

## Monthly Funding Information July 2024

This document includes information about current grants and funding opportunities primarily for Voluntary & Community Sector Groups and Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises. Where the Grant title includes an asterisk (\*), Local Authorities and other partner organisations may also be eligible to apply for the funding.

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

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## Funding for projects which support Adults

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### [Veterans Foundation](#)

#### **Summary**

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

A potential, qualified beneficiary “in need” is one or all of the following:

- At a disadvantage compared with non-armed forces citizens due to their service
- Someone who is experiencing challenges such as the following: unemployment, homelessness, mental and physical ill-health, injuries, poor welfare, old age, a child's loss of parent, or addiction.

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

#### **Key Criteria**

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

#### **Amounts available:**

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

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

**Application deadlines:** 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (also 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024)

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## **Veterans Capital Housing Fund – Major Capital Grants – NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Grants for charities and registered social housing providers with at least five year's housing experience to support new builds and significant refurbishments, including extensions, of rental accommodation offering high quality support for veterans with a housing need.

Projects should:

- Enable major refurbishments of existing social rented or affordable rented homes for veterans.
- Enable extensions of existing buildings to increase the availability of veteran housing.
- Increase the number of new build, homes/housing units available to veterans at affordable or social rents.
- Ensure properties meet decent homes and energy efficiency standards.

### **Key Criteria**

Applicants must:

- Be either a registered charity, that has been registered in the UK for at least three years and can show it works with Veterans or a registered social housing provider that can show it works with Veterans.
- Have ownership of the facility or a lease of 10 or more years.
- Have at least five years' relevant social housing experience.
- Be able to show the majority of their organisation's work is with veterans or the predominant beneficiaries of this specific project would be veterans.

**Amounts available:** Between £75,000 and £500,000

**Application deadlines:** Round 3 is now open for Expressions of Interest with a deadline of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

# Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

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## [Freelands Foundation – Inclusive Practices Fund](#) – NEW GRANT

### Summary

The Freelands Foundation aims to broaden access to art education and the visual arts across the UK. The foundation works with teachers and educators to develop diverse and ambitious approaches to art education.

As part of their commitment to address racial inequality in visual art education, the Freelands Foundation and Runnymede Trust published the 'Visualise race and inclusion in secondary education' report earlier this year.

Grants are available for registered charities and not-for-profit organisations to reimagine engagement and education; aiming to foster belonging and connection between young people in primary and secondary school, their teachers and visual arts spaces.

This funding call is for projects that meet one or both of the following areas of interest:

- Investigating engagement – support for boundary-pushing forms and methods of engaging young people in visual art education to reimagine what inclusive engagement could be.
- Nurturing belonging – support for projects that work with communities and artists to challenge existing norms and create inclusive spaces that embrace curiosity and practice care.

### Key Criteria

- Applications will be accepted from visual arts organisations with charitable status that are based within the UK. This includes museums, non-commercial galleries, education organisations, studio providers, etc., working in the visual arts with experience of learning and participation work.
- Projects may only begin between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

**Amounts available:** Between £25,000 and £50,000 for project durations of one to two years

**Application deadlines:** 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (deadline for expressions of interest)

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## Armed Forces Families Fund – Early Years Programme \*

### Summary

Grants are available for projects lasting up to two years which help enhance early childhood education and childcare settings of young children from Armed Forces families.

Projects must clearly benefit Armed Forces families with a child under 5 by enhancing their access to high quality childcare and contribute to at least one of the following three outcomes:

- Increased capacity at the setting to allow more Service children to attend.
- Better learning environments for Service children.
- Have provided appropriate training and development to staff to support Service children.

There are two ways to apply for a grant under this programme.

- Single Applications: Settings with 50% or more Service children on roll for the duration of the project can apply as a single application.
- Groups or Clusters: Setting with less than 50% Service children on roll may apply as part of a 'cluster'. This would include working with at least one more eligible setting in the area, which also has small numbers of Service children on roll. For a 'cluster' application, one nursery setting, or the local authority, would need to be the lead applicant.

### Key Criteria

Applicant organisations must be based and registered in the UK, be a registered charity, a CIC, or a company limited by guarantee, or a local authority in one of the four countries of the UK.

Applications will also be considered from private limited companies that have been registered, and been working in the Early Years sector, for at least three years.

Applicants must be registered and inspected by Ofsted.

**Amounts available:** Between £5,000 and £50,000

**Application deadlines:** 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (decision before end September 2024)

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## [7Stars Foundation](#)

### **Summary**

Grants for registered charities to deliver projects and activities that support young people aged 16 years and under across the priority themes of abuse, addiction, child carers, and homelessness.

Funding is offered across the following streams:

- Project grants - to cover the costs of projects
- Shine Bright grants - to purchase educational, well-being, or recreational items
- Direct Grants - funding to individuals affected by the Foundation's priorities, supported by outreach/social/care workers or legal professionals. (Applications must be submitted by the supporting professional/organisation.)
- Social Impact funding for three charities across the year for projects that align with various awareness days (such as Race Equality Week, PRIDE month, World Homeless Day or Black History Month).

### **Key Criteria**

Applying organisations must have a turnover of under £1.5m

**Amounts available:** Maximum £2,500

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

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## [Dept. For Education – Senior Mental Health Lead Training](#)

### **Summary**

The Department for Education (DfE) is offering grants for eligible state-funded schools and colleges in England to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

This training is not compulsory, but it is part of the government's commitment to offer this training to all eligible schools and colleges by 2025.

