

Monthly Funding Information May 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

[Lloyds Foundation – Racial Equity Programme](#) – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Racial Equity Programme will be providing 42 unrestricted grants with tailored development support to registered charities and community interest companies which are led by and working with people who are experiencing economic inequity because of the race or ethnicity.

Key Criteria

To be eligible, all organisations must:

- Be based and working in England (excluding London) and Wales
- Have an annual income of between £25,000 and £500,000
- Have a track record of directly delivering services for at least one year to people (aged 18 and over) from racially minoritised communities experiencing significant economic disadvantage
- Be led by and working for communities experiencing inequity because of their race or ethnicity: at least 75% of their Directors/Trustees, and at least 50% of staff self-identify as belonging to the communities being supported
- Be delivering culturally appropriate services that are developed in response to community needs
- Ensure that people with lived experiences of the issues being addressed by organisation are at the centre of the designing, developing, and managing the services being provided

Amounts available: £75,000 (over three years - £25,000 per year)

Application deadlines: 30th May 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

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

Cycling UK – Big Bike Revival Grants – NEW GRANT

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)

Adult Social Care Training and Development Fund * - NEW GRANT

Summary

Through the Adult Social Care Training and Development Fund, adult social care (ASC) employers in England can claim varying levels of reimbursement for staff training costs.

The fund is comprised of two elements:

- **Care Skills Funding**

This is funding to provide reimbursement for a range of training and development. Over £50 million of the total fund value is dedicated to supporting up to 37,000 individuals in direct care roles to enrol onto the new Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate qualification by March 2025.

- **Revalidation Funding**

As part of this fund the government intends to make contributions to the cost of continuing professional development for revalidation for eligible, registered staff. More information about this element of the fund, along with the total funding available, will be confirmed in the summer.

Key Criteria

Training and development that meets the scope and eligibility criteria and starts between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 will be eligible for funding in the form of reimbursement of costs incurred.

Funding is available for non-regulated members of the adult social care workforce in England, including deputy and Care Quality Commission registered managers and agency staff. To qualify, their employer (including local authorities) must meet all the following criteria:

- Provide an adult social care service.
- Directly employ care staff in England.
- Have completed the [Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set \(ASC-WDS\)](#).

ASC employers will be able to claim a reimbursement for quality assured training courses and qualifications. All courses and qualifications will have a set reimbursement rate that is a cost contribution to the overall course cost.

Amounts available: Maximum £4.5 million per employer

Application deadlines: Open (the digital online claims service, which will go live in summer 2024)

Wolfson Foundation – Hospice Care Home Training Programme

Summary

Funding is available for training to encourage greater collaboration and interchange of ideas amongst staff in hospices and in care homes, particularly around dementia care for those approaching the end of life. The purpose of the education and training is to:

- Encourage increased collaboration, sharing of knowledge and good practice across hospice and care home.
- Address unmet education and training needs cost effectively within hospices' immediate region.
- Have a direct impact on patient care for those with a diagnosis of dementia who have palliative care needs.

Key Criteria

- Retrospective costs and in-house training cannot be funded
- Hospices are eligible for a maximum of two grants per year
- A grant may be for a series of events, e.g., a series of workshops on dementia and palliative care in care homes.
- Applications must be received at least one month before training commences.

Amounts available: Maximum £2,000

Application deadlines: Open - applications are accepted on a rolling basis

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

[Comic Relief – Youth Homelessness in the UK](#)

Summary

Comic Relief is offering flexible, core funding in the way of grants to organisations which do both of the following:

- Specialise in the provision of holistic support to young people aged 16-25 in the UK, who are at immediate risk of, or experiencing homelessness. Support services should be tailored, inclusive and accessible, to remove barriers and better meet the multiple and diverse needs of young people at immediate risk of or experiencing homelessness. This work could be delivered by the applicant alone or in partnership.
- Meaningfully involve young people with lived experience of homelessness, or who have been at risk of homelessness. This should include involving young people in the development of the organisation's work and priority areas, and/or in the running of the organisation.

Key Criteria

- Applicants must have an annual income of between £250,000 and £10 million
- Comic Relief predominantly funds charities. Organisations that are not a registered charity must have a governing document that outlines the organisation's social purpose, demonstrating that any profit or assets are used for this purpose, and show that an asset lock is in place.
- Proposals can be made by single applicants, or by partnerships of two or three organisations that will receive funding (but only one organisation can act as grant holder).

Amounts available: Maximum £200,000 (over three to five years)

Application deadlines: 7th May 2024

The Triangle Trust 1949 – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies in the UK that are working to support young people with criminal convictions or young people at high risk of offending for the first time. In 2024, the focus is specifically on young women and girls who have been in the criminal justice system or who are at a high risk of entering it.

The Trust holds two grants rounds per year:

- The Spring round is for proposals wanting to work with young people who already have a criminal conviction.
- The Autumn round is for proposals focused on targeted work with high-risk young people on the edge of the criminal justice system.

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Be led by and for women and girls are eligible to apply for the Spring 2024 round.
- Have previous experience of working with vulnerable young women or girls either on the edge of the criminal justice system or who already have criminal convictions.
- Have a proven track record of running projects working with young women and girls that is both gender and trauma informed
- Have an average annual income over the past three years of less than £1.5 million

Amounts available: Maximum £80,000 (over 2 years)

Application deadlines: 23rd May 2024

Youth Endowment Fund – Themed Project Round *

Summary

Funding is available for organisations in England and Wales to support themed interventions that aim to prevent children and young people (11 to 18 years of age) from being affected by or becoming involved in violence.

The current grant round - Psychological Therapies - focuses on supporting projects that deliver talking therapies to children and young people who are at risk of becoming involved in crime and violence (known as secondary prevention) or those already involved in the youth justice system (known as tertiary prevention).

Key Criteria

- The maximum project delivery time is expected to be 24 months though projects that can deliver within a shorter period are preferred.
- Applications can be made by any registered organisation including registered charities, companies, statutory bodies and community interest companies (CICs) supporting support children and young people.
- Partnership applications are accepted provided there is a lead organisation and the partners work as one entity.

Amounts available: There is no minimum or maximum grant. Up to £3.5 million will be spent with two to three projects being funded

Application deadlines: 24th May 2024

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

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

UK- German Connection – Instant Impact - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are now available to support UK schools and youth groups planning visits to their counterparts in Germany this summer.

These grants aim to facilitate meaningful interactions between young people from both countries, fostering cultural understanding and collaboration. The Instant Impact Plus option, a new addition to the scheme, supports substantial trips and project-based activities within partnerships.

The Instant Impact grant offers funding for the following activities:

- First-time taster trips for groups of young people.
- Group exchange trips to revive a school partnership.
- Exchanges based on joint thematic projects (Instant Impact Plus, formerly Flexible Funding Scheme).

Key Criteria

- Applications are open to primary, secondary, and SEN schools, FE colleges, and youth groups in both the UK and Germany
- Applicants must be registered or affiliated with accredited organisations
- Visits must be jointly planned and agreed upon by the heads of each participating institution.

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000 (typically up to 75% of the total cost)

Application deadlines: Open, but applications must be submitted at least six weeks before the planned visit.

Kellogg's School Breakfast Clubs Grants

Summary

Kellogg's, in partnership with Forever Manchester, is offering grants to schools across the UK to help fund breakfast clubs aimed at pupils between reception and year 13, to ensure that those who need it most receive a morning meal.

Priority will be given to schools that either:

- Have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding (for England) and eligible for free school meals (Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales); or
- Are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Key Criteria

- Only one grant per school in each academic year is available
- Fee paying schools are not eligible for funding.

Amounts available: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: Open but only a limited number of grants are available, and the fund may close at short notice if oversubscribed.

Pixel Fund

Summary

The Pixel Fund is offering grants for UK-registered charities to deliver projects and activities that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults aged under 26 years old and provide a measurable difference to the charity's users.

Key Criteria

The fund's focus is the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults. Grants will not be awarded to projects or organisations that are not core-focused on mental health-related matters.

The Funding is intended to support specific projects that will provide a measurable difference to the applicant organisation's users, and not the organisation's core organisational running costs.

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: To apply, groups must first book a place at an Applicants' Q and A pre-meeting which will be held regularly throughout the year.

True Colours Trust - UK Small Grants

Summary

The True Colours Trust provides grants to help support families, children and young people in the UK with complex disabilities and/or life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. The Trust seeks to bring about better lives for children and their families through a broad mix of research, advocacy, service delivery and innovation.

Applications are accepted from UK registered charitable organisations and community interest companies that:

- Have an annual income of less than £350,000.
- Are delivering projects in the UK.
- Are working with children and young people aged from 0-25 years.
- Are open to children and families of all faiths, backgrounds and cultures.

The Trust is particularly keen to receive applications from organisations which operate in areas of high deprivation.

Key Criteria

Grants can be used for the following:

Projects

- Activities for disabled children, children with life-limiting conditions and their families.
- Activities which support siblings of disabled children or siblings of children with life-limiting conditions.
- Bereavement support for children and young people and families bereaved of a child.
- Family support / parent-led peer support for parents of disabled children.
- Respite which supports the whole family.

Equipment and Materials

- Renovation, upgrading and additional equipment for hydrotherapy pools and multi-sensory rooms.
- Minibuses.
- Specialised play equipment/access to play and leisure for disabled children, children with life-limiting conditions and their families.

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: Open

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

[Screwfix Foundation](#) – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available to UK registered charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that improve, fix, and repair buildings, homes and facilities specifically used by people in need across the UK.

Key Criteria

The funding is for projects which improve a physical building (or land attached to it) that is used by people in need.

The funding is to be used for the following types of projects:

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

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 10th May 2024

[B&Q Foundation Grants](#) – NEW GRANT

Summary

One-off grants are available to UK registered charities for projects that improve homes and community spaces for those who are experiencing homelessness, in financial hardship, impacted by health, disability or other disadvantage or distress.

Key Criteria

The funding can support decorating, renovating, or creating spaces, both indoors and outdoors, where people can feel at home and have a sense of belonging.

Projects could include creating community gardens, redecorating properties, installing new boilers, and creating new buildings or rooms.

The funding will cover the full cost for the completion of the project, including staff time required.

Projects need to be delivered within six months of receiving the grant.

Amounts available: Up to £5,000 for garden projects / Up to £10,000 for building or indoor projects.

Application deadlines: 17th May 2024

Benefact Group – Movement for Good Awards

Summary

The Benefact Group is an international family of specialist financial services companies that give all available profits to charities and good causes.

Key Criteria

Charities and good causes are nominated by the public to be entered into a draw. Registered charities, non-registered charities, churches, not-for-profit organisations and Community Interest Companies (CICs) in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man can be nominated.

Once nominated, the charity will be included in all the remaining £1,000 draws in 2024. Winners are drawn at random. The more times a charity is nominated, the more chances it has to be selected.

Amounts available: Grants of £1,000 and £5,000 are available. Larger grants of £10,000 will be available later in the year.

Application deadlines:

The next £1,000 draw is taking place on 20th May 2024, and the deadline is 19th May.

£5,000 special draws support one charity sector with 10 awards of £5,000 each for the following sectors/dates:

- Animals - nominations from 19 February to 23 February 2024
- Health - nominations from 22 April to 26 April 2024
- Youth - nominations from 17 June to 21 June 2024
- Environment - nominations from 12 August to 16 August 2024
- Arts and Culture - nominations from 21 October to 25 October 2024

Wellbeing of Woman – Women’s Health Community Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

Working in partnership with Holland & Barrett, Wellbeing of Women is offering grants to small, grassroots organisations and community groups to deliver health information and support to women, girls and people from underrepresented groups in the UK with a focus on projects that provide education and support on menstrual health, gynaecological conditions, menopause.

Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- Based in the UK and focused on supporting communities in the UK.
- Have a UK-based bank or building society account in the name of their organisation.
- Have an appropriate safeguarding policy in place.

Amounts available: Between £500 and £5,000 over 12 months

Application deadlines: 19th May 2024

SPAR – Community Cashback Campaign – NEW GRANT

Summary

SPAR shoppers can apply for a grant for a local voluntary or community organisation or charity they feel deserves funding.

Applicants need to share the exceptional contribution that a local organisation has made to their local community and what the grant would be used for.

Key Criteria

Applicants for grants must be UK residents aged 16 years or over.

The grants will be given based on the strength of the applicant's story, the recipient's levels of dedication to their community and the credibility of what the grant would be spent on and its impact for the local community.

Amounts available: Max £10,000

Application deadlines: 22nd May 2024

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust

Summary

Grants are available to large charitable groups and organisations in the UK for projects that further the objectives of the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust, particularly those that educate young people in rural areas and the relief of poverty in rural areas.

The main objectives are to:

- Advance the education of the public using research and dissemination of information concerning agriculture.
- Advance the education of young people within rural areas.
- Relieve poverty within rural areas.
- 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.
- Promote research into agricultural-associated activities.
- Advance the education of the public using research and dissemination of information concerning insurance.

Key Criteria

- It is not necessary to be a registered charity to apply as long as the funding is for charitable purposes.
- The Trustees generally provide support to organisations that have strong farming and insurance backgrounds.
- The Trustees do not provide funding for university fees, salaries or overseas appeals

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

Application deadlines: 24th May 2024

BIFFA – Partnership Grants

Summary

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations that are looking to improve a built or natural environment of regional or national significance. Capital projects can address either of the following themes (the project must not cross over the two themes):

- Built Environment - projects should restore, modernise and/or improve facilities such as cultural, heritage or visitor centres. The facility should be inclusive and promote learning, curiosity and participation to large numbers of visitors on a national scale.
- Natural Environment - projects should restore and/or improve the environment and the natural systems or habitats that support it. Projects should be working to Biodiversity 2020: A Strategy for England's Wildlife and Ecosystem Services, its predecessor or a Local Biodiversity Action Plan.

Key Criteria

Applications will not be accepted from local authorities, hospices, hospitals, day-care centres, rehabilitation units, residential care facilities, village halls or schools.

Organisations in England and Northern Ireland can apply as long as they are fully constituted, charitable or not-for-profit organisation with no share capital and enrol with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body to access funding.

Projects must:

- Start in February 2025 and be completed by February 2026.
- Be located within 15 miles of a significant Biffa Operation or active Biffa Landfill site.
- Be located within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site (not necessarily owned by Biffa Group Limited) in England and Northern Ireland.
- Have a project site open for a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year.

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

Application deadlines: 31st May 2024 (deadline for expressions of interest)

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

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

[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)

Steel Charitable Trust – NEW GRANT

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

North West Leics District Council – Supporting Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Grant – NEW 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 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)

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. This element will open in January 2024.

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: Scheme closes August 2024

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.

[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

[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)

Albert Hunt Trust – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available to local registered charities in the UK that provide hospice care, provide support for the homeless or promote health and wellbeing.

Core funding is available to support local charities throughout the UK that:

- Provide hospice care - this is a priority area.
- Provide support for the homeless.
- Promote health and wellbeing for areas such as family support e.g. Home Start, counselling services, suicide prevention, specific carers support, cancer support, prisoner support and rehabilitation, community centres, food banks and debt advice.

Key Criteria

- Organisations applying in the Health and wellbeing category should have a total annual income of below £250,000.
- Organisations applying in the Support for the homeless category should have an annual fundraised income (non-statutory) of below £500,000

Amounts Available:

- Core Funding for Hospices - between £20,000 and £40,000
- Core funding support for the homeless - between £5,000 and £10,000.
- Promoting health and wellbeing - between £1,000 and £5,000

Application deadlines: Open (Applications are reviewed on a rolling monthly basis. The deadline for submissions is the last working day of each month).

Action for Race Equality – Windrush Justice Programme – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations based in the UK who already provide advocacy support to those wishing to access the Windrush Compensation Scheme, including work to regulate their status.

Key Criteria

Applicants must:

- Have at least 51% of their Trustees/Governing body who are Black, Asian or mixed heritage.
- Be already providing advocacy support to those seeking to access the Windrush Compensation Scheme
- Have at least three unrelated individuals responsible for the governance of their organisation
- Have a bank account in their name, requiring two independent signatories.

Amounts Available: Maximum £22,000 over two years

Application deadlines: Open

Benefact Trust – Building Improvement Grants – NEW GRANT

Summary

Capital grants are available for Christian charities, churches, cathedrals, and denominational bodies across the UK to support the conservation, preservation, or aesthetic enhancement of Christian churches and charity buildings including their outdoor spaces.

Projects could include essential repairs, equipment to assist operational or accessibility requirements, conservation of historic features and energy efficiency /renewable energy measures.

Key Criteria

- The programme is open to applications from churches, cathedrals, denominational bodies and Christian charities across the UK
- Applicants are expected to have secured at least 30% of their total project costs before applying
- Organisations that have previously received funding under the General Grants Programme will have to wait two years before making an application.

Amounts Available: Not disclosed, but grants under £25,000 will have a decision within two months and grants over £25,000 are considered every four to six months.

Application deadlines: Open

Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Migration Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Migration Fund was previously known as the Shared Ground Fund.

Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations of any size working anywhere in the UK who are working towards:

- Embedding anti-racist practice across their organisation and work.
- Adopting an organisational culture that centres care and wellbeing.
- Shifting power to migrants and diaspora communities so their interests, perspectives and contributions are centred across the organisation's work.
- Building solidarity and collaboration across communities, while working towards transformational change that benefits us all.
- Unlearning and challenging the harm, inequity, and oppression within their organisational structures and work.
- Learning, reflecting and being responsive to change.

Key Criteria

Priority will be given to applications from organisations:

- Led by migrants and diaspora communities.
- That work with historically underfunded groups and regions.
- With an annual turnover under £500,000.
- That have less access to funding from other sources.

Amounts Available:

- Up to £60,000 per year for three to four years or
- Up to £50,000 per year for five years
- In addition, pre-application Access Support and a bursary of up to £500 are available.

Application deadlines: Open. No deadlines. The first step is to request an enquiry call with the Foundation.

Crowdfunder – Cost of Living Resilience Fund

Summary

This is a match-funding initiative and thus not a traditional grant scheme (funds awarded are conditional upon applicants first securing crowdfunding via Crowdfunder's platform).

The fund aims to increase sustainability in social sector organisations by supporting them to deliver projects which build organisational stability and resilience to deliver.

Examples of the kind of project which would be match funded include:

- Refurbishment of premises to better serve the community and increase delivery capacity.
- Development of a new service or product to bring in additional revenue.
- Investment in current activity to allow growth or expansion of services.

Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Bring in over 33% of its income through trading activities.
- Be based in and support communities in areas of deprivation in England, as measured using the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).
- Provide services supporting people with the cost of living.

The types of services being delivered may include (but are not limited to):

- Provision of advice, in particular debt and financial advice.
- Provision of warm spaces over winter, linked to the provision of wider advice & support services.
- Provision of free or low-cost food, through food banks or food delivery boxes.
- Support with housing needs whether that be through advice to those made homeless, provision of low/no cost home furnishings or provision of housing itself.
- Access to transport to enable people to access shops or facilities and employment.

Amounts available: A maximum of £50,000 of match funding is available for any organisation.

Application deadlines: The fund will close when all the funding is allocated.

Material Focus - Electricals Recycling Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

Material Focus, an independent not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to stop electricals from being hoarded and thrown away, is offering grants to communities across the UK to reuse and recycle small household electricals.

Grants are available in 2024 to support two types of projects:

- Growing existing services – grants of up to £100,000 for projects that grow existing collection methods for small electricals. This could be community drop points in libraries and other community locations, adding cages under refuse collection vehicles, bring banks/WEEE banks.
- Innovating new methods – grants of up to £50,000 to come up with new approaches to repair, reuse and/or recycle electricals, for example, collection points at large offices/campuses, drop-offs at post offices, major supermarkets, large shopping centres, retail parks, collection of waste electricals using the return journey/spare capacity during collection/delivery of parcels, or projects that support tackling the growing concerns around digital inclusion.

Key Criteria

The funding can be used for:

- The purchase of new bins/collection points ('bring banks').
- The adaptation of waste collection vehicles to include cages for kerbside WEEE.
- Vehicle rental.
- Installation of bins.
- Communication and marketing materials.
- Staffing costs to cover the time spent planning and delivering the project.
- Salaries if the person is working to deliver the funded project.

Amounts available: Maximum £100,000

Application deadlines: Open

Morrisons Foundation – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants from the Morrisons Foundation are available for specific projects which make a difference to people's lives, with special consideration for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.

Key Criteria

Projects should address the following criteria:

- Tackle poverty and social deprivation.
- Enhance community spaces, facilities and services.
- Improve health and wellbeing.

The funding is for specific projects that make a difference to people's lives, with special consideration for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.

Capital spend or direct project delivery costs are supported.

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: Open

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/Training:

[Introduction to Financial Management 14th May 2024 10am to 12pm - Booking is Required](#)

This on-line training is for voluntary sector organisations, including charities and social enterprises.

This session is aimed at committee members of small charities and community groups who are charged with responsibility for financial management.

This course gives you an opportunity to gain confidence in completing cash books, bank reconciliations, and manage petty cash.

Contact Details:

[VAL website](#)

Tel: 0116 2575050

Email: helpline@valonline.org.uk

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire



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

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

Contact Details:

[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](#)