

Monthly Funding Information June 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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Get Carbon Literate with the Universities Partnership (Training)	June 2024

Funding for projects which support Adults

[Ufi Voctech Trust – Transforming UK Vocational Training](#) * – NEW GRANT

Summary

Funding and organisational support are available for projects that use innovative technology to integrate UK employers' needs, enhance pathways from learning to work, and support non-English speakers with vocational language skills.

Ideas should tackle one of three specific challenges:

- Employer integration: How can technology be used to integrate and reflect employers' changing needs so that the skills of the available workforce better reflect the needs of local employers?
- Pathways into and within work: How can technology be used to increase the visibility, accessibility and uptake of pathways from learning into work, or from one type of work into another, particularly in regional growth sectors?
- Vocational language barriers: How can technology be used to support adults with in-demand vocational skills, but who do not speak English as their first language, gain the industry-specific English required by employers?

Successful applicants will also join a network of organisations working alongside each other as part of an active, expert-led programme designed to create connections, share knowledge, test assumptions and accelerate adoption and deployment.

Key Criteria

Applicants are required to provide match funding to demonstrate a shared commitment to the project. There is no set percentage of match funding. Match funding can be in kind or cash.

Organisations must be registered, including registered charities, community interest companies, social enterprises, not-for-profits, private companies, community associations, FE colleges and public bodies.

Amounts available: Between £200,000 and £250,000

Application deadlines: 11th June 2024

Veterans' Capital Housing Fund – Major Capital Grants Programme

Summary

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

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

Key Criteria

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

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

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

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

Amounts available: Maximum £500,000

Application deadlines: 17th June 2024

Music for All - Power of Music Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

Small grants are available to local organisations that use music making to support people living with dementia and their carers in the UK, with priority given to underrepresented communities such as those from the Global Majority.

Successful applicants will be supported beyond their funding by connecting grassroots groups to the health system, improving access to activities and strengthening community connection. They will have access to support including training, peer support, resources, development opportunities, and evaluation through NASP's national music and dementia network.

Key Criteria

The funding is intended for not-for-profit organisations that are already delivering music activities or working with people living with dementia and carers.

The funding can support costs associated with rehearsals/performance(s) including transport for participants

Amounts available: Max £2,000

Application deadlines: 17th June 2024

Armed Forces Covenant Trust – Refurbishment Grants Programme

Summary

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

Key Criteria

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

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

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

You can apply to this programme if your project will:

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

Amounts available: Maximum £75,000

Application deadlines: 19th June 2024

People's Health Trust - Advice for Health Funding – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for grassroots organisations supporting local people in specified regions of England (including Leicestershire) who are experiencing financial and social disadvantage, marginalisation and discrimination and are not able to access advice services because they feel overwhelmed.

The funding aims to support people's mental and physical health by accessing advice. The funding can be used to provide wellbeing and emotional support to help people feel more able to access advice services. It can also be used to improve existing advice services so that they better meet the needs of people experiencing financial and social disadvantage, marginalisation and discrimination.

The funding is for people who:

- Feel unable to access advice services because they feel overwhelmed by the challenges they are facing in their lives.
- Are experiencing financial and social disadvantage (also referred to as socio-economic disadvantage): this might refer to low income, insecure work or unemployment, or people experiencing issues with education, housing, crime, or their local environment.
- Are experiencing marginalisation and discrimination (for example, people from racialised communities, LGBTQ+ people, disabled people or other groups where there is evidence of these experiences).

Key Criteria

Applications will be accepted from grassroots community organisations working with people experiencing social and financial disadvantage, marginalisation and discrimination.

National projects that do not have a connection regionally or locally are not eligible.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have an annual income of £500,000 or less in their most recent annual accounts.
- Be able to describe their track record and experience for giving advice.
- Evidence their suitability and experience in advice-giving.
- Be able to describe their approach to equity, diversity and inclusion and have a strong track record.
- Be voluntary sector (non-profit) organisations that are constituted or registered in Great Britain

Amounts available: Between £20,000 and £40,000 for activity over one or two years.

Application deadlines: 19th June 2024 (deadline for stage one application)

Smallwood Trust – Women’s Urgent Support Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

Funding is available to support organisations providing frontline services that are led by, for and/or serving women in England to manage the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

The funding is for projects that meet at least one of the core objectives of the fund:

- Frontline organisations led by and/or supporting women can respond to an identified increase in demand, brought on by the cost-of-living crisis.
- Frontline organisations can meet the basic priority needs of women at most risk of poverty, because of the cost-of-living crisis.
- Frontline organisations led by and/or supporting women will be strengthened during the cost-of-living crisis.