Grants will be provided to cover (or contribute to) the cost of attending a quality assured course and may also be used to hire supply staff whilst leads are engaged in training.

### **Key Criteria**

All state-funded education settings that are in receipt of ESFA pre-16 revenue, high needs block, or 16 to 19 programme funding are eligible.

The training course must be a DfE assured senior mental health lead training course and the training must start by 31 March 2025.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £1,200

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (deadline to submit the initial application and reserve a grant for training). A second form needs to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to then claim the grant.

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## **Educational Opportunities Foundation – NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

The British & Foreign School Society (BFSS) has recently changed its name to the Educational Opportunity Foundation.

The Foundation awards grants to charitable organisations working to improve access to education or the quality of education for children and young people under the age of 25, both in the UK and internationally.

**UK Projects** - supports work to improve the educational outcomes and life chances of care-experienced young people under the age of 25 living in the UK. Projects must be interventions designed to improve their educational outcomes and life chances.

### **Key Criteria**

- Applications are accepted from UK registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2.5 million, and at least three years of continuous accounts
- Funding is available for new or pilot projects
- The Foundation will fund between 25% and 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.

**Amounts available:** Between £30,000 and £90,000 for projects over one to three years (max £30,000 per year)

**Application deadlines:** Open – applications can be submitted at any time. The Foundation has moved to a rolling application programme. The first step is to submit a short Stage 1 application. Those who are shortlisted will be invited to submit a Stage 2 proposal.



## Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

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### [Islamic Relief UK Grants Programme](#) – NEW GRANT

#### Summary

Grants are available to support projects that empower and increase support for marginalised and vulnerable people and their communities across the following themes:

- Build resilience to poverty.
- Empowering women and girls.
- Support refugee and asylum-seeking populations.
- Youth and family development.

#### Key Criteria

Funding can be used to cover all the costs of delivering a project, including:

- Staff salaries and associated costs.
- Room hire.
- Equipment, materials, and other project resources.
- Organisational or core costs (including rent, heat, light, and insurance) proportional to the size of the project.

Proposed projects should commence in December 2024 or January 2025.

**Amounts available:** Minimum £1,000, Maximum £40,000 or more

**Application deadlines:** 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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### [The Society Foundation](#)

#### Summary

Grants are available once a year to UK registered charities and charitable organisations across the UK that are seeking to help the following specific groups of people move towards paid employment:

- The recently homeless or vulnerably housed
- Ex-offenders
- Young people (16-24 years old) not in employment, education or training (NEET)

#### Key Criteria

Applicants must:

- Have a turnover under £500,000 per annum
- Be working with one or more of the target groups
- Be able to show that they increase the employability of their beneficiaries
- Be able to supply at least one year of independently verified accounts

**Amounts available:** Maximum £2,500

**Application deadlines:** 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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## **National Grid Community Matters Fund - Future Skills - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Grants are available for charities and not-for-profit organisations to deliver practical, focused programmes to boost skills and improve employability for those furthest from the job market in communities in the Midlands, South West England and South Wales where National Grid distributes electricity.

Projects should be working to break down barriers and boost employability for people who are underrepresented in the workforce and find it harder to get a job. There is particular interest in 'unlocking the untapped talent of groups such as 16 to 25-year-olds not in full time education, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and ex-offenders'.

To be eligible, projects must meet at least one of the following themes, or be a blend of the themes:

- Supporting the development of key professional skills, for example by offering classes in literacy, numeracy or IT
- Delivering networking and placements, for example, work experience, shadowing and placement schemes
- Boosting employability, for example through expert support in CV masterclasses and interview coaching
- Supporting groups of people returning to work after a long-term absence. This could be, for example, chronic health conditions, full-time parental/carer role, military service

### **Key Criteria**

- Projects need to start from the week of 5<sup>th</sup> August and be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- Organisations who received funding from National Grid before 2024 can apply for this grant but must return monitoring for their completed project in order to become eligible for further funding.
- Organisations that have not completed Localgiving's registration and validation processes must submit all documentation required for the due diligence checks to be completed before the closing date of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £5,000

- Registered charities and non-profit companies can apply for up to £5,000
- Unregistered community organisations can apply for up to £2,000

**Application deadlines:** 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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## **Steel Charitable Trust**

### **Summary**

Charities, charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) and municipally funded museums across the UK with an annual income of more than £50,000 can apply for funding to deliver a variety of projects and activities across the following core categories:

- Arts and Heritage
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Social or Economic Disadvantage

The funding can support core costs, capital works or specific project costs.

### **Key Criteria**

Proposed projects for the health category should have a focus on one of the following:

- Programmes and activities that aim to support, maintain, and improve mental health in any demographic.
- Health care for older people.

Proposed projects for the social or economic disadvantage categories should focus on one of the following:

- Disadvantaged children.
- Housing and homeless people.

Funding can be used to cover core costs, capital works, and specific projects.

**Amounts available:** Discretionary. The minimum grant size is £10,000. Awards of more than £25,000 are rare.

**Application deadlines:** 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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## Hilden Charitable Fund

### Summary

The Hilden Charitable Fund provides funding to organisations which demonstrate charitable purposes and awards grants to projects both in the UK and in specific developing countries (Malawi, Tanzania and Uganda). The aim of the Fund is to support work at community level which addresses disadvantage, notably by supporting causes which are unlikely to raise funds from public subscriptions.

The UK funding is for activities which fall under one of two programme areas:

- **Asylum Seekers and Refugees** - For organisations working to provide essential services which help meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees and support their integration/participation in the wider community.
- **Penal Affairs** - for work "through the door" where organisations go into prisons with projects and support to help prisoners (especially women) cope and/or maintain family bonds and to be better able to resettle positively when released. Post-release projects which support positive settlement and reduce the risk of re-offending are also welcomed.

