, public body, social landlord, voluntary organisation, school etc.) acting as a referral partner, with a supporting statement/letter from the organisation.
- The referral partner must remain involved in the application and award process from start to finish and they must be able to manage the disbursement of grants if awarded.
- Grants are only paid via reimbursement of receipts, so the referral partner must be able to make payments in advance in order to be reimbursed.

Grant amounts: Maximum £2,000 (Only in exceptional circumstances will individual grants exceed £500)

Application deadlines: Open (applications are assessed every six weeks)

Crowdfunder - Energy Efficiency Sharematch

The scheme will support Co-operative Societies, Community Benefit Societies and Charitable Community Benefit Societies based in England to raise investment to undertake activities which reduce their energy usage, or identify alternative sources of energy, leading to a reduction of both the organisation's carbon footprint and energy bills.

Eligible activities could include but are not limited to:

- Installation of new on-site energy/heating generation measures (e.g. solar panels, heat pumps)
- Installation of new energy efficiency measures in a building (e.g. insulation, LED lighting, double glazing, draft-proofing, improved doors)
- Improvements to other aspects of operations (e.g. changes to more energy efficient equipment, transport upgrade)
- Applicants must own their buildings or have long (>10 years) tenancies in place. The tenancy should also be as long or longer than the payback period for the share capital.
- Organisations can only access funding from the Energy Efficiency Sharematch once. Any applications from organisations that have already received funding from the Energy Efficiency Sharematch funding will be declined.

Grant amounts: Between £5,000 and £30,000 (Total grant budget is £250,000)

Application deadlines: Open, but will close to Expressions of Interest in March 2026

David Riddell Memorial CIO – Suicide Awareness and Prevention

Funding is available for charitable organisations delivering suicide awareness and prevention programmes across the UK. The grants support innovative projects that educate people about suicidal ideation and inform them of ways to prevent suicide.

Funding can be used for both project delivery and core costs.

- Eligible applicants include charities, charitable incorporated organisations, and community interest companies limited by guarantee
- Preference is given to smaller organisations with an annual income of less than £1 million

Grant amounts: Between £5,000 and £25,000

Application deadlines: Open (applications are assessed on a rolling basis)

East Midlands Airport Community Fund

Charities, community groups and not-for-profit community organisations within the [EMA Area of Benefit](#) can apply for grants for tangible items of lasting benefit, such as equipment and furniture. This fund cannot pay for running costs, consumables, salaries, rent, maintenance.

In order for an application to be successful it must be in the area of benefit and meet at least one of the following objectives:

- To bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation, and other leisure time activities.
- Support young people to prepare for the world of work
- Offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation.
- Improve awareness of environmental issues through environmental education.
- Encourage and/or protect wildlife.

Grants amounts: Up to £2,000

Application deadlines: 5 closing dates per year – please check website

East Midlands Airport – Community Sponsorship Fund

Charities, community groups, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding to deliver projects and events that benefit local communities around East Midlands Airport (EMA).

Grants are available for smaller projects that, without support, might otherwise not be able to take place.

For larger ‘capital’ projects of lasting benefit please consider applying for an EMA Community Fund Grant.

- EMA Community Sponsorship cannot be given to national charities, for-profit organisations or to individuals who are fund-raising.
- The fund cannot be used for salaries, training or maintenance.
- Successful applicants can apply no more than once a year
- Projects must fall within the geographical [Area of Benefit](#)

Amounts available:

Sponsorship Fund - maximum £200 (exceptions will be considered for events and projects within villages nearest to EMA).

Community Fund - maximum £2,000

Application deadlines: Open (monthly decision meetings until 31st December 2025)

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

The funding priorities are:

- Improve the Natural World
- A Fairer Future
- Creative, Confident Communities

Grants can be for up to 5 years. The Foundation also provides social investment as repayable finance.

Most Grants are for core and project costs/unrestricted including salaries and overheads.

Grant amounts:

Minimum grant £30,000

Average grant £180,000 over 3 years

Minimum social investment £100,000

Average social investment £421,000

Application deadlines: None

Family Action – Welfare Grants

Funding is available for families facing financial hardship to help purchase essential household items such as beds, cookers, and fridge-freezers. The programme supports individuals receiving means-tested benefits who are under exceptional pressure.

Applicants must:

- Be referred by recognised agencies such as a statutory agency or charity that provides health or social care, housing associations, probation services and NHS services
- Belong to priority groups, including those affected by mental health issues, domestic abuse, or old age and have right of residency in the UK
- Not have received a grant from Family Action within the past 2 years (24 months)

Grant amounts: Between £200 and £300

Application deadlines: Open

Florence Turner Trust

General charitable purposes supported. Support people in need of all ages, particularly at-risk groups and those that are socially isolated, disabled, or poor. Strong preference for Leicestershire and Rutland.

Contact details:

Florence Turner Trust, Shakespeares, Martieau, Two Colton Square, Leicester, LE1 1QH

Tel: 0116 2574462

Email: helen.pole@shma.co.uk

Grant amounts: Not specified.

Application deadlines: None

Focus Foundation

Funding is available to charities, social enterprises and community groups to deliver projects that make a positive difference to people's lives.

It will support projects that focus on underprivileged children and young adults, mental health, and community initiatives that are located close to one of its regional UK offices.

It does not fund core costs or part-fund projects.

- Community Projects should be located in the same county as one of the Focus Group offices. For Leicestershire the office is based in Groby.
- The charity or community group needs to have an annual income of less than £1m
- To be eligible, projects should demonstrate clear and measurable benefits to their communities

Grant amounts: Maximum £8,000

Application deadlines: Open (Expressions of Interest and Full Applications are accepted year-round, with submissions closing four weeks before the next committee meeting scheduled for early March 2026). There are four committee meetings per year.

Football Foundation

Grant schemes vary. Funded items include:

- Replacement of unsafe goalposts
- Portable floodlights
- Storage containers
- Changing pavilion/clubhouse refurbishment and external works
- Grounds maintenance equipment

Grant amounts: Vary

Application deadlines: Open

Football Foundation - Lionesses Here to Play Fund *

Funding is available for a range of clubs and organisations to provide more inclusive, safe, welcoming, and accessible facilities for women and girls playing grassroots football.

The funding can support a defined range of improvements including:

- Signage
- External lighting/CCTV
- Toilets and showers
- Baby change & breastfeeding facilities
- Female officials' & player privacy changing spaces
- Changing rooms

Eligible organisations include local authorities, not-for-profit football clubs, registered charities, educational establishments providing community access and CIC's/social enterprises

Up to 75% of total project costs will be supported, with a minimum of 25% match funding required

Grant amounts: Between £1,500 and £25,000

Application deadlines: Open

Forestry Commission - England Woodland Creation Offer *

The scheme supports landowners, managers and public bodies to establish new woodland, including through natural colonisation, on areas as small as 1 hectare.

Grant amounts: Up to £10,200 per hectare

Application deadlines: Open But apply by 30th June to secure agreement offers for the following planting season.

Forte Charitable Foundation

For core costs, salaries, running and project costs. Preference is for front line organisations working directly with people in need.

Your organisation's postcode must fall within the following on the [Indices of Multiple Deprivation](#):

- If you are located in an urban area, you must be in the bottom 15% most deprived areas.
- If you are located in a rural area, you must be in the bottom 50% most deprived areas
- Small grants income under £250,000
- Major Grants income under £500,000

Grant amounts:

- Small Grants: £2,000 to £10,000
- Major Grants: £10,000 to £50,000
- Multi Year Grant: Maximum £100,000 over 3 years

Application deadlines: Open

Garfield Weston Foundation

For Charities. It can support a range of activities including Arts, Education, Environment, Community, Faith (inclusive activities), Youth, Welfare, Museums and Heritage.

- Capital - community buildings, repairs, or equipment
- Operating/Core costs - can include rent, utilities, and salaries but not more than 10% of the total cost
- Project – for a specific project or activity.

Grant amounts:

- Regular grants typically average £30,000
- Major Grants over £100,000

Application deadlines: None, but applicants must allow up to 4 months for a decision.

GEM Road Safety Charity - Grants

Funding is available for registered charities, universities, schools, community groups, and road-safety partnerships to develop projects that improve road safety and help prevent deaths and injuries on Britain's roads. The funding is available for practical, evidence-based initiatives with measurable local impact.

- Projects should aim to increase road safety for all road users through research, education, engineering or enforcement
- Projects must demonstrate a road safety benefit to the wider community at a regional or national level (very localised projects may be considered but are less likely to be successful due to their limited impact/reach)
- Project applications must highlight a well-researched identified need and demonstrate a clear understanding of the road safety issue(s) to be addressed
- Where the application is made to support research, it must include a plan for publishing any results

Grant amounts: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: Open

GirlDreamer - Dream Fund

The fund will enable women of colour-led social impact organisations to start or grow community-focused initiatives that address social issues and amplify the voices of underrepresented communities.

Applying organisations must:

- Be for women of colour between 18-35 years old
- Be led by women of colour
- Be based in the UK
- Be a registered or unregistered charity or non-profit with a social impact focus
- Have annual turnover is less than £100,000

Grant amounts: Between £500 and £2,500

Application deadlines: Open (There are four application rounds per year. To stay informed about upcoming application deadlines, organisations are encouraged to subscribe to GirlDreamer's mailing list.)

Groundwork – Grassroots Grants

Funding is available for small charities and community groups to support community-led projects tackling local issues.

Funding can cover staff or volunteer expenses, equipment and materials, core running costs like rent and utilities, training, and consultancy for organisational development.

- Organisations should have annual income of under £25,000
- The scheme will be prioritising organisations serving marginalised communities and areas in the top 15% of deprivation
- Successful applicants will have twelve months to spend the grant
- The programme will not fund sports or physical activities-based projects

Grant amounts: Between £500 and £2,000

Application deadlines: Open. Applications can be submitted at any time between January and September 2026. Decisions will usually be made within 10 weeks of the application being submitted. Scheme closes in September 2026.

Hedley Foundation

Funding is available to small charities for initiatives that benefit the lives of young people, disabled people, elderly people, the terminally ill, and otherwise disadvantaged people and their carers.

- Charities should have an annual income of under £1 million
- The application should not be for core salaries, building construction, general running costs, transport, financial deficits or overseas projects
- The application should not be on behalf of a community interest company, for religious institutions, museum or for an individual

Grant amounts: Between £250 and £5,000

Application deadlines: Open (The Trustees meet regularly to discuss applications and to make decisions on grants).

Help the Homeless Grants

Grants for small/medium sized charitable organisations with the aim of helping people return to the community and enable them to resume normal life. Capital costs only.

Grant amounts: Up to £5,000

Application deadlines: 20th March / 20th June / 20th September / 20th December

Historic Houses Foundation *

Funding is available to charities, institutions, local authorities, and individuals for the restoration and conservation of rural historic buildings and structures in England and Wales, including their gardens, grounds and outbuildings.

The funding is intended to support projects that either do not qualify for mainstream funding or have been awarded only partial funding.

The restoration and conservation of works of art in historic house collections open to the public will also be supported.

The proposed work must meet the following criteria:

- There is a compelling need for the work, usually within 2 to 3 years
- The work will enhance our historic environment
- There will be appropriate public access
- There is a financial need for the grant
- The work can proceed within a reasonable time frame (usually 1 to 2 years)
- The building or structure is listed however, we may make grants that involve an unlisted building, particularly in a conservation area
- The structure is rural, either in the countryside or where it has been overtaken by urban or suburban development

Grant amounts: Maximum £250,000, however most grants are for less than £50,000

Application deadlines: Open (There is a two-stage application process)

J Reginald Corah Foundation Fund

Grants for general charitable purposes in the city of Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland, including support for a range of charitable purposes, including, youth initiatives, education, and training.

Contact details:

20, Welby Road, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray. LE14 3RB

Telephone: 07771 542099

Email: jrcfoundationfund@gmail.com

Grant amounts: Range from a few hundred pounds up to £10,000.

Application deadlines: None

Listed Places of Worship Grant (Dept. for Culture, Media and Sport)

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

Grant amounts: Maximum £25,000

Application deadlines: Open, but scheme closes 31st March 2026

London Hearts - Defibrillator Grants

The fund can support communities with the provision of heart defibrillators (Automatic External Defibrillators - AED's) and storage. There is also a free online training video.

Grant amounts: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: Open

Lutterworth Area Community Fund

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. Projects must be within close proximity of Magna Park and fall within the specific administrative Parish boundaries.

Grant amounts: £2,500 to £175,000

Application deadlines: Quarterly panels

MACC Hub - Flexible Fund *

The fund aims to support community-focused climate change adaptation by fostering academic–community partnerships undertaking innovative action-based research projects which address the growing need to boost resilience among vulnerable groups to climate change.

The Fund can support a wide range of climate change adaptation activities, particularly those that:

- Are led by communities or based on community knowledge and lived experience
 - Aim to increase resilience to the impacts of climate change, especially for vulnerable or marginalised groups
 - Promote nature-based solutions and other sustainable adaptation practices
 - Include co-produced research between academic and community partners
 - Develop or scale-up pilot projects, practical interventions, or innovative ideas
 - Build long-term partnerships between academia and community or voluntary organisations
 - Encourage learning and knowledge sharing on local climate adaptation
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- Charities, not-for-profit organisations, local authorities, community groups, businesses and other voluntary bodies can apply, but applications must be led by a UK academic institution eligible for UKRI funding.
 - Projects should run for up to 12 months and focus on implementing or scaling adaptation actions, grounded in meaningful community engagement, especially with groups most at risk from climate change.

Grant amounts: Between £50,000 and £55,000 (total pot £550,000)

Application deadlines: Open (no closing date specified).

Market Harborough Building Society Charitable Foundation

The Foundation provides support for charitable and voluntary organisations in Leicestershire. Grant funding is normally for capital expenditure, i.e. to acquire or upgrade physical assets such as buildings, fixtures and fittings, machinery, furniture, and other equipment.

An [online map](#) is available showing the preferred areas of support.

Grant amounts: Between £250 and £5,000.

Application deadlines: None, but has 4 annual decision meetings

Market Harborough & the Bowdens Charity

Supports the geographical area of Market Harborough/ Little Bowden and Great Bowden

- Grants to individuals in need (Relief in Need)
- Education Grants (for individual students)
- Community Grants
- Grants for Local Heritage

Grant amounts: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: Decision meetings are held every 6 weeks.

Masonic Charitable Foundation

Grants are available for local and national charities working in one of four priority themes:

- Supporting people with dementia and their carers
- Supporting children affected by domestic abuse
- Supporting young children (Early Years, i.e. ages 0-5)
- Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Grants can be for those aged up to 25 years

Grant amounts:

- Small grants from £1,000 to £5,000 per year
- Large grants from £10,000 to £60,000

Application deadlines: Open

Material Focus - Electricals Recycling Fund *

Grants are available to support projects that make it easier for people to reuse and recycle old and unwanted small household electricals. The Electricals Recycling Fund aims to grow existing collection methods or test new creative approaches for recycling household electricals.

The grant is open to a wide range of registered organisations, including charities, local authorities, waste partnerships, private waste contractors, other private companies, and compliance schemes.

Grant amounts:

Projects seeking to grow or develop existing household collection services - Maximum £100,000

Projects testing new innovative approaches - Maximum £50,000

Application deadlines: Open – applications are received on a rolling basis. There is an expression of interest stage.

Mick George Community Fund

Grants will be available for capital improvement works to public amenity projects, such as: village halls; village greens; public playgrounds; sports fields and facilities; nature reserves.

Projects must be within a specific boundary line which can be seen on the website. Currently limited to parts of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk and Rutland.

Total project cost needs to be under £100,000

Grant amounts: Between £15,000 and £30,000

Application deadlines: 5th March 2025 and 29th August 2025

Money Saving Charity (MSE) - CLOSED

To give grants to non-profit organisations to deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money.

Grant amounts: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: Two grant rounds per year.

Stage One application rounds will be:

- Round 1 Opens 19th January 2026 and closes on 26th January 2026
- Round 2 Dates TBC

Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation – Sustainable Community Projects

Registered charities and Community Interest Companies are eligible for funding to support sustainable, community-focused projects. The grant supports initiatives that deliver clear social or environmental benefits, with a particular focus on improving health and wellbeing, protecting the environment, and addressing poverty.