Priority will be given to organisations and/or services supporting the following groups:

- Women experiencing racial inequality.
- Disabled women.
- Women with No Recourse to Public Funds.
- Women that are the sole parent to children under 18 years.
- LGBTQ+ communities experiencing financial insecurity.

Key Criteria

- Round 2 will provide funding for not-for-profit organisations with an income of £1 million or less.
- At least 50% of grants will be committed to projects that support women experiencing racial inequality and/or disabled women.
- Projects must start by November 2024 and all funds must be spent by November/December 2027

Amounts available: Maximum £20,000 per year over three years.

Application deadlines: 21st June 2024 (deadline for expressions of interest)

Cycling UK – Big Bike Revival Grants

Summary

Funding is available for voluntary and community cycle groups in England to deliver projects and activities that:

- Encourage people who don't cycle to cycle
- Encourage people to cycle more often
- Increase short cycling trips
- Improve the perception of cycling safety
- Improve people's confidence to cycle

The Big Bike Revival Grants Programme will support events and activities that use the 'fix-learn-ride' model to provide sessions for people groups that are underrepresented in cycling.

- Fix Events offer basic services to repair cycles and provide essential checks to ensure cycles are safe to ride.
- Learn Events offer instruction, training or skills for adults to learn to maintain or repair their cycle or learn cycle skills to help them feel safer when cycling.
- Ride Events offer led rides for adults to practise cycling locally, build confidence and learn new routes in a social environment.

Key Criteria

- Activities should be for adults
- Activities should be delivered between 29 March 2024 and 31 October 2024
- For the Summer 2024 funding round, there is a focus on encouraging partners to inspire participants to return to subsequent events, to help sustain increases in cycling, and to help make a much bigger difference through Big Bike Revival.

Amounts available: Maximum £3,500

Application deadlines: 25th June 2024

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: 30th July 2024 (also 15th October 2024)

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

[HM Govt. - Trust Capacity Fund \(TCaF\)](#)

Summary

Department for Education (DfE) funding to help multi-academy trusts develop their capacity and take on underperforming schools, particularly in education investment areas.

There are four strands of funding:

- A1 (grants of between £50,000 and £750,000) for projects in which trusts will take on or form from at least five schools, one of which must be an inadequate or requires improvement school in an EIA.
- A2 (grants of between £50,000 and £500,000) for projects in which a trust will take on at least one inadequate or requires improvement school in an EIA.
- B (grants of between £50,000 and £250,000) for projects in which a trust takes on either at least one inadequate or requires improvement school outside of an EIA or any school within an EIA.
- C (grants of between £50,000 and £100,000) for trusts taking on good or outstanding schools outside of an EIA.

Key Criteria

- Local Academy Trust and local authority-maintained schools forming a multi-academy trust (MAT)
- Trusts need to have a growth project approved by a regional director from 1st January 2024.
- Applications linked to growth projects which involve multiple schools are more likely to be successful
- As a minimum requirement, applicants must not have an open Financial Notice to Improve

Amounts available: Between £50,000 and £750,000

Application deadlines: 25th June 2024

Armed Forces Families Fund – Early Years Programme * - NEW GRANT

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: 24th July 2024 (decision before end September 2024)

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: 31st August 2024

Dept. For Education – Senior Mental Health Lead Training – NEW GRANT

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

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

Theatre Trust – Small Grants Scheme

Summary

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

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

Eligible projects include:

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

Key Criteria

Applicant organisations must:

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

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

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

Clarion Futures Digital Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

Through its Digital Grants programme, Clarion Futures (part of Clarion Housing Group) is offering grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to not-for-profit organisations seeking to deliver innovative, well-designed projects that support Clarion residents and the wider community to address digital exclusion.

Key Criteria

Not-for-profit organisations including constituted community groups, registered charities, social enterprises and Community Interest Companies (CICs) can apply. To be eligible, applicants must deliver a project primarily supporting Clarion residents and the wider community, and should be delivered in and around Clarion neighbourhoods.

The funding is to cover running costs for projects, activities and equipment that focus on:

- Supporting Clarion residents to discover the full scope of how the internet can assist them in their everyday lives, and provide them with the skills and confidence to do so.
- Supporting residents to access the digital resources that meet their individual needs and circumstances.
- Building digital skills and confidence for all.
- Encouraging residents to use the internet with confidence so they are safe and avoid risky and/or illegal behaviour.

And that reach:

- Residents who have never used the internet before.
- Residents who may have previously used some online facilities but who may not be aware of the full potential to use the internet in their everyday lives.
- Residents with limited internet skills.
- Residents who do not have access to appropriate digital resources.
- Residents of all ages.

This Fund is NOT primarily aimed at helping people to use a computer.

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 12th June 2024 (for decisions the week of 5th August 2024)

Starbucks & Hubbub Eat It Up Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Eat It Up Fund is aimed at finding and supporting creative approaches to reducing food waste with potential for impact at scale.

Key Criteria

The funding is for initiatives that do one or more of the following:

- Address pre-farmgate waste (the food production process, up to the point where the products have been harvested and prepared as produce for sale).
- Prevent food from being wasted at the manufacturing and processing stage.
- Minimise food waste from retailers.
- Find creative ways to use surplus food in communities or at home.

The fund can support ideas that are ready to test, or concepts that have been tested and are ready to progress further.

The focus for this funding is as high up the food waste hierarchy as possible. Priority will be given to prevention and edible recovery/ repurposing over initiatives that do not result in food being kept within the human food chain.

Amounts available: Maximum £60,000 (six grants of up to £60,000 are available)

Application deadlines: 14th June 2024 for expressions of interest

A Q&A webinar will be held on 4 June 2024 (11:00 to 11:45am). [Registration](#) is required for this Zoom session.

Jerwood Foundation – Arts Grants

Summary

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

Key Criteria

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

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

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

HM Govt. - VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme

Summary

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

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

Key Criteria

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

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

Application deadlines:

The deadline for Free Independent Energy Assessments (IEA's) is 20th June 2024

The deadline for Capital Grants is 14th August 2024

CAF – Bentley Advancing Life Chances Small Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

The grants programme will support charitable organisations working with vulnerable, disadvantaged and under-represented communities in 19 locations across the UK including Leicester and Leicestershire.

Priorities are:

- **Access** - Remove the barriers and improve access to services, education and employability.
- **Empowerment** - Development of the life skills that enable people to be more self-confident, successful and thrive in life.
- **Quality of Life** - Provide support to live a healthier life both physically and mentally.
- **Better Future** - Safeguarding the environment, improving nature-deprived areas, drive improvement to “place” and boosting community spirit.

Key Criteria

- Charitable organisations including, constituted organisations, CIC’s and other community benefit organisations in Leicester, and the towns and villages in the surrounding 20 miles are eligible.
- Churches and other religious organisations are eligible as long as the funded activity is not deemed to be proselytising
- Organisations should have an annual income of under £1 million
- Grants must be spent within 12 months of award

Amounts available: Between £150 and £500

Application deadlines: 21st June 2024 (applications are considered on a quarterly basis). Other deadlines are 20th September and 20th December 2024.

Naturesave Trust – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Naturesave Trust aims to support specific UK-based environmental, conservation and community renewable energy projects.

The theme for the current round is soil health.

Key Criteria

Funding supports small environmental projects across the UK.

The latest round of funding is targeted towards projects and initiatives working to combat the problem of soil degradation, the way land is managed and increasing soil organic matter levels in UK arable and horticultural soils in the next 20 years.

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 27th June 2024 (12 noon)

NWLDC UKSPF Community Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

Funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund is available to North West Leicestershire parish and town councils, parish meetings, constituted voluntary and community groups, uniformed groups, PTAs and not-for-profit organisations.

Key Criteria

Funding is available for projects in North West Leicestershire district that deliver one or more of the following:

- Create or improve an area of public space, leading to increased visits
- Make an area wheelchair accessible
- Support a local event or initiative (eg arts, heritage, cultural, creative)
- An improvement to the local neighbourhood
- Create a new or support an existing local facility (eg sports field, museum)
- Create or improve green space or water
- Create or improve local paths and cycleways
- Plant Trees
- Make changes to an area to reduce the occurrence of Anti-Social Behaviour or Crime
- Campaign to encourage visits to the local area
- Provide volunteering opportunities, bringing diverse groups of the community together
- Support an existing group to obtain, retain or develop skills, knowledge and tools (particularly where this safeguards their future or helps them grow)
- Install or improve digital connectivity (e.g. broadband or Wi-Fi) in a community facility

Amounts available:

Each parish or area of North West Leicestershire has been allocated an amount of between £3000 and £10,000 based on population size. This [document](#) provides more details of the funding allocated to each Parish/Area.

Application deadlines: 27th June 2024 (12 noon)

Resuscitation Council UK – Community Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

Small charities, community groups, faith groups and community interest companies can apply for grants to raise awareness around CPR and defibrillator use.

Projects should focus on one or more of the following:

- Share information around CPR and defibrillator use
- Address misinformation and barriers to CPR and defibrillator use
- Provide bystander CPR training

Priority will be given to:

- Charities and organisations working in geographical areas with low bystander CPR and high rates of cardiac arrest and/or working with communities experiencing inequalities in resuscitation.
- Projects that are tailored to meet the needs of the local community, for example language, cultural, and educational needs of participants.

Key Criteria

Applicants should have an annual income of less than £500,000 to be eligible.

Amounts available: Maximum £1,500

Application deadlines: 28th June 2024

[UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs](#)

Summary

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

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

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

Key Criteria

The social entrepreneur must:

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

The social venture must:

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

Amounts available:

Maximum £8,000 for Start Up Support

Maximum £18,000 for Scaling Up Funding

Application deadlines: 30th June 2024 (followed by a further deadline on 30th September 2024)

NHS Blood and Transplant - Community Grants Programme – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Community Grants Programme is part of NHS Blood and Transplant's commitment to build support for blood, organ, and living kidney donation among Black, Asian, mixed heritage, and minority ethnic communities.

Funding is available for community, faith and belief organisations for projects that address misinformation and barriers, share information, and increase support and awareness for donation among Black, Asian, mixed heritage and minority ethnic communities.

Key Criteria

The focus of the proposed projects must be one of the following:

- Deceased organ donation - applications encouraged from all ethnic minority communities to raise awareness of, and participation in deceased donation. Other forms of organ donation may be referenced in applications, but the focus must be on deceased organ donation.
- Blood donation - due to clinical need, only applications will be considered for projects focusing on the Black African and/or Black Caribbean communities.
- A combination of deceased organ and blood donation - applications jointly covering deceased organ donation and blood donation from all ethnic minority communities, but the blood element of any project must focus on engaging the Black African and/or the Black Caribbean communities and must be carried out in England.
- Living kidney donation - applications encouraged from all minority ethnic communities to raise awareness of, and participation in living kidney donation.

Amounts available: Maximum £20,000

Application deadlines: 30th June 2024

Wolfson Foundation 'Funding for Places' Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

Capital infrastructure funding is available for a broad range of organisations working across the fields of education, science and medicine, health and disability, heritage and arts and humanities.

Key Criteria

The project should be for a new building, refurbishment work or equipment that leads to at least one of the following aims:

- Increased access to services for new and existing users.
- Improved quality and range of services.
- Improved financial stability of the organisation.

The usual grant ranges are:

- Charities working with disability funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Charities working in mental health funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Charities working with older people funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Historic buildings and landscapes funding (includes places of worship and cathedrals) – £15,000–£100,000.
- Hospices and palliative care organisations funding – £30,000–£125,000.
- Libraries and archives – £15,000–£100,000.
- Museums and galleries funding – £50,000–£500,000.
- Performing arts organisations funding – £50,000–£150,000.
- Public engagement with science organisations funding – £100,000–£250,000.
- State funded secondary schools and sixth form colleges funding – £15,000–£50,000 (for equipment); £15,000–£100,000 (for new build and refurbishment).
- Special needs schools and colleges funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Universities and research institutions – £250,000–£1 million.

Applications are accepted from organisations and educational establishments in the UK which are registered charities or which have charitable status. CICs are not eligible to apply.

Amounts available: Discretionary

Application deadlines: 1st July 2024 with decisions due in December 2024.

The Society Foundation - NEW GRANT

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: 8th July 2024

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: 11th July 2024

Hilden Charitable Fund – NEW GRANT

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: 11th July 2024

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.

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: 17th July 2024 (at least 6 weeks before the next review meeting on 24th April 2024. A further application review meeting is on 13th November 2024)

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

Warburtons – Families Matter Community Grants – NEW GRANT

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: 4th August 2024 (for consideration in September 2024)

Theatre Trust Theatre Improvement Scheme * – NEW GRANT

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 theme for applications 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: 6th September 2024

Esmée Fairbairn – Collections Fund – NEW GRANT

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: 16th September 2024 (for expressions of interest)

HM Govt. – Community Automated External Defibrillators Fund

Summary

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

The funding will be allocated on the following basis:

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

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

Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

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

Amounts available: Maximum £750

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

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust – NEW GRANT

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: 4th October 2024

Green King IPA – Proud to Pitch In

Summary

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

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

Examples of projects that have previously received funding include:

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

Key Criteria

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

Amounts available: Maximum £4,000

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

Arnold Clark Community Fund – NEW GRANT

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: 31st December 2024

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 31st March 2025
- The Grant cannot be used for projects that solely seek to repair, maintain or renew.
- Work that is undertaken solely to ensure compliance with Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements is not eligible.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they have a freehold or leasehold interest in the village hall in place. If a leasehold interest, there must be at least 21 years left to run on the lease.

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

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

[MyCommunity – Community Ownership Fund](#)

Summary

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

There are two funding elements:

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

Important notice – *the Expression of Interest (EOI) form has been updated ahead of the launch of Round 4 which will be the final round for full applications. EOIs submitted prior to February 2024 are no longer valid and a new EOI will need to be submitted if an organisation wishes to submit a full application in the final round.*

Only applicants who submitted an EOI in the new system will be informed when the bidding window is about to open and will receive the link needed to apply.

Key Criteria

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

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

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

Sport England – Movement Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

The new fund replaces Sport England's existing Small Grants Programme, which is now closed to applications, and Active Together fund, which will close soon.

The funding is intended for 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.

There is particular interest in projects providing opportunities for groups facing barriers to activity, such as:

- People living on low incomes.
- Disabled people or those with long-term health conditions.
- Older people.
- People from culturally diverse communities.
- Pregnant women and parents with very young children.
- Girls aged 5-16.
- LGBTQ+ people.
- People who are in foster care.
- People who provide care without pay.

Key Criteria

Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations working with people living in England.

Applicants must be formally constituted with a clear purpose, have at least three non-related trustees or directors who do not live together and ensure decision making and voting rights are equally distributed between their trustees or directors.

Amounts Available: Between £300 and £15,000

Application deadlines: Open

Star Trust – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Star Trust is an East Midlands-based charity, run by a board of local business owners and entrepreneurs and supported by volunteers with no overheads or remuneration paid.

Since 2013, the Star Trust's extensive fundraising throughout the year supports numerous charities in the East Midlands by providing them with much-needed funding, benefiting those most in need in the community.

Key Criteria

Star Trust seeks to provide support to registered charities in the East Midlands. Applying organisations should have its operational base in one of the following 5 counties:

- Nottinghamshire.
- Leicestershire.
- Derbyshire.
- Lincolnshire.
- Rutland.

Applying organisations need to be a SME in style and be a registered charity or Not for Profit organisation.

Applications for funding cannot be accepted from local branches of National Charities or Charities outside of the specified areas of the East Midlands.

Amounts available: Not specified

Application deadlines: Open

B&Q Foundation Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

The B&Q Foundation supports hundreds of registered charities across the UK every year, providing grants for a wide range of charities who are looking for funding to improve or develop spaces that benefit their local communities.

Key Criteria

The B&Q Foundation wishes to fund charities who are supporting people in need in the UK, in particular, those experiencing homelessness, in financial hardship, impacted by health, disability, or other disadvantage or distress.

Grants can be used towards projects that decorate, renovate, or create spaces where people can feel at home and have a sense of belonging. This can be both indoor and outdoor.

Amounts available: Grants of up to £10,000 are available for building or indoor projects, and up to £5,000 for garden projects.

Application deadlines: Open

Locality – Neighbourhood Planning Funding – NEW GRANT

Summary

Important Notice: Locality has now re-opened for applications for Grant and Technical Support. All groups undertaking a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order are eligible to apply for funding.

There are two different types of grants that you can be eligible for:

- Basic Grant funding – available to all groups undertaking a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order.
- Additional Grant funding - available to groups which meet specific eligibility criteria.

Technical Support is available in conjunction with either of the above two grants, but specific criteria also apply.

Key Criteria

- Any grant support you have received since April 2015 will be taken into account when assessing how much grant you can apply for.
- Grant funding must be spent by the end of the financial year (31st March 2025)
- The anticipated high demand for neighbourhood planning support means that it will be necessary to prioritise applications for Technical Support. The process for prioritising Technical Support applications will be determined by DLUHC, taking into account Government priorities such as housing, regeneration, climate change and environmental improvement.

Amounts available:

Basic Grant funding - maximum £10,000

Additional Grant funding - maximum £8,000

Application deadlines: Open (two stage application process with an expression of interest followed by a full application)

Parkinson's UK- Physical Activity Grants - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for activity providers, communities, networks and organisations across the UK to develop new opportunities for people with Parkinson's to become and stay active or help increase their levels of physical activity.

The funding is for projects that can demonstrate the following desired impact:

- People with Parkinson's become and stay active, and/or significantly increase their levels of activity if they are already active
- More physical activity provision for everyone with Parkinson's across the UK
- Improved social wellbeing in people with Parkinson's as a result of attending the project

Priority will be given to innovative and new projects that will help people with Parkinson's:

- Become and stay active, or
- Who are already active to significantly increase their levels of physical activity

Key Criteria

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

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

To be eligible, applicants must:

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

Amounts Available: Between £500 and £3,000

Application deadlines: Open (from 3rd June 2024 until all of the funding has been allocated)

[Get Carbon Literate with the Universities Partnership](#)

Are you part of a voluntary or community sector organisation or social enterprise in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland, or any other organisation with a focus on meeting the needs of our local community?

The [Universities Partnership](#), which brings together De Montfort, Leicester and Loughborough Universities, is offering a free one-day accredited Carbon Literacy Training course for Community Leaders – meaning anyone who works regularly with and for the benefit of local community members.

In the training you will learn about:

- The science of what causes climate change and its impacts.
- Your own carbon footprint and the key issues facing Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and actions being taken
- What you can do individually collectively to make a real difference, including through your organisation and in partnership locally.

The training is highly interactive and motivating, and helps participants to devise actions that they will take forward into the future. Participation and successful completion of a short accreditation form enables participants to be recognised as 'Carbon Literate' by the [Carbon Literacy Trust](#).

If a leadership team member from your organisation takes part and is accredited, you can use this training to get organisational carbon literacy accreditation at Bronze level.

Through delivering the course, we aim to inspire and link up a cohort of local climate leaders who can then put what they learn to work in their organisations and communities, potentially by going on to deliver the training themselves.

The training will be delivered by Caroline Harmon, drawing on over two decades of experience of climate change projects and activism.

Dates:

In-person at De Montfort University: **Thursday June 27th, 9.30am to 4.30pm**

Online on Tuesday evenings on **Tuesday 4th, 11th and 18th June**

[Expression of Interest Form](#)

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

Voluntary Action Leicestershire



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

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

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

Events and Training:

[FestiVAL 2024](#)

Volunteers' Week takes place each year on the first Monday in June every year in the UK to celebrate volunteering and take some time to thank volunteers for everything they do. This year it is taking place from Monday 3rd June to Sunday 9th June.

VAL is extending our local celebrations again, this year to the whole of June as a 'FestiVAL' of Volunteering, so it is a great time for you to think about getting involved as a volunteer! There are a range of events taking place during June, a selection are below:

[AskVAL Volunteering - on-line Tuesday 4th June 10am to 12pm](#)

Are you interested in getting involved in volunteering and community action in Leicestershire?

Would you like to find out more about the range of local VCSE organisations and volunteering opportunities that are available to local residents? Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL) is the local Volunteer Centre for Leicestershire and we can help you to find volunteering roles in the local area.

[Volunteer Recruitment Workshop – on-line, Thursday 13th June 10.00am to 11.00am](#)

The workshop will explore some of the key things to consider when looking to recruit volunteers, including addressing some of the difficulties and challenges that you might face as well as alternative methods to try. Booking is required.

[Volunteering Network and Learn - @ Voluntary Action Leicestershire, Tuesday 18th June, 10.00am to 12.00pm](#)

The Network is an opportunity to come together to share good practice, get updates on changes to volunteering policies and learn about how to best recruit, manage and train your volunteers.

Contact Details:

[VAL website](#)

Tel: 0116 2575050

Email: helpline@valonline.org.uk

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire

CASE

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

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

Contact Details:

[CASE website](#)

Tel: 0116 222 5010

Email: enquiries@case.coop

Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation



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

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

Contact Details:

[Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation Website](#)

Tel: 0116 262 4916

Email: grants@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk

Commissioning Opportunities



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

[Source East Midlands](#)

[Due North](#)

[Gov UK Contract Finder](#)

Easy Fundraising



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

[Easy Fundraising Website](#)

Leicestershire Communities Website



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

[Leicestershire Communities Grants and Funding Webpage](#)