### Key Criteria

To be eligible for UK funding, charities that are registered and operating in the UK must:

- Have a project that meets the Foundation's priority areas.
- Have a total annual income (from all sources) of under £250,000 in the last three financial years.
- Be able to demonstrate UK charitable purposes.
- Have adequate insurance and safeguarding policies and procedures for your service users, volunteers and employees, including DRB screening if necessary.
- Hold less than 12 months spending in cash reserves.

Unrestricted grants of core or project funding are available.

However, to be eligible for unrestricted funding, all of an organisation's work must meet the Fund's criteria. For example, a general community group which only undertakes some of its work with refugees would not be eligible because its other work does not meet the criteria.

All unrestricted grants must be used for charitable purposes.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £7,000

**Application deadlines:** 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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## **North West Leics District Council – Supporting Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Grant**

### **Summary**

This grant scheme uses Public Health England funding to support 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.

Funding is available for new or existing projects, or items of equipment that will help the organisation to deliver activities or services that support the aims of this funding.

### **Key Criteria**

Parish councils, constituted voluntary and community groups and not-for profit organisations are eligible.

There is no match funding requirement.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £1,000

**Application deadlines:** Open, but the grant will operate on a first come-first served basis. The grant will close to applications when all funding has been allocated or on Friday 12th July 2024, whichever is soonest.

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## **The Hedley Foundation**

### **Summary**

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

### **Key Criteria**

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

**Amounts available:** Maximum £5,000

**Application deadlines:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (at least 6 weeks before the next review meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024. A further application review meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024)

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## **SSE – Trading for Good: Community Business Fund – NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Each year, SSE (School for Social Entrepreneurs) provides this free development learning programme with a match trading grant to support locally rooted community businesses in England to become stronger and more sustainable.

Community Business Funded Programme aims to support early-stage community businesses across England by helping them to develop skills to:

- Generate income to be invested in their community through trading.
- Create a resilient, growing community business.
- Adapt to changes in external environments.
- Develop emotional resourcefulness.
- Build and benefit from new networks.
- Positively impact their community.

The programme runs for approximately 12 days over nine months (17 December 2024 to 1 August 2025) and combines six online sessions and six in-person days (Birmingham, London, or Manchester). Organisations accepted onto the programme will receive a match trading grant.

### **Key Criteria**

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be based in England.
- Plan on starting or growing the income it makes from trading.
- Be established within the last 1-5 years.
- Have an income of less than £100,000 per year.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £4,000

**Application deadlines:** 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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## **Rosa – Stand With Us Fund – NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Not-for-profit frontline women's and/or girl's organisations with an income of between £100,000 and £500,000 can apply for a one-year grant for the period of January 2025 to December 2025. It is expected at least 18 organisations from across the four UK nations will be funded.

The funding is intended to enable organisations to be in a stronger position to survive, thrive and grow by investing in organisational development work such as developing strategy, strengthening governance and leadership, a stronger voice in the women's movement, creating stronger alliances and partnerships, increasing fundraising, volunteering and activism, demonstrating impact and more effective systems and processes.

### **Key Criteria**

To be eligible, applying organisations must:

- Be a women's and/or girls' organisation. Rosa defines women's and girls' organisations as those which are run by, for and with women and girls. This means that organisations will be governed and led by women, with the main object of working with women and girls.
- Be an organisation delivering a frontline service to women and/or girls who have been affected by male violence and abuse including (but not limited to) domestic violence, coercive control, rape, sexual abuse, forced marriage, 'honour' based violence, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), sexual harassment, economic and financial abuse.
- Undertake activities which are charitable, legal and for the benefit of women and/or girls (but organisations do not need to be registered charities).

Priority will be given to organisations which are:

- Led by and for Black and minoritised women and girls.
- Led by and for women and girls with disabilities.
- Led by and for LGBTQ+ women and girls.
- Operating in the top 10% of the most disadvantaged areas in the UK – based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).

**Amounts available:** Maximum £25,000

**Application deadlines:** 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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## Radcliffe Trust - Heritage and Crafts

### **Summary**

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

#### Music

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

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

#### Heritage & Crafts

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

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

### **Key Criteria**

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

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

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

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 (for consideration in December 2024)



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## **Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

The MSE Charity aims to fight financial and consumer illiteracy and is dedicated to educating and informing adults and children about consumer and debt issues.

Instead of a specific theme, all applications must be aligned with MSE Charity's vision of funding activities which make a lasting impact on the way people think, behave and manage their money.

### **Key Criteria**

The MSE Charity will consider full project cost recovery, but costs must only relate to the project itself and not the organisation's core funding.

To be eligible, applicants must be based in the UK, looking for funding for UK based activities, and have:

- An annual income of less than £750,000 and less than six months free reserves.
- Been established and active for at least 18 months.
- Unrestricted reserves that are less than six months of their running costs.
- A governing document (a constitution, rules, or articles of association)
- A governing body of at least three unconnected individuals
- A bank account in the group's name with at least two unconnected signatories required to authorise payments.
- An Equal Opportunities Policy
- A Child Protection Policy or Vulnerable Adults Policy, as appropriate.

**Amounts available:** Max £10,000

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 (for stage one outline proposals, but this date may be earlier if too many stage one proposals are received). Full applications need to be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

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## **[The Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation](#) - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

The funding is intended for UK registered charities based and working in the UK whose purpose is to:

- Benefit children and adults particularly those living in socially deprived areas, through education to develop core skills and support wellbeing and mental health.
- Benefit the wellbeing and welfare of children and adults by preventing or reducing poverty and homelessness in the community.
- Support the elderly and improve their wellbeing by reducing isolation, helping reduce the effects of Dementia and Alzheimer's and support later life/palliative care.

### **Key Criteria**

- Successful applicants must wait three years before re-applying. Unsuccessful applicants must wait two years before re-applying.
- The grants are to be used for items or activities that have tangible benefit to the charity's beneficiaries.
- Applicants must have submitted their trustee annual report, annual return and latest audited accounts to the Charity Commission.

**Amounts available:** Max £6,000

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

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## **[Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust – Food Poverty Grants](#) - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

The Trust supports registered UK charities that work with communities in the UK. The funding is intended to support those in society who face the greatest challenges and whose opportunities are the most limited.

Round 3 will accept applications during the month of July for projects that focus on the theme of Food Poverty. Priority will be given to projects that focus on enabling resilience and independence, in particular food education and cooking skills.

### **Key Criteria**

- Charities can only apply for one round per calendar year.
- UK registered charities or organisations that are exempt from registration in the UK with an operating income of between £100,000 and £1 million can apply
- Applications will not be accepted from CICs or other not-for-profit organisations.
- The funding cannot be used for capital projects, minibuses or other vehicles.

**Amounts available:** Round 3 maximum grant £1,000

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 (The Trust operates a three-year rotation system, with different fields of interest being funded each year. There are normally four application rounds per year with applications accepted for one month only, usually in February, April, July and September).

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## **Vegan Society Grants - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Grants are available to grassroots not-for-profit organisations and individuals for projects which encourage people to go vegan and stay vegan.

### **Key Criteria**

Funding is intended to:

- Raise awareness of veganism in a positive way.
- Promote veganism in a unique or exciting way to non-vegans.
- Support people from marginalised backgrounds to access veganism.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £5,000

**Application deadlines:** 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024

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## **OPCC - People Zones Grant Fund - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

This fund caters for the current existing People Zones in Leicester and Leicestershire: Bell Foundry, New Parks and Thringstone & Whitwick.

The purpose of this fund is to support the community in achieving their aspirations, by utilising the themes identified within the community consultation research reports. The themes for the specific People Zone vary and are identified on page 2 and 3 of the application form. Projects must state how they will meet one or more of the themes. These include:

- Health and Wellbeing - Including support for people's emotional wellbeing, support relating to unhealthy coping mechanisms such as drug use and Gambling related harms, as well as the perceived lack of resource in the area.
- Community Safety - Including issues such as people feeling safe outside of their homes, street lighting, anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and drug use, knife crime and public nuisance with motorbikes and scooters.
- Pride of Place - Enhanced pride in the community through tackling issues including littering and fly tipping as well as area enhancement projects.
- Youth Provision - Perceived poor access to youth activities for young people in the area, with residents believing this is a direct link to increased anti-social behaviour

### **Key Criteria**

- Applicants must either be living, working, providing a service or looking to provide a service within one or more of these People Zones to be eligible to apply.
- Funding for multiple projects by the same organisation can be applied for, providing the total sum for all projects does not exceed £10,000.
- Applicants cannot apply for £10,000 in each Zone at the same time.
- Funding must be used to offer free projects/initiatives to the community, to ensure the project is as accessible as possible for all to attend.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £10,000

**Application deadlines:** 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

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## Warburtons – Families Matter Community Grants

### **Summary**

Applications will be considered from not-for-profit organisations with charitable purposes that are based and working in England, Scotland or Wales as long as their projects are addressing one of Warburtons' priority areas:

- Health - supporting families to care for each other and lead healthier lives:
  - Improving physical health
  - Improving wellbeing
- Place - supporting families to flourish in communities that are safer, greener and more inclusive:
  - Making spaces safe and inclusive
  - Connecting communities with the environment
- Skills - supporting families to gain useful skills for life and work:
  - Developing useful life skills
  - Developing useful skills for employment.

### **Key Criteria**

Employees of Warburtons are able to apply on behalf of organisations if they are actively involved with them (e.g. they are a volunteer, trustee, active supporter).

NB: To access the application form, groups should click on the link on the Financial Giving section of the Warburton website. They will be redirected to the application form hosted by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF).

**Amounts available:** Maximum £400

**Application deadlines:** 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (for consideration in September 2024)

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## **Lloyds Bank Foundation - Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations – NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Funding is available for small and local charities and CICs with an income between £25,000 to £500,000 that are led by and working with Deaf and Disabled people who are experiencing poverty. Organisations can apply for a three-year unrestricted grant.

### **Key Criteria**

- Lloyds Bank Foundation expect to award 42 grants for this funding programme.
- To be eligible for funding, applying organisations must be led by and working for Deaf and Disabled people.
- A majority (at least 51%) of an organisation's Directors/Trustees and half (at least 50%) of staff, at all levels of the organisation, self-identify as Deaf and/or Disabled people. Funding will be prioritised for organisations where at least 75% of Directors/Trustees and 50% of staff self-identify as Deaf and/or Disabled people.
- The support, activities or services delivered must be person centred and supporting people over the long term.
- Applying organisations must support Deaf and Disabled people over the longer term to support them to have more choice and control over their lives, access their rights and entitlements and challenge the barriers they face.
- Applying organisations may have a main focus, such as providing advice and advocacy, reducing isolation or delivering employability support, but will need to tailor activities to meet the needs of the individual.
- For the needs of people whose needs can't be met directly, organisations should have trusted relationships in place with other organisations or agencies to which people can be referred to.

Applying organisations must also:

- Reflect an inclusive, rights based social model of disability.
- Recognise the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion and take action to address inequities.
- Understand its organisational development needs.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £75,000.

**Application deadlines:** 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (for consideration in December 2024)

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## **Rewilding Britain - Rewilding Innovation Fund – NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Rewilding Britain is offering grants to help remove barriers to rewilding projects across Britain, whether they are at the early planning stage or scaling up a pre-existing project.

### **Key Criteria**

Funding is for works that could potentially unlock further funding or move a project in scale.

Examples of potential applications include:

- Business plans and strategies.
- Community engagement activities or co-design.
- Feasibility studies.
- Technological innovations.

To apply for funding, projects must be:

- Based in Britain
- Part of the Rewilding Network (includes community, private and public landowners, and managers of rewilding areas on the land and at sea).
- Rewilding at scale (more than 40 hectares) according to Rewilding Britain's rewilding principles. This can be an individual landholding or a cluster of landholdings. It is recommended that applicants who are rewilding on a smaller scale form a group or network to apply.

In this round of funding, priority will be given to projects focused on engaging with young people.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £15,000

**Application deadlines:** 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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## **Kelly Family Charitable Trust – NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Registered charities whose activities support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members can apply for capital and revenue grants.

The three areas of activity that the charity wishes to support are:

- Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, e.g. practical family support, relationship counselling, mediation.
- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit.
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment

### **Key Criteria**

- The Trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered
- The Trust will consider repeat funding requests, on receipt of satisfactory progress reports
- Unsuccessful applicants must wait for 1 year before resubmitting an application

**Amounts available:** Maximum £5,000

**Application deadlines:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

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## [Theatre Trust Theatre Improvement Scheme](#) \*

### **Summary**

The Theatres Trust, in association with Wolfson Foundation, is currently accepting applications for grants to support not-for-profit theatres in the UK who need financial support to help reduce their environmental impact. Grants can be used for capital costs of building or equipment.

### **Key Criteria**

The current theme is 'Improving Environmental Sustainability'. Funding will be given to projects that consider different ways theatre buildings can reduce their environmental impact, for example sedum roofs, new windows, building management systems and more efficient water heaters.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.
- Demonstrate that they run a year-round programme of live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year.
- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years. This can include local authorities or town and borough councils that own and/or operate a venue.
- Have the permission of the property owner and any relevant planning body to do the work required.
- Operate theatres that achieve excellence through their producing and programming and/or community engagement and/or architectural significance.

Organisations currently in receipt of other grants from the Theatres Trust or the Wolfson Foundation are not eligible to apply.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £20,000

**Application deadlines:** 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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## [Leeds Building Society Foundation](#) – NEW GRANT

### Summary

The Leeds Building Society Foundation offers small grants to UK registered charities for projects which address one or more of the following themes:

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

### Key Criteria

- Small grants are available for charities anywhere in the UK that have a turnover of less than £1 million.
- Grants may only be used for capital expenditure (that is, to purchase items used to directly help those in need).
- If you applied for a small grant, you can apply for funding again, but not for the same items of expenditure

**Amounts available:** Between £250 and £1,000

**Application deadlines:** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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## [Matthew Good Foundation – Grants for Good](#) – NEW GRANT

### Summary

Grants for Good is funded by the John Good Group and is designed to direct funding only to small and growing local charities, voluntary groups or social enterprises that are making a big impact on communities, people or the environment.

### Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a local community group, charity, voluntary group or social enterprise that has a positive impact on communities, people or the environment.
- Have an average income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.
- Have a bank account in the organisation's name.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £5,000

**Application deadlines:**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (for applications to be awarded funding in November 2024)

Also 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (for applications to be awarded funding in February 2025)



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## **Which? Fund – NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Funding is available for new research projects exploring the consumer harms faced by diverse and disadvantaged communities, or identifying innovative solutions to these issues.

Two funding calls are available:

- Projects exploring consumer harms experienced by diverse and disadvantaged communities, such as women, people living with disabilities or health conditions, low-income households or members of diverse ethnic communities.
- Projects exploring consumer harms experienced by diverse and disadvantaged communities in digital markets, where information asymmetries, malign online choice architecture, automated decision-making, AI interfaces, dynamic pricing and other characteristics of digital markets can place consumers at a distinct disadvantage, and some groups may face greater detriment than others.

### **Key Criteria**

The Summer 2024 call offers restricted grant funding to support work aiming to:

- Improve understanding of consumer harm affecting diverse and disadvantaged communities, including novel harms in digital markets.
- Identify evidence-led, pragmatic solutions to consumer harm.
- Develop partnerships and encourage collaborative working to provide a more powerful voice for all UK consumers.

The funding is for specific, strategic projects, with the potential to benefit large numbers of people by changing policy, regulation or practice.

For charities, the funding will cover staff salaries and a reasonable amount of core costs/overheads, in proportion to the size of the project. Capital costs for equipment will only be funded where specifically required to complete a project.

**Amounts available:** Discretionary, from a total £75,000 available

**Application deadlines:** 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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## Esmée Fairbairn – Collections Fund

### Summary

Grants are available to museums and galleries in the UK to improve their inclusive collections and participatory practice with, and sometimes led by, community partners.

The fund aims to:

- Support work that furthers the established strategic aims of the applicants in relation to diversity, equity and inclusion, and that are ready to use their collections and the funding to support social and climate justice, in ways that are relevant to local contexts and relationships.
- Offer core funding to museums, to offer greater flexibility and support embedded change in organisations.
- Enhance its learning from grantees and share this with the wider museum sector, for example foregrounding leading practice in funded museums and undertaking research with action learning sets.

### Key Criteria

- Priority will be given to smaller and medium-sized organisations where funding of this size can make the most difference in the long term.
- Successful applicants are required to join the Collections Network and should reserve resources to allow at least one to two people to attend network meetings at least twice a year.
- Museum-sector applicants should be members of the Museums Association.
- Applicants, or one applicant in a partnership, are normally expected to be accredited (or working towards this).
- Applicants must have a safeguarding policy to protect people with whom they work.
- Museums that have previously received project funding are welcome to apply again to the Collections Fund for work that builds on their experience.

**Amounts available:** Between £40,000 and £100,000 (over up to three years)

**Application deadlines:** 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (for expressions of interest)

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## **HM Govt. – Community Automated External Defibrillators Fund**

### **Summary**

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

The funding will be allocated on the following basis:

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

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

### **Key Criteria**

To be eligible, applicants must:

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

**Amounts available:** Maximum £750

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

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## [NFU Mutual Charitable Trust](#)

### Summary

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust is offering grants for organisations working in agriculture, rural development, and insurance across the UK to deliver projects and activities across one or more of the Trust's main objectives:

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

### Key Criteria

- Priority will be given to larger initiatives that would have a significant impact on rural communities, as well as initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas.
- Match funding is not required but it is welcomed.
- It is not necessary to be a registered charity to apply as long as the funding is for charitable purposes.

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

**Application deadlines:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

### Summary

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

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

Examples of projects that have previously received funding include:

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

### Key Criteria

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

**Amounts available:** Maximum £4,000

**Application deadlines:** Open to applications all year but the scheme closes 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

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## **Road Safety Trust - Autumn Round \* – NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

The Road Safety Trust has announced the grant theme for the Autumn 2024 round is 'Inequalities in Road Safety', and they have just published the guidance notes so that organisations may start to plan their applications in advance of the 26 September opening.

The funding is for projects that address one or more of the following areas:

- The impact of social determinants such as income and health and other demographic factors on local communities and their exposure to risk related to:
  - Illegal, dangerous and anti-social use of the roads, the effectiveness of current countermeasures and potential new methods for reduction
  - Rural areas and different age groups within such communities
  - Access to, and use of, technologies that make vehicles and roads safer
- Road safety issues for children with SEN and/or disabilities; and the issues for their carers.
- Improving the availability, quality and strategic use of demographic evidence and information, alongside other safety related evidence and information to support practitioners and policy makers in respect of road safety.

Two grants are available:

- Small Grants for practical projects or local pilots or trials
- Large Grants for research-based projects, and the development, implementation and evaluation of innovative interventions

### **Key Criteria**

- Each application should have a lead organisation which must be a UK local public sector organisation (e.g., Local Authority, Police Force or Fire and Rescue), UK university, UK-based registered charity, not-for-profit, social enterprise or community interest company (must have a governing document with a clause describing their purpose and a dissolution clause).
- Match funding is required, either cash or in-kind
- An element of partnership or collaborative working is expected in all projects

### **Amounts available:**

Small Grants from £10,000 to £50,000 over two years

Large Grants from £50,001 to £300,000 for up to two or three years

**Application deadlines:** Applications accepted between 26<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

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## [International Tree Foundation – UK Community Tree Planting](#) \*

### **Summary**

Grants are available for community-based organisations across the UK to deliver tree-planting projects that protect and restore indigenous trees and woodlands, support community engagement in tree planting, and increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being.

There are two funding streams:

- Grants for community woodland/hedging projects that range from 100 to 25,000 trees planted per year, with a maximum price equivalent to £1.95 per tree.
- Grants for community orchard projects of up to 30 trees planted per year.

### **Key Criteria**

Community-based organisations, such as a school, community group, social enterprise, non-governmental organisation, or parish council, can apply.

Projects should meet the following essential criteria:

- Plant trees in public/publicly accessible spaces: sites that are readily accessible to the public, including schools, parks, rights of way, and sites managed by community groups.
- Plant indigenous tree species: this may include traditional fruit trees and 'honorary' natives where appropriate.
- Engage community members in tree planting and enjoying the benefits of woodlands.
- Have clear plans for maintenance and sustainability.
- Have a signed permission from the owner or manager of the land indicating that their project meets legal requirements.

**Amounts available:** Grant amounts are per tree planted. Maximum amounts not disclosed

**Application deadlines:** 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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## Arnold Clark Community Fund

### Summary

Grants are available for UK registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations for projects, including those whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis, which are embedded in the communities in which Arnold Clark operates in England, Scotland or Wales.

### Key Criteria

In 2024, the Arnold Clark Community Fund offers the following support:

- **Cost of Living Support** – funding to any registered UK charity or community group whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis, such as foodbanks, accommodation, poverty relief and where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment.
- **Our Communities Support** – funding to projects embedded in the communities in which Arnold Clark operates and is available to organisations who provide services widely accessible to those within Arnold Clark local communities, addressing the needs of those living within them.
- **Gear Up for Sport** – 150 sports kits given away each month to support youth sports teams across the UK. Any youth team with up to 30 members aged 4 to 15 years can apply.

Projects applying for 'Our Communities Support' must address one of the following categories:

- Animal welfare (benefiting humans)
- Arts and culture
- Community development
- Disability
- Education
- Recreation
- Relief support
- Mental health support

Applications are only eligible if they are made by an organisation that is based/operates solely in the UK and is located within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch.

**Amounts available:** Maximum £2,500

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

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## **ACRE – Village Halls Small Grants Fund**

### **Summary**

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

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

### **Key Criteria**

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

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

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

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## **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation – Small Grants - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Small grants are available from the Trusthouse Charitable Trust for core costs, salaries, running and project costs.

Preference is for front line organisations working directly with people in need.

### **Key Criteria**

Eligibility includes:

- Your organisation's postcode falls 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.
- Your project has a focus on community support.
- Your annual income does not exceed £250,000.
- You can secure 50% of the total project costs.
- You can supply your most recent annual accounts.
- You can start spending our grant within 1-2 months of receipt.
- You are embedded in your local community.

**Amounts available:** Minimum £2,000, Maximum £10,000

**Application deadlines:** Open



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## **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation – Major Grants - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Major grants are available from the Trusthouse Charitable Trust for core costs, salaries, running and project costs.

Preference is for front line organisations working directly with people in need.

### **Key Criteria**

Funding is available for voluntary sector organisations with a turnover up to £500,000.

Organisations should have a focus on Family Support, this may further include:

- Early intervention
- Families coping with addiction
- Prisoners' families

Applying organisation's postcode, or the project area, must be ranked within the most deprived 15% of the [Index of Multiple Deprivation](#) (IMD) for urban areas or within the most deprived 50% for rural areas.

Adventure Playgrounds, Baby Banks and Disability charities cannot apply to the Major Grants programme.

### **Amounts available:**

Single year grants between £10,000 and £50,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs or

Multi-year grants for a maximum of 3 years, not to exceed £100,000 in total over this period, for core costs, salaries, running or project costs.

No more than £50,000 can be applied for in any given year.

**Application deadlines:** Open

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## **2024 Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund (Main Grants) - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Funding is available via ACRE 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:

- Improved health and/or wellbeing and/or reduction in rural loneliness.
- Positive impact on the local environment, contributes towards net zero.
- Support for the local rural economy.
- Promotion of community cohesion.

### **Key Criteria**

The funding is for capital improvements only where projects aim to upgrade facilities, extend or improve facilities or where capital items need to be purchased.

To be eligible, the village hall must:

- Be charity owned and managed by the community.
- Be located in a local rural area with a population of 10,000 or less people.
- Have a freehold or leasehold in place. If a leasehold interest, there must be at least 21 years left to run on the lease.

Parish or Town Councils can also apply if they are the sole trustee of a charitable village hall.

The following are examples of project activity that could be considered eligible to be funded (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Extensions
- Internal reconfigurations
- New roof and roof refurbishment which includes insulation
- Improvements which help to increase energy efficiency
- Refurbishment of toilets and kitchens
- Damp proofing
- New installation of communication system.

**Amounts available:** Minimum £7,500, Maximum £75,000

**Application deadlines:** Not specified

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## **Power to Change - Community Shares Booster Fund - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

The Booster Fund supports new and existing community businesses in England that are at all stages of launching a community share issue. This includes the very early stages of exploring whether it is the right choice, through planning a community share issue to being ready to launch, or in exceptional cases, recently launched.

The Fund offers the following support:

- **Pre-grant support** - A few days support for early-stage activity to get started.
- **Development grants** - To prepare a community share offer. This support can cover financial planning, governance support, marketing costs and being assessed for the Community Shares Standard Mark.
- **Equity match investment** - This is an offer of investment to match money raised from the community, providing the minimum share offer target is achieved. Applications for equity match are open to community businesses that are investment ready, including those that have already launched their share offers.
- **Subscription underwriting** - If affordability is an issue for community investors, Co-operative and Community Finance (CCF) can offer an interest-free repayable loan to enable people to buy shares through instalments over a maximum of 12 months, with the society receiving the full investment upfront.
- **Loan finance** - may be available from Co-operative and Community Finance (CCF).

### **Key Criteria**

Applying organisations must have charitable purposes and a trading model

We expect applicants to be working in at least one of these impact areas:

- Reduce social isolation
- Improve health and wellbeing
- Increase employability
- Create better access to basic services
- Enable greater community cohesion
- Foster greater community pride and empowerment
- Economic regeneration

### **Amounts available:**

- Development grants between £2,000 and £15,000 (average grant £5,000)
- Equity match investment between £10,000 to £100,000, although the typical investment is expected to be £20,000 to £50,000.

**Application deadlines:** Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time. The fund is expected to remain open for applications until 2025, with monthly assessment panels.

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## **Crowdfunder - Energy Efficiency Sharematch - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

The fund will support Co-operative Societies, Community Benefit Societies and Charitable Community Benefit Societies based in England to raise investment to undertake activity which reduces their energy usage or identifies alternative sources of energy and therefore leads to a reduction of both carbon footprint and energy bills of the organisation's operation.

These 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).

The scheme will provide grant funding to match money raised in community shares. The grant funding is intended to accelerate the speed and amount raised from the community.

### **Key Criteria**

- The funders 'would ordinarily expect' to match money raised through the Crowdfunder platform in community shares investments on the basis of 25-33% match of the total raised, up to the maximum grant amounts.
- Funds awarded are conditional upon applicants first securing crowdfunding via Crowdfunder's platform
- To be eligible to apply, organisations 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.

**Amounts available:** Between £5,000 and £30,000

**Application deadlines:** Open. There are currently no deadlines for applications. The first step in the application process is to complete the Expression of Interest form. Those who are eligible will be invited to apply through the Crowdfunder platform. The Fund will run until March 2025, with the ambition to award all funds before this time.

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## [Allen Lane Foundation](#) – NEW GRANT

### Summary

This Foundation funds specific groups that experience marginalisation and/or discrimination within the UK, including Gypsy, Roma and Traveller groups as well as organisations that work directly with, and provide support to, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities.

The Foundation has announced it is keen to receive applications that 'support work that raises awareness of the issues Gypsy and Traveller communities face, and work to combat hate crime, stigma, discrimination and inequalities, including the lack of appropriate accommodation or other service provision.

### Key Criteria

- Small registered charities, constituted voluntary groups, charitable organisations and Community Interest Companies can apply as long as their work does not benefit people only in London.
- Applicants working locally should have an income of up to £100,000 per year. Those working nationally should have an income of around £250,000 per year.

**Amounts available:** Max grant £15,000 (average grant £5,000 or £6,000). Grants can be split over, up to three years.

**Application deadlines:** Open. There are no fixed deadlines, but to be considered for the October 2024 meeting, applications should be received by the end of July/early August.

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## **BBC Children in Need – Emergency Essentials \* – NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Funding for the purchase of essential items to meet the most basic needs of children and young people under the age of 18 in the UK who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances. Items might include electric cookers, fridges, freezers and washing machines, children's beds and bedding and children's clothing.

This programme provides items for the most basic needs of vulnerable children and young people who may be:

- Living in severe poverty and suffering deprivation as a result.
- Affected by additional social issues such as domestic abuse, substance misuse, estrangement, disability or serious illness, mental health or behavioural difficulties, abuse or neglect.

### **Key Criteria**

- Applications must be made through an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and is capable of assessing their needs, and that can also administer the grant.
- Due to the high demand for BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials grants, only one application per household within a 12 month period will be accepted.
- The application for each household will take into account the needs of all children under the one application, it does not mean only one child per household can be supported.
- Consideration may be given where a child or young person, or their family, have an asylum application under assessment or in circumstances where residency criteria is not consistent across the family unit.

**Amounts available:** Where possible, items will be provided directly rather than awarding a cash grant.

**Application deadlines:** Open. There are no deadlines. Applications are processed usually within 10 working days.

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

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## Voluntary Action Leicestershire



Leicestershire County Council has a contract with [Voluntary Action LeicesterShire](#) (VAL) to provide support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leicestershire, including help with identifying and securing funding.

If you are a VCS organisation who is seeking to apply for funding, or bid for contracts, please contact VAL's Sector Support Team for assistance, advice, and guidance. VAL can provide assistance with searching for funding opportunities, checking the relevance of the fund to your funding aspirations, and a read and review of your bid.

You can also [sign up for further e-bulletins from VAL](#), including news, events, funding opportunities and updates from the Government and Charity Commission. There are currently two newsletters which you can select to receive by ticking the appropriate box. At present funding and commissioning items are included in the voluntary sector support newsletter.

### Events and Training:

#### [Practical Bid Writing 9<sup>th</sup> July 10am to 12 pm at Glenfield Parish Council – Booking Required](#)

This session will give you the opportunity to explore the bid writing process in more detail, considering some of the practical steps when writing funding bids, what are the components to include and reviewing your application before submitting.

#### [ASK VAL Charnwood Pop Up Event 24<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am to 12.30pm at John Storer House](#)

If you are interested in volunteering or you are an organisation looking for volunteers, were here to help you get started.

#### [VAL Awards 2024 – Nominations close on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024](#)

Celebrating the fantastic contribution volunteers, charities and community groups make in Leicester and Leicestershire. It's time for us to celebrate the truly amazing inspirational leaders, unsung heroes and those that have gone above and beyond over the last 18 months.

#### **Hold The Date “Future Focus” Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Beaumanor Hall**

### Contact Details:

[VAL website](#)

Tel: 0116 2575050

Email: [helpline@valonline.org.uk](mailto:helpline@valonline.org.uk)

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## CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire

**CASE**

Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency (CASE) is a social enterprise and co-operative which provides advice, guidance, and support to existing and emerging co-operatives, social enterprises and community enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. CASE supports co-operatives and social enterprises to develop and grow, through the promotion of co-operative ways of working.

Leicestershire County Council has a contract with CASE to provide support to people currently running (or thinking of setting up) social enterprises in Leicestershire.

### Contact Details:

[CASE website](#)

Tel: 0116 222 5010

Email: [enquiries@case.coop](mailto:enquiries@case.coop)

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## Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation



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

The Community Foundation also administers local and national grant schemes on behalf of those organisations. These vary throughout the year, please check the website for the funds currently available.

### Contact Details:

[Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation Website](#)

Tel: 0116 262 4916

Email: [grants@lrccommunityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:grants@lrccommunityfoundation.org.uk)

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## Commissioning Opportunities



VCSE organisations are encouraged to explore opportunities to receive income through delivering contracts for services commissioned by the public sector. You can register to receive details of commissioning opportunities through the following websites:

[Source East Midlands](#)

[Due North](#)

[Gov UK Contract Finder](#)



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## Easy Fundraising



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

[Easy Fundraising Website](#)

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## Leicestershire Communities Website



The Leicestershire Communities website contains a range of useful information to help local people to actively participate in their communities, including information for people involved in community groups, charities and social enterprises. This section of the website provides a range of support, information and resources related to Grants and Funding, including Monthly Funding Bulletins, information from a range of funders, along with details of support provided to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and social enterprises, by other relevant organisations.

[Leicestershire Communities Grants and Funding Webpage](#)