

Additional Sources of Funding - July 2024

Grant Details	Grant Amount	Deadlines	Comments
Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants	Grants up to £100,000	Rolling programme – no deadlines	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.
Ballys Foundation	Grants usually around £2,000	Open	For organisations who have a proven impact on mental health issues, support and treatment. This could be directly to individuals or through mental health research.
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	From £100 to £2,500	No deadline advertised	The Foundations is focus is for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials	Funds specific critical items	Open	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.
BBC Children in Need Project Funding	Max £120,000 or £40,000 per year (but usually much less)	Open	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.

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Benefact Trust – Grants Programmes Includes: Community Impact Fund	Not disclosed on all grant schemes. Small grants under £10,000 and large grants over £10,000	Open	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. Community Impact Fund covers Capital and Revenue costs.
Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small grants under £5,000 • Medium grants £5,000 to £20,000 • Large grants over £20,000 	Open all year	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Biffaward	Main grants from £10,000 to £75,000.	Rolling Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are three themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rebuilding Biodiversity ○ Community Buildings ○ Recreation and 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 cost must be under £200,000
Buttle UK – Chances for Children Grants	Max £2,400	Open	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

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<u>Clothworkers Foundation</u>	Not disclosed	Open	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.
<u>Community Foundation – Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland</u> 0116 262 4804	Various	Open	The Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Community Foundation administers various funds. Grants vary though out the year. Details of current grant programmes can be seen on the <u>Community Foundation's website</u> .
<u>Co-op Community Fund</u>	Funding allocation is decided upon by Co-Op members. £6,000 to be shared between 3 local causes in each community	Closed	Not-for-profit groups that are registered or based in the UK can apply if their project supports this year's themes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People -project should enable people to play a part in their community's future • Planet - projects that help to protect the planet
<u>David Wilson Foundation</u>	Grant amounts not disclosed	Open	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 though education and sport
<u>East Midlands Airport Community Fund</u>	Grants of up to £2,000	5 closing dates per year – please check website	In order for an application to be successful it must be in the <u>area of benefit</u> and meet at least one of the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide help to community groups which are supporting vulnerable people during the COVID-19 outbreak • 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.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve awareness of environmental issues through environmental education. • Encourage and/or protect wildlife.
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min grant £30,000 • Average grant £180,000 over 3 years • Minimum social investment £100,000 • Average social investment £421,000 	None	<p>The funding priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the Natural World • A Fairer Future • Creative, Confident Communities <p>Grants can be for up to 5 years. The Foundation also provides social investment as repayable finance.</p> <p>Most Grants are for core and project costs/unrestricted including salaries and overheads.</p>
FCC Communities Foundation FCC Community Action Fund <p>Projects must be within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility.</p>	From £2,000 to £100,000 (total project cost £500,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally four funding rounds per year 	<p>Projects can be funded at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Hall or Community Centre • Play Area, skate park, multi-use games area • Sport or recreation ground including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access • Community space within a church • Nature Reserve • Public garden, park, country park or woodland with at least dawn to dusk access
<p>Florence Turner Trust Florence Turner Trust, Shakespeares Martieau, Two Colton Square, Leicester, LE1 1QH Tel: 0116 2574462 Email: helen.pole@shma.co.uk</p>	Grant amount not specified.	None	<p>Strong preference for Leicestershire and Rutland. General charitable purposes supported. Support people in need of all ages, particularly at-risk groups and those that are socially isolated, disabled, or poor.</p>
Football Foundation Grant schemes vary.	Grant amounts vary	Open	<p>Funded items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of unsafe goalposts • Portable floodlights

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storage containers • Changing pavilion/clubhouse refurbishment and external works • Grounds maintenance equipment
Forestry Commission – England Woodland Creation offer	Grant amounts not disclosed	Open	The scheme supports landowners, managers and public bodies to establish new woodland, including through natural colonisation, on areas as small as 1 hectare.
Foyle Foundation – Small Grants Main Grants NB: Both grant schemes will close in January 2025	Between £2,000 and £10,000 Between £10,000 and £50,000	Open	To support registered charities and schools which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support if possible. Main Grants support capital works
Garfield Weston Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular grants typically average £30,000 • Major Grants over £100,000 	None but must allow up to 4 months for a decision.	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 and 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.

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Hargreaves Foundation	Grant amounts not disclosed	Open	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.
Help the Homeless Grants	Up to £5,000	Deadlines: 15th March 15th June 15th Sept 15th Dec	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.
Henry Smith Charity Various grants including: Holiday Grants for Children	£500 - £2,750	Open from 12 th July to 19 th Nov 2024	Recreational trips and holidays for groups of children aged 13 and under who are disable or disadvantaged. For schools, small charities, and not-for-profit organisations, - priority to the 20% most deprived areas in the UK deprivation
J Reginald Corah Foundation Fund 20 Welby Road, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray. LE14 3RB Telephone: 01572 824000 Email: jrcfoundationfund@gmail.com	Grants range from a few hundred pounds up to £10,000.	None	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.
Listed Places of Worship Grant (Dept for Culture Media and Sport)	Not disclosed	Open, but scheme closes in March 2025	Grants are available towards the VAT incurred during repairs and maintenance of listed buildings that are used principally as public places of worship, or which are listed places of worship owned by specified organisations that look after redundant places of worship
Locality – Neighbourhood Planning Grant	Basic grant max £10,000 Additional grant max £8,000	Open	There are two types of grant funding to support the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Grant - for all groups undertaking a neighbourhood plan • Additional Grant – for groups facing more complex issues

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London Hearts Defibrillator Grants	Not disclosed	Open	The fund can support communities with the provision of heart defibrillators (Automatic External Defibrillators- AED's) and storage. There is also a free on-line training video.
Lush – Charity Pot	Between £100 and £10,000	Open	The scheme supports small organisations working in Animal Rights, Environmental Protection and Human Rights that have campaigns to achieve long-term change.
Lutterworth Area Community Fund	£2,500 to £175,000	Quarterly panels	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. Please check the website
Market Harborough Building Society Charitable Foundation There is an online map showing the preferred areas of support	Grants between £250 and £5,000.	No application deadlines. But has 4 annual decision meetings	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.
Market Harborough & the Bowdens Charity Tel: 01858 419128	Grant amounts not disclosed	Decision meetings are held every 6 weeks. Please check the website	Supports the geographical area of Market Harborough/ Little Bowden and Great Bowden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants to individuals in need (Relief in Need) • Education Grants (for individual students) • Community Grants • Grants for Local Heritage
Masonic Charitable Foundation Later Life Inclusion Grant Children and Young People	Small grants from £1,000 to £5,000 per year Large grants from £10,000 to £60,000	Open Open	Grants are available for local and national charities in England and Wales that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting people with dementia and their carers • Supporting children affected by domestic abuse • Supporting young children (Early years - ages 0-5) Grants can be for up to 3 years

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<u>Mick George Community Fund</u>	Grants of between £10,000 and £15,000	4 th Sept 2024	<p><u>Projects must be within a specific boundary line which is on the website.</u></p> <p>Total project cost needs to be under £100,000</p> <p>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</p>
<u>Money Saving Charity (MSE)</u>	Max grant £10,000	Outline proposals deadline 31 st July 2024	To give grants to non-profit organisations to deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money.
<u>Morrisons Foundation</u>	Grants up to £10,000 and Match funding available	Not specified	<p>Grants are available to registered charities for projects or capital spend which directly improve the lives of local people or communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling poverty and social deprivation • Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services • Improving health and wellbeing <p>Match Funding – supports the charities that Morrisons colleagues fundraise for and provides a cash boost to their efforts.</p>
<u>Motability- Community Transport Grants</u> Various grants to support improvements in community transport for disabled people	Grants between £100,000 and £4 million	Open	The fund can help charities and organisations to make an immediate impact for disabled people, by developing, expanding and improving community transport options.

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<p>National Churches Trust A range of grants including: Large Grant Medium Grant Small Grant</p>	<p>Large Grant up to £50,000</p> <p>Medium Grant upto10,000</p> <p>Small Grant up to £5,000</p>	<p>5th Nov 2024</p> <p>13th August 2024</p> <p>30th August 2024</p>	<p>Towards the cost of urgent and essential structural repairs with estimated costs of at least £80,000 or toilet and kitchen projects. For churches, chapels, and meeting houses. For project development and investigative work in preparation for a major project or small repair work.</p> <p>For small urgent maintenance issues and repairs identified as high priority within a recent Survey Report.</p>
<p>National Forest Programme Development Fund There is a range of funding opportunities to support projects that help to create or sustain the National Forest.</p>	<p>Varied</p>	<p>Please check the website</p>	<p>Please note that only projects which directly benefit The National Forest are eligible for grant assistance.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>National Lottery Community Fund There are a range of National Lottery grant programmes currently available to Voluntary and Community groups, including:</p> <p>Grants Under £20,000</p> <p>Grants Over £20,000</p>	<p>£300 to £20,000</p> <p>Over £20,000</p>	<p>Ongoing application process</p>	<p>For voluntary and community organisations including schools and Parish/Town Councils</p> <p>Focus on following aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring people together • Improve places and spaces that matter • Enable people to fulfil their potential <p>Grants over £20,000 - funding is for up to 5 years – for project activities, operating costs, organisational development, and capital costs.</p>
<p>National Lottery Heritage Fund There are a range of grants available</p>	<p>From £10,000 up to £10 million</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Grants for heritage projects that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boost the local economy • encourage skills development and job creation • support wellbeing • create better places to live, work and visit <p>improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage</p>

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<u>Oakland Foundation</u>	Grant amount not disclosed	Open	The fund is available for clubs, groups, organisations and schools which support disadvantaged children under the age of 16 and their families. Themes of: Education, Health and Nutrition and Sport.
<u>P C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust</u>	Generally, from £250 to £1,000	Open – applications reviewed on a regular basis	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.
<u>Persimmon Community Champions</u>	Community Champions Up to £6,000	Quarterly decisions	Their charity match programme gives donations to local UK groups and charities, which have already raised vital funds themselves. Supporting young people under the age of 18. There are 3 categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Sport • Education
<u>Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund</u> Small Grants Main Grants	Up to £5,000 £7,500 to £75,000	Open	To support the modernisation and improvement of village halls, so that they are fit for purpose and can provide activities which seek to achieve one or more of the following outcomes for their communities.
<u>Power To change – Community Share Booster Fund</u> Development Grants Equity Match Investment	Up to £5,000 Max £25,000	Open – monthly assessment panels	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.
<u>Schroder Charity Trust</u>	Max £5,000	Open - but note it can take up to 9 months to receive a decision	Grants are available for core costs and specific projects (excluding large capital projects) in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts, Culture and Heritage • Education, Training and Employment

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Screwfix Foundation	Up to £5,000	Applications reviewed quarterly	Support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve homes and community facilities specifically for those in need.
Severn Trent Community Fund	There are 2 grant sizes: Between £2,000 and £10,000 Between £10,001 and £200,000	Open frequent panels Open quarterly panels	Supports projects based on community wellbeing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Sport England Movement Fund	Between £300 and £15,000	Open	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.
SUEZ Community Trust Landfill Communities Fund Please use the post code checker	Max £50,000 with total cost less than £250,000	Four deadlines per year	For projects which are for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Tesco Stronger Starts	Grants up to £1,500	Open	Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores.
The Martin Trust for Young People	£1,000 for groups £100 - £250 for individuals	Open (Applications considered four times per year)	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.

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The Pixel Fund	Between £2,500 and £5,000	Open	For registered UK-based charities and community interest organisations to support projects that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults, up to the age of 26
True Colours Trust UK Small Grants Programme	Max £10,000	Open	Grants for charitable organisations to deliver activities which support disabled children and children (aged 0-25 years) with life-limiting conditions and their families.
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation Small Grants Major Grants	£2,000 to £10,000 £10,000 to £50,000	Open	For core costs, salaries, running and project costs. Preference is for front line organisations working directly with people in need. Your organisation's postcode falls within the following on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Veolia Environmental Trust Please use the postcode checker to check if eligible. Community / Habitat and Biodiversity Grant Environmental Improvement Grants	Min of £10,000 up to £75,000 (Total cost under £250,000 incl vat) Min £75,000	Open 29 th Feb 2024 to 11 th April 2024 Open 23 rd May to 20 th June 2024 Open 22 nd August to 3 rd October 2024 Open 26 th November to 7 th January 2025	The Trust funds projects in the following schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Grants - buildings and outdoor spaces for the benefit of the community • Habitat and Biodiversity Grants – physical works to a single site to improve habitats and or biodiversity • Environmental Improvement Grants – ambitious and imaginative projects which have a local, regional, national, or even global positive impact on the environment
War Memorials Trust	Up to £20,000	29 th Feb 2024 30 th June 2024 31 st Oct 2024	Up to 50% of eligible cost of repair and conservation projects. Open to anyone to apply; individuals or organisations, including councils.
Weavers Company Benevolent Fund	Small Grant Max £5,000 Main grant uncapped	Open – Grants Committee meets in Feb, June and October each year	Grants are available for organisations which support people in trouble. The two priorities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting offenders into work • Helping specific groups within the criminal justice sector

District/Borough Specific Funds

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<p><u>Blaby District Council Community Grants</u></p> <p>Capital Green Grants Large Capital Grants Small Capital Grants Revenue Grants Everyone Active Grants</p>	<p>£4,000 £4,000 £500 £500 £500</p>	<p>Four grant rounds Application deadlines: Friday 7th June 2024 Friday 27th Sept 2024 Friday 29th Nov 2024 Friday 7th March 2025</p>	<p>The grant schemes support the local voluntary and community sector (VCS) to develop and strengthen community facilities and activities.</p> <p>Specific criteria apply to each grant scheme.</p>
<p><u>Melton Borough Council Community Grants</u></p>	<p>Max £20,000</p>	<p>Closed</p>	<p>Community Grants can provide funding to deliver projects and services within the Melton Borough which demonstrate community benefit.</p>
<p><u>Charnwood Borough Council</u> Charnwood Community Grants</p> <p>Community Facilities Grant</p> <p>Small Grants</p>	<p>Max £5,000</p> <p>Up to £20,000, to a maximum of 50% of project cost.</p> <p>Max £750</p>	<p>Open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th April to 10th May 2024 • 15th July to 9th August 2024 • 21st Oct to 15th Nov 2024 <p>Open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th April to 10th May 2024 • 21st Oct to 15th Nov 2024 <p>Open – apply anytime. Scheme closes 31st January 2025</p>	<p>This scheme provides revenue funding including organisational running costs for community bodies, one-off contributions of equipment costs for projects with community benefit.</p> <p>The Community Facilities Grants scheme provides capital funding for voluntary organisations, to assist with the renovation, improvement, and provision of community buildings and enhancement of adjacent outside space.</p> <p>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.</p>

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<p>North West Leicestershire District Council Including: Small Grants Fund Zero Carbon Grants Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Grant UKSPF Community Grant</p>	<p>Grants of up to £500 £50 to £1,000 Max £1,000 Between £3,000 and £10,000</p>	<p>Open Open Open but scheme will close at latest 12th July 2024 Closed</p>	<p>For new projects to try something different or for one off pieces of expenditure for projects, equipment, and other items. For environmentally focused community projects. Community activities, initiatives and events that help combat poor mental health, and health inequalities that have arisen as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including projects that tackle loneliness and isolation. This grant scheme is part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and supports a range of community activities and initiatives that are aligned to the Levelling Up missions as defined by the government.</p>
<p>Oadby and Wigston Borough Council Community Projects Funding</p>		<p>Closed 31st December 2023</p>	<p>TBC</p>
<p>Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council The Parish and Hinckley Community Initiative Fund Making a Difference Fund Community Volunteering Fund</p>	<p>Maximum grant of £12,000 per Parish area/ or £10,000 for groups based in Hinckley Town Up to £3,000 Up to £500</p>	<p>Closed. Re-opens October 2024 Open – scheme closes 19th Feb 2025 Closed</p>	<p>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. To kickstart new projects or boost the impact of VCS groups To support grassroots volunteering and community activity across the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough.</p>

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<p>Harborough District Council</p> <p>Section 106 Grants Please contact grants@harborough.gov.uk if you wish to apply for Section 106 funding</p> <p>Environmental Grant Scheme</p>	<p>Varies according to the building development area</p> <p>Between £5,000 and £20,000</p>	<p>Open</p> <p>Open – scheme closes in 2027</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Support with identifying funding 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:

Website: www.valonline.org.uk/contact

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 (formerly Leicestershire & Rutland Sport)

For sports groups and projects, specialist funding advice is available from [Active Together Funding and Insight](#) or from their Sports Development Officer, Annette Kendrick, tel: (01509) 564858, email: A.Kendrick@active-together.org

My Funding Central

Funding can also be searched via the [My Funding Central web site](#)

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

Donated products can be acquired from [In Kind Direct](#)

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire

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

Contact Details:

Website: <http://case.coop/>

Tel: 0116 222 5010 Email: enquiries@case.coop

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. www.cdfa.org.uk. Organisations specialising in finance for social enterprise, charities and community organisations include Charity Bank (www.charitybank.org), the Social Investment Business (www.sibgroup.org.uk), Triodos Bank (www.triodos.co.uk), The Key Fund (www.thekeyfund.co.uk).

Easy Fundraising

This is a leading fundraising platform that gives organisations access to an unlimited fundraising source, that helps you to raise FREE cashback donations through online shopping. Register your group/organisation as a good cause with easyfundraising to receive free cashback donations when anyone connected to that organisation shops online with 4,200 retailers including Argos, Amazon, Just eat and Booking.com. It doesn't cost the shopper a penny more so it's an easy way for your community to support your organisation just by shopping online as they usually would.

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

Crowd-funding

Online crowd-funding platforms allow organisations to pitch their projects and attract donations and investment from the public. Examples include: www.crowdfunder.co.uk; www.ethex.org.uk; www.spacehive.com. 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: <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Due North: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

Contract Finder: <https://www.gov.uk/contracts-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.