- To be eligible, projects must be hosted on the Crowdfunder platform and use either the “all or nothing” or “keep what you raise” funding models
- Applicants must be sponsored by a Mortgage Advice Bureau staff member, customer, or approved business partner
- Projects must secure donations from at least 10 unique supporters and achieve their fundraising target to qualify for the match funding
- All funded activities must take place within the UK and be delivered in either 2025 or 2026

Grant amounts: Maximum £5,000 via the crowdfunder match funding model on a 3:1 match basis, meaning for every £1 raised by a project, the Foundation will contribute £3, up to 75% of the target.

Application deadlines: Open

Morrisons Foundation

Grants are available to registered charities for projects or capital spend which directly improve the lives of local people or communities.

- Tackling poverty and social deprivation
- Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services
- Improving health and wellbeing

Match Funding – supports the charities that Morrisons colleagues fundraise for and provides a cash boost to their efforts.

Grants amounts: Up to £10,000 / Match Funding available

Application deadlines: Not specified

Motability Foundation

Funding to support organisations working to remove barriers to accessible transport for people with disabilities.

There are five funds available:

- Better access to active travel experiences and equipment £50,000 to £1 million
- Better access to wheelchairs and mobility aids (large grants) £250,000 to £1 million
- Better access to wheelchairs and mobility aids (small grants) £50,000 to £249,000
- Expanding access to driving tuition for disabled people £50,000 to £1 million
- Support for travel raining schemes £50,000 to £1 million

All grants are currently for between one and three years

Applicants must:

- Have a minimum annual turnover requirement of £50,000.
- Be UK-based incorporated organisations,
- Have three months' operating reserves,
- Primarily work in the field of transport for disabled people.

Grants amounts: Between £50,000 and £1million

Application deadlines: Open, apply anytime until 15th December 2025. The Expanding access to driving tuition for disabled people is open until 31st March 2026

Moto Foundation – Community Grants

Funding is available for charities, schools, and community organisations to support various projects that directly benefit the communities where Moto operates or has a significant staff presence.

- Organisations must be operating within a 15-mile radius of a Moto Motorway Services site
- Applications should have the endorsement of a Moto colleague; that is, someone directly employed by Moto Hospitality Ltd
- The application to approval process can take up to 8 weeks to complete

Grant amounts: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: Open (applications can be submitted at anytime).

National Churches Trust

A range of grants including:

- Large Grant - Towards major structural repairs with estimated costs of at least £80,000 or toilet and kitchen projects.
- Medium Grant - For urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects and for project development and investigative work in preparation for a major project or small repair work.

Grant amounts:

- Large Grant up to £50,000
- Medium Grant up to 10,000

Application deadlines: There are a number of application deadlines throughout the year. The next ones are:

- Large Grant 3rd March 2026
- Medium Grant 16th December 2025

National Forest Programme Development Fund

There are a range of funding opportunities to support projects that help to create or sustain the National Forest.

Please note that only projects which directly benefit the National Forest are eligible for grant assistance.

Projects that may be suitable for funding include works relating to site development, access, and conservation (e.g. orchards and hedgerows), heritage, communities, tourism, partnerships, and management.

Grant amounts: Varied

Application deadlines: Please check the website

National Lottery Climate Action Fund - Food Systems *

Funding is available for not-for-profit organisations working in partnership, such as charities, community interest companies (CICs), charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs), schools, universities, and public bodies to help people access healthy, affordable food in environmentally sustainable ways.

Funding is for long-term projects that aim to improve the UK's food system and reduce food insecurity. Projects should address the root causes of food insecurity by making lasting changes to how food is produced, distributed, and accessed.

Partnerships can be local, regional or national.

Projects must work towards systems change in the way that:

- Community organisations grow and produce food – using agroecological methods
- Food gets distributed – aiming for equitable access to healthy, affordable food for all
- Offers people and communities different food options – especially those experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination

Projects must demonstrate that you will:

- Work in a partnership
- Make a lasting impact on climate change, the environment and nature
- Significantly increase access to healthy, affordable food – especially for those experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
- Have firm plans to measure the impact of your work
- Have firm plans to tell the story of your project to inspire others
- Show how you'll meaningfully involve communities and organisations representing communities in your project

Grant amounts: Between £2.5 million and £7 million (For three to seven years).

Application deadlines: Open – applications accepted on a rolling basis.

National Lottery Community Fund

There are a range of National Lottery grant programmes currently available to Voluntary and Community groups. These are currently based under two categories:

- Grants Under £20,000 funding is for up to 2 years
- Grants Over £20,001 funding is for up to 5 years

Currently there is a focus on following aims:

- To bring people together
- Improve places and spaces that matter
- Enable people to fulfil their potential

Grant amounts: £300 to £20,000 or Over £20,001

Application deadlines: Ongoing application process

National Lottery – Solidarity Fund

Funding is available to support charities and not-for-profit organisations in England that address the causes of inequality, including poverty, disadvantage, and discrimination.

In its first year, the Fund aims to support 10 organisations.

Funded activities include:

- Helping people build power in their communities, such as supporting local people to lead and take action on issues that matter to them.
- Bringing communities together to address inequality, for example, helping different groups build relationships and collaborate on shared challenges.
- Supporting communities to share knowledge and influence public conversations, including publishing ideas, leading research, or sharing stories to reshape the understanding of inequality.
- To be eligible, organisations must be led by, and accountable to, people with lived experience of the issues you're trying to change
- Especially interested in work that builds on the organisation's knowledge, relationships, or things your community has learned and that helps you take your work further or in a new direction.
- The work must:
 - help make big and lasting changes to the root causes of poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
 - bring people together to deal with the root causes of poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
 - support communities to build power

Grant amounts: Between £1 million and £5 million (for projects lasting between five and ten years).

Application deadlines: Open

Nineveh Charitable Trust

Funding is available for UK based schools and not for profit organisations undertaking a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research.

NB Applications are via post only.

Applications must support the Trusts objectives:

- The health, welfare and education of the general public
- The study and appreciation of agriculture, silviculture, ecology and land management
- The study and appreciation of land and estate management that encourages conservation of the countryside

Grant amounts: Suggested maximum £5,000 (per year for up to three years)

Application deadlines: Open (applications can be submitted any time).

P C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust

Grants for charities in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, North Wales, and Northern Ireland. Projects include disability, social deprivation, homelessness, substance and alcohol abuse, prisoner education and rehabilitation, asylum and immigration issues, rehabilitation of prostitutes, the arts, cultural projects, historical projects, youth, community development, environmental improvements.

Grant amounts: Generally, from £250 to £1,000

Application deadlines: Open – applications reviewed on a regular basis

Persimmon Community Champions

The charity match programme gives donations to local UK groups and charities, which have already raised vital funds themselves.

There are 3 categories:

- Health
- Sport
- Education

Grant amounts: Up to £6,000 awarded each quarter by each of the 30 offices across the UK.

Application deadlines: Open - Quarterly decisions

Pixel Fund

Registered charities focused on mental health-related matters can apply for funding to support the mental health and well-being of children and young adults in the UK.

Projects should provide a measurable difference to children and young adults under 26 years old.

- Prefer to fund projects rather than core costs
- No single grant is ever more than 5% of an organisation's annual income
- Very unlikely to grant to any organisation with an income of less than £20,000 per year and annual income must be under £2 million
- Organisations which have trustees which are related to each other or related to a member of the charity executive team (this includes by marriage) are generally not eligible
- Charities will need to have submitted at least a first full set of accounts on the Charity Commission website before it will be considered as eligible

Grant Amounts: Between £2,500 and £5,000

Application deadlines: Open

Power To Change – Community Share Booster Fund

Grant funding and matched equity investment are available for community businesses in England that are at all stages of a community share issue.

Additional support is also available.

Grant amounts:

- Development Grants average £5,000 to prepare a community share offer: financial planning, governance support, marketing costs and being awarded the Community Shares Standard Mark
- Equity Match Investment general maximum £25,000 typically matching £1 for £1 invested by the Booster Fund, providing the minimum share offer target is achieved.

Application deadlines: Open – monthly assessment panels

Power To Change - Energy Resilience Fund

Funding is available for community businesses (social enterprises) to help reduce their energy costs.

Projects could include installing solar panels or heat pumps, upgrading insulation, lighting, or heating systems, and fitting energy monitoring technology.

Energy audit grants are also available to identify potential improvements.

- Applicants must own their premises or hold a lease of at least 12 years
- Applicants must have been declined commercial finance by a bank
- Loans have a minimum term of 12 months and maximum of 7 years

Grant amounts: Between £10,000 and £150,000. The funding is a mix of grants (up to 40% of the total award) and loans at 6.5% interest.

Energy audit grants between £500–£2,500

Application deadlines: Open – no deadline stated

Screwfix Foundation

Funding for registered charities and not for profit organisations to support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve homes and community facilities specifically for those in need.

The types of projects we fund are:

- Improved energy efficient lighting & heating
- Installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc.
- Installation of a sensory room
- General painting & decorating
- Improving safety and security of a building

Grant amounts: Up to £5,000

Application deadlines: Applications reviewed quarterly in March, June, September and December.

Severn Trent Community Fund

Supports projects based on community wellbeing:

- People: Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills
- Places: Projects that help to create better places to live in and use
- Environment: Projects that will help look after the natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water

Two types of funding:

1. New Project Funding - for brand new projects that have genuine community need and a real impact on improving community wellbeing.
2. Core Funding - for organisations that deliver vital community services, continue existing delivery

Grant amounts:

- New Project Funding grants are for between £2,000 and £100,000
- Core Funding grants are for between £5,000 and £20,000 for one year

Application deadlines:

- New Project Funding Open - decisions every 6 months
- Core Funding Open in May and November for just one month

Sport England Movement Fund

Fund provides crowdfunding pledges, grants and support to local not-for-profit groups, community groups, local sports clubs and grassroots organisations whose projects promote physical activity, including active travel, walking, cycling, dance, fitness and sporting activities.

Funding also available to help clubs recover from extreme weather events.

Grant amounts: Between £300 and £15,000

Application deadlines: Open

Social Investment Business - Community Builders Fund

SIB (Social Investment Business) is offering loans to support the growth and long-term resilience of organisations working to improve people's lives or the environment they live in.

Loans are repayable over six years at a fixed rate of 7.9% per annum. There is the potential for up to 12 months of interest-only payments, with no early repayment charges.

Eligible applicants must:

- Be 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 and have a minimum turnover of £400,000

Grant amounts: Between £100,000 and £1.5 million

Application deadlines: Open – no application deadline stated

Social Investment Business – Energy Resilience Fund

The fund offers unrestricted loans and grants to help charities and social enterprises in England improve their energy resilience.

Eligible uses include installing energy-saving measures or generation technologies for buildings and land (including new builds) and purchasing energy-efficient or environmentally friendly vehicles and equipment. If required, energy audit support will also be provided.

To be eligible, organisations must:

- Demonstrate that they are unable to access mainstream bank lending for this purpose.
- Have a minimum of 2 years' operating activity.
- Have a minimum turnover of £100k in your last set of end of year accounts.
- Have fewer than 250 employees and either an annual turnover not exceeding £40m or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding £35m.
- Have Freehold ownership or a suitable written lease agreement with a minimum of 12 years remaining on it if you are applying to install energy saving/ generating measures to buildings/ land
- Note that vehicles/ equipment (any non-property related assets) should be intended to be purchased and owned by the applicant organisation and to therefore sit on the financial balance sheet of the applicant organisation

Grant amounts: Between £25,000 and £250,000 (40% grant 60% loan) Loans are repayable over ten years at a fixed rate of 8.5% per annum.

Application deadlines: Not disclosed

Social Investment Business - Flexible Finance Fund

Funding is available for Black and Racially Minoritised charities and social enterprises in England who are improving people's lives, or the environment they live in. The fund is to help them to grow or take on assets and become more resilient.

The offer is a mixture of grant and loan finance.

- Applying organisations must be Black and Racially Minoritised-led: 51% or above of the organisation's board and senior management team must be from Black and Racially Minoritised backgrounds.
- Eligible applicants must have been operating for at least two years and have a minimum turnover of £200,000.
- The loan can be paid off between one and six years

Grant amounts: Between £50,000 and £1.5 million (the grant range is from 50% to 100% of the loan value but capped at £200,000)

Application deadlines: Open

Sport England – Green Sport Initiatives Strand

The Green Sport Initiatives strand is part of the Movement Fund.

Funding is available for local not-for-profits and physical-activity organisations to support eco-friendly projects including reducing carbon emissions, reducing waste, enhancing biodiversity and adapting to climate change and extreme weather events.

Sport England decides whether it will award a grant or a crowdfunding pledge where it will match what you raise from the community.

Priority given to initiatives supporting people on low incomes, disabled people, older adults, diverse and marginalised groups, parents with young children, girls aged 5–16, LGBTQ+ communities, and those in foster care, or in high-need areas.

Successful projects must demonstrate a clear delivery plan, deliver tangible local benefits and address one of the six priorities:

- Just transition: Inequalities, inclusion and participation
- Energy and resources: Carbon emissions – travel and facilities
- Energy and resources: Circular economy – supply chains, products and waste
- Nature: Blue-green environment quality and use
- Nature: Biodiversity
- Resilience: Adapting to climate change and extreme weather events

Grant amounts: Between £300 and £15,000

Application deadlines: Open

Stobart Group - Sustainability Fund

Funding is available to support not-for-profit organisations, community groups, and educational facilities, such as schools and colleges, in transforming their local communities through projects that:

- Tackle climate change
- Reduce carbon emissions
- Protect and enhance the environment

No criteria stated

Grant amounts: Not stated - applicants are invited to specify the level of funding they require.

Application deadlines: Open – no application deadline stated

SUEZ Community Trust Landfill Communities Fund

Funding for capital projects which are for:

- Public amenities – leisure and recreation
- Biodiversity – habitat restoration or creation
- Historic Buildings, Structures or Sites - repair and restore

Project needs to be located within an active funding zone. A funding zone is the area surrounding a qualifying site owned by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK.

Please use the [postcode checker](#) for funding zone eligibility.

Grant amounts: Maximum £50,000, with total costs less than £250,000

Application deadlines: Four deadlines per year

The Access Foundation – Digital Divide Grant

Funding is available to UK charities, CICs and other not-for-profit organisations for projects lasting up to twelve months that aim to improve digital access, skills and support for disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

- Applications must be for specific services, activities, initiatives or projects with clearly identified measurable outcomes
- The fund will not support an organisations general running costs or overheads

Grant amounts: Between £10,000 and £50,000

Application deadlines: Open. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and decisions are made within twelve weeks of receiving the application.

The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation – General Fund

Funding is available for registered charities that support communities in need across England, Wales, the Isle of Man, and the Republic of Ireland.

The fund can only be used for direct delivery of services.

Projects should meet one or more of the following priorities:

- Supporting victims of modern slavery
- Supporting victims of domestic abuse
- Helping ex-offenders and their families
- Tackling homelessness
- Advancing medical research
- Supporting people with terminal illnesses or life-limiting conditions, and their carers
- Addressing drug and substance misuse
- Supporting people with intellectual disabilities
- Assisting care leavers
- Promoting worship and community outreach activities
- Encouraging participation in amateur sport
- Providing care for the elderly
- Charities should have an annual expenditure of under £10 million
- Applicants must first complete an eligibility test before submitting a full application
- Though not a fixed rule, it advises applicants to consider applying for no more than 50% of the total project cost
- It will not fund events or one – off activities

Grant amounts: Not disclosed but previous awards have ranged between £5,000 and £2.25 million for projects running from one to three years.

Application deadlines: Open (Quarterly Trustee meetings)

The Vinehill Trust *

UK-based charitable, educational, and ecclesiastical organisations are eligible to apply for funding to support projects in three categories:

- Music - Including projects involving children and young people that further the choral and/or organ traditions. It will also support the repair and restoration of pipe organs in churches, cathedrals, civic buildings, or concert venues.
 - Heritage - Built heritage restoration including projects that involve training in heritage craft skills. It will also support the restoration of historic fixtures and fittings, curtilage structures and structures in designed landscapes,
 - Health - Overlooked and underfunded health issues where projects directly benefit individuals and communities, especially those that are marginalised or under-served.
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- Applicants should consider that the Trust does not in general expect to be the sole funder of any appeal
 - An application must be for the restoration of an organ with historic, cultural, artistic, or archaeological significance
 - Applicants must evidence, or demonstrate a future intention, to use the organ to teach students to play, either through collaborations with community organisations, local schools, or a national organ teaching programme
 - For Heritage projects before confirming an offer of funding, the Trust will require information on the proposed restoration methodology and evidence that necessary permissions (such as planning and listed building consents) have been obtained
 - For Health projects public sector organisations such as NHS bodies and local authorities, may apply if working in partnership with non-profits

Grant amounts: Between £10,000 and £100,000 (usually one-off grants, but grants can be awarded for up to three years).

Application deadlines: Open

Veolia Environmental Trust *

The Trust funds projects in the following schemes:

- Community Grant - buildings and outdoor spaces for the benefit of the community
- Habitat and Biodiversity Grant – physical works to a single site to improve habitats and or biodiversity
- Environmental Improvement Grant – ambitious and imaginative projects which have a local, regional, national, or even global positive impact on the environment

Please use the [postcode checker](#) to check eligibility.

Grant amounts:

- Community Grant: Between £10,000 and £75,000
- Habitat and Biodiversity Grant: Between £10,000 and £75,000 (Total cost under £250,000 including VAT)
- Environmental Improvement Grant: Minimum £75,000

Application deadlines:

- Open 27th Nov to 8th Jan 2026
- Open 26th Feb to 2nd April 2026
- Open 21st May to 25th June 2026

War Memorials Trust

Grants for up to 50% of eligible cost of repair and conservation projects for War Memorials. Open to anyone to apply; individuals or organisations, including councils.

Grant amounts: Up to £20,000

Application deadlines:

- 28th February 2026
- 30th June 2026
- 31st October 2026
- 28th February 2027

Weavers Company Benevolent Fund

Grants are available for organisations which support people in trouble, particularly young offenders and ex-offenders, as well as other disadvantaged young people. Preference is given to pump-priming new projects, especially those that are innovative and can serve as a model elsewhere.

The three priorities are:

- Supporting offenders into work
- Helping specific groups within the criminal justice sector
- Supporting young people

Grant amounts:

- Small Grant Maximum £5,000
- Main Grant is uncapped

Application deadlines: Open – Grants Committee meets in February, June and October each year.

Woodland Trust – Free Trees for Schools and Community Groups

A wide range of organisations including schools, clubs, residents' associations and community groups can now apply for free tree packs to encourage nature recovery and community wellbeing.

Tree packs contain either 15, 30, 105 or 420 saplings and will be available for delivery in March 2026. The tree saplings are between 20 and 60 cm tall.

Applicants must secure landowner permission and provide a six-digit grid reference of the planting site.

Grant Amounts: The tree saplings are free

Application deadlines: Open to applications, but expected to close in January 2026

Younity – Powering Communities Fund

Community energy groups are able to apply for funding to support projects that deliver positive social and environmental outcomes within local communities.

To be eligible, organisations must be a community energy group or have a current or upcoming Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Younity or have utilised their Kickstart Loan facility.

Grant amounts: Maximum £3,750

Application deadlines: Open – no application deadline stated

District and Borough Council Funding

Blaby District Council Community Grants

The grant schemes support the local voluntary and community sector (VCS) to develop and strengthen community facilities and activities.

Specific criteria apply to each grant scheme.

- Capital Green Grants £5,000
- Large Capital Grants £5,000
- Small Capital Grants £500
- Revenue Grants £500
- Everyone Active Grants £500

Application deadlines:

Four grant rounds:

- Friday 6th June 2025
- Friday 19th September 2025
- Friday 5th December 2025
- Friday 6th March 2026

Charnwood Borough Council

Across all grant programmes, the following will be of particular interest for 2025/26:

- Projects that mitigate the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on VCS organisations and those they support.
- Projects that meet the Borough Council's new environment and climate change corporate strategic aims

Charnwood Borough Council's current grant programmes include:

- Charnwood Community Grants - this scheme provides revenue funding including organisational running costs for community bodies, one-off contributions of equipment costs for projects with community benefit.
- Community Facilities Grant - provides capital funding for voluntary organisations, to assist with the renovation, improvement, and provision of community buildings and enhancement of adjacent outside space.
- Small Grants - for the activities of properly constituted Voluntary and Community and Voluntary Sector (VCS) organisations and projects in Charnwood, including organisational running costs and projects (for up to one year), and one-off contributions for equipment costs for projects with community benefit.
- Flood Locker Grant Scheme – for Town and Parish Councils across Charnwood Borough and community groups in Loughborough to purchase flood lockers containing equipment such as aqua snakes, signage, and other tools to help protect properties from flooding

Grant amounts:

- Charnwood Community Grant maximum £5,000
- Community Facilities Grant up to £20,000, to a maximum of 50% of project cost
- Small Grants maximum £750
- Flood Locker Grant maximum £10,000

Application deadlines:

- The Charnwood Community and Community Facilities Grants Round1 closes 27th March
- The Small Grant scheme Open -scheme closes 6th November 2026
- Flood Locker Grant is open to applications. No closing date advertised.

Harborough District Council

- [Section 106 Grants](#) - Section 106 Contributions are secured through planning obligations and can be used to mitigate or compensate for the negative impacts of a development. Can be used to develop and / or improve community facilities and various open spaces. Section 106 funding is available to those parishes who have seen large scale developments over recent years. Parishes are informed of available contributions on a quarterly basis
- If you wish to apply for Section 106 funding, please contact: grants@harborough.gov.uk
- [Environmental Grant Scheme](#) - Aim to 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.
- [Community Grant Fund](#) - This is a capital grant scheme for Town and Parish Councils/Meetings and community organisations in the Harborough district

Grant amounts:

- Section 106 Grants varies according to the building development area
- Environmental Grant Scheme between £5,000 and £20,000
- Community Grant Fund a share of the £1m Grant has been allocated to parishes and towns based on the local plan. There is a [document](#) available on Harborough District Council's website, which sets out the allocation of funds per area.

Application deadlines:

- Section 106 Grants - Open
- Environmental Grant Scheme – closes on 1st April 2026
- Community Grant Fund – opens 27th March to 11th May 2026

Harborough District Council - Flood Support Grant

Residents of Harborough affected by the flooding events during 2024/25 can apply for funding aid to support the costs they need to incur.

- You must reside in the property as your main residence
- Your property must have been internally impacted by flooding and habitable living areas in your home damaged by flooding during 2024/25
- The property must be reported to Leicestershire County Council to get a full picture of properties impacted by flooding.
- Second homes or empty homes at the time of the flood will not be eligible.

Grant amounts: Maximum £500

Application deadlines: Open

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

The Parish and Hinckley Community Initiative Fund

These grants fund a wide variety of capital projects such as play areas, village hall improvements, landscaping projects, new pathways, heritage trails and village signs.

Grant amounts: Maximum grant of £12,000 per Parish area or £10,000 for groups based in Hinckley Town

Application deadline: Closed. Re-opens in October 2026

Making a Difference Fund

To kickstart new projects or boost the impact of VCS groups

Grant amounts: From £500 to £3,000

Application deadlines: Open with Rounds. Please check website

Community Volunteering Fund

To support grassroots volunteering and community activity across the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough.

Grant amounts: Up to £500

Application deadlines: Closed

Warm Welcome Grant

For costs associated with providing a Warm Welcome provision during the winter of 2025 to 2026.

Grant amounts: Maximum £1,200

Application deadlines: Closed

Melton Borough Council Community Grants

Grant availability and details to be confirmed.

North West Leicestershire District Council

Small Grants Fund: For new projects to try something different or for one off pieces of expenditure for projects, equipment, and other items.

Grant amounts: Up to £500

Application deadlines: Closed

Zero Carbon Grants: For environmentally focused community projects

Grant amounts: Between £50 to £1,000

Application deadlines: Closed

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council

Grant availability and details to be confirmed

Further Support for Your Organisation/Project

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire

Leicestershire County Council has a contract with Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL) to provide support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leicestershire, including help with identifying and securing funding. If you are a VCS organisation who is seeking to apply for funding, or bid for contracts, please contact VAL's Sector Support Team for assistance, advice, and guidance. VAL can provide assistance with searching for funding opportunities, checking the relevance of the fund to your funding aspirations, and a read and review of your bid. You can also [sign up](#) for further e-bulletins from VAL, including news, events, funding opportunities, job vacancies and updates from the Government and Charity Commission.

Contact Details:

Tel: 0116 2575050

Email: helpline@valonline.org.uk

Find A Grant

Find A Grant is an online service that allows you to search for a wide range of sources of grants and funding.

Active Together

For sports groups and projects, specialist funding advice is available from Active Together's [Funding and Insight](#) webpages, or from their Sports Development Officer, Annette Kendrick.

Contact Details:

Tel: (01509) 564858

email: A.Kendrick@active-together.org

My Funding Central

The My Funding Central website can also be used to search for grants and funding opportunities.

Grants Online

Grants Online is the UK's most comprehensive and up to date UK grant funding information service. Updated on a daily basis Grants Online

In Kind Direct

Distribute quality consumer products, donated by some of the UK's best known manufacturers, retailers and brands, to charitable organisations – including charities, community groups, foodbanks and schools.

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire

Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency (CASE) is a social enterprise and co-operative which provides advice, guidance and support to existing and emerging co-operatives, social enterprises and community enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. CASE supports co-operatives and social enterprises to develop and grow, through the promotion of co-operative ways of working. Leicestershire County Council has a contract with CASE to provide support to people currently running (or thinking of setting up) social enterprises in Leicestershire.

Contact Details:

Tel: 0116 222 5010

Email: enquiries@case.coop

Loan and Investment Finance

Community Development Finance Institutions lend money to businesses, social enterprises and individuals that might not be able to get finance from high street banks and loan companies. Organisations specialising in finance for social enterprise, charities and community organisations include [Charity Bank](#), the [Social Investment Business](#), [Triodos Bank](#) and [The Key Fund](#).

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.

Crowd-funding

Online crowd-funding platforms allow organisations to pitch their projects and attract donations and investment from the public. Examples include: [Crowdfunder](#), [Ethex](#) and [Spacehive](#). You can also find a list of useful crowd-funding platforms on the [Nesta](#) website.

Community Share Offers

Help with raising funds through community share offers is available from www.communityshares.org.uk and www.microgenius.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:

[East Mids Tenders](#)

[Due North](#)

[Contract Finder](#)

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.

The [Grants and Funding](#) section of the website provides a range of support, information and resources, 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.