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- Welcome to Derry City & Strabane District Council's monthly Community Funding Bulletin! It can also be found on-line [here](#)
- Derry City & Strabane District Council provides free access to a Community Funding Portal, provided by Idox, for those residing within the Council area. This online tool allows you to browse, search and create tailored searches to identify your own funding opportunities. Follow the links to register and/or log-in [here](#)
- If you wish to be added to the e-mail mailing list or have any other queries, please e-mail: karen.dyson@derrystrabane.com

USEFUL INFORMATION BOARD

HELP WITH COST OF LIVING ADVICE

For advice on help with Finance, Food, Fuel and Bills and other useful info see:

- www.derrystrabane.com/helpwithcostofliving
- NI Direct's Cost of Living Info and Advice [here](#)

ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION – SOURCES OF FUNDING HELP

[Other sources of funding help | Esmée Fairbairn Foundation \(esmefairbairn.org.uk\)](#)

NISRA WEBSITE FOR STATISTICS

The NI Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) provides statistics, census results and other information which can be useful for funding applications, see:

<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/>

BUSINESS SUPPORT INFORMATION

- Derry City and Strabane District Council's Business Support Section <https://www.derrystrabane.com/Business/Business-Support>
- Go Succeed NI Business Support <https://go-succeed.com/>
- NI Business Info <https://www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk/>
- Invest NI is the regional business development agency: <https://www.investni.com/>

CROWDFUNDER

Crowdfunding is a way of raising money through the collective effort of family, friends, customers, individual investors and the public at large via social media and crowd-funding platforms. You can crowd-fund through donations, rewards, community shares and equity.

[Crowdfunder UK - Where Ideas Happen | Crowdfunder UK](#)

ON-LINE: CHAT TO THE FUNDER EVENTS

Useful funder events, including those organised by the Community Foundation NI, appear on this Eventbrite site. [Chat to the funder Tickets, Multiple Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

GENERAL SCOPING FORM FOR POTENTIAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Please find below a General Scoping Form, developed by the Council's Funding Advice Unit, which may assist you to scope out your project ideas before applying for any funding. Please note, this is not an application form and is just for your own use.



Funding Unit
Project Proposal Sco

GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

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THE ARTS COUNCIL/ CHOMHAIRLE EALAION (ROI) – “AVAILABLE FUNDING” PAGE

Eligible arts organisations, artists, and groups working within the arts can apply for The Arts Council / Chomhairle Ealaíon (ROI) funding. **This is mostly for organisations in Republic of Ireland but some cross-border projects may be eligible.** Discover what funding is available and if you are eligible, see website below (scroll down). You can also register for [online services](#) to submit an application on this website.

<https://www.artscouncil.ie/available-funding/>

PRS FOUNDATION: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC

The Performing Right Society (PRS) Foundation is the UK's leading charitable funder of **new music and talent development**. Check out all their great funding opportunities below:

See the upcoming deadlines for all upcoming opportunities at PRS Foundation here:

<https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/deadlines/>

Before applying to any of our initiatives, we highly recommend you read the respective FAQs. **All deadlines are 6:00pm** unless otherwise stated.

If you are a music creator, to find out which funds you might be eligible for, click [here](#).

If you are an organisation, to find out which funds you might be eligible for, click [here](#).

Any queries: [email us](#).

BBC Charity Appeals

If you would like a chance to reach BBC audiences with the story of your charity and to apply for a BBC Radio 4 or BBC One Lifeline Appeal, please email the [BBC Charity Appeals Unit](#) telling us:

- Name of your charity
- Your Charity Registration number (you **must** be registered with the UK Charity Commission to be eligible)
- Name of **charity contact** (email + phone no.) i.e.the person who is going to fill out the application form.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

13 May 2024 by 23.59

2 September 2024 by 23.59

TRANSMISSION DATE

4 May 2025 - 27 Jul 2025

3 Aug 2025 - 26 Oct 2025

The Appeals Advisory Committee meets quarterly to discuss and approve applications. You should be informed of their decision approximately 3 months after the application deadline. Please note you **must** meet the criteria to be eligible for an appeal.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/charityappeals/apply>

Terex – “Rest Your Mind” – Free benches for Community Groups (Council area)

Terex is proud to launch its "Rest Your Mind" initiative, which will see Terex offering free benches to community groups across **Derry City and Strabane District Council** and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council areas. More than 'just' a bench, this unique project aims **to foster community connections and promote mental well-being by providing a space for reflection and open conversations about mental health.** The highlight of these benches is the laser-cut inscription "Rest Your Mind," a poignant reminder of the initiative's core mission to support mental health and well-being within the community.

As part of this initiative, Terex Campsie (Derry/Londonderry) manufacturing sites are offering **free benches to local community groups**, including clubs, societies, schools, nursing homes, and other organisations. Interested groups are invited to explain in 50 words why they believe they need a bench for their organisation. **Beginning January 2024 and for each month throughout the year**, Terex will carefully select 2-3 of the most compelling reasons and deliver a specially crafted bench to the chosen organisations. Fill in the form [here](#)

FUNDING WITH DEADLINES

Community Foundation NI: Keadue Community Grants Fund

Keadue Community Grants Fund was established by a local family to provide support to local organisations tackling the growing social need in **Derry City** and surrounding **Waterside** areas. With these grants we aim to fund local organisations who are already making a difference in the lives of people who are struggling with difficult life issues and their subsequent effects.

Grants can be used to fund any of the following activities:

- An existing support programme
- Creation of a new programme
- Staff costs including salaries, core costs and specialist training
- Small scale capital costs including premises refurbishment and the purchase of equipment
- Events and awareness raising activities
- Capacity building activities to address elements of organisational sustainability
- Partnership building activities to strengthen support and impact
- Volunteer costs and associated expenses

Grant sizes will typically be between £10k and £20k to be awarded over periods of up to two years.

Deadline: 30 April 2024

<https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/keadue-community-grants-fund/>

British Council: International Collaboration Grants

The British Council is offering **grants of between £25,000 and £75,000 for arts and culture organisations across the UK to work in partnership with international organisations from selected countries** to support arts projects that help artists to make and develop creative artwork and encourage new international partnerships and innovative ways of collaborating.

In this second round, a total of £1 million is available for UK groups working in partnership with one or more organisations from eligible participating countries to deliver arts projects that can include:

- Film.
- Creative technology.
- Literature.
- Visual arts.
- Theatre and dance.
- Architecture, design, and fashion.
- Music.
- Cross-art forms.
- Activities with themes relevant to the creative economy.
- Cross-disciplinary projects (eg art and science, art and technology).

The scope of a project could be to collaborate on a piece of art or could include:

- Residencies.
- Exhibitions, festivals, showcases, screening programmes.
- Conferences, salons.
- Creative use of archives.
- Research and development of future project ideas.

Priority will be given to partnerships that show clear benefits to artists and international partners and genuine international collaboration. The Council is particularly keen to work with organisations that they have not previously worked with, especially those based outside Greater London. A list of eligible participating countries is available from the British Council website.

Deadline: 30 April 2024 (23:59)

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/arts/international-collaboration-grants>

Tesco: Footie For All Fund

Tesco and the newspaper, The Sun, have joined together for a second year to provide a total of £150,000 **to encourage more children and young people to take up football or improve access to the game.** The funding is designed **to provide support to grassroots football organisations working with children under the age of 18 to enable them to continue to deliver activities that allow local young people to take part.**

Constituted not-for-profit grassroots football clubs from across the UK can apply for grants of up to £1,000 which will support 100% of project costs. The funding can be used to assist clubs in **improving facilities, purchasing equipment and new kits, and meeting any other needs that can enhance the experience of children and young people, enabling them to access and participate in football within the local community.**

Applications will not be accepted from schools, projects that work with people over 18 years of age, school breakfast clubs, health bodies or parish and town councils. Only one application per organisation will be accepted.

Deadline: 30 April 2024 (midnight)

<https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/footiefund/>

Baring Foundation: Strengthening Civil Society

Grants of **up to £150,000 over three years** are available for organisations to use legal action collaboratively to achieve positive social change and **tackle discrimination and disadvantage through service provision, advocacy, and campaigning**. The purpose of this funding call is **to support smaller hub organisations to scale up their hub activities to reach more CSOs and communities**. This funding will support hub activities which use legal action in all its forms – whether that is **to empower individuals and groups, persuade public and private bodies, challenge government, or a mix of all three**.

Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 30 April 2024

[What we are funding - The Baring Foundation](#)

Tranzfuser (UK Games Fund)

Tranzfuser is intended to support **new UK games graduates**, taking teams from concept and prototyping through to publishing. The programme allows new teams to benefit from grants and interaction with a host of other early stage games development companies across the UK. Teams will have the opportunity to pitch from the UK Games Fund **for up to £25,000 of grant support for the commercial development of their game**. All teams will receive £7,500 prize during the course of the competition.

Tranzfuser is specifically aimed at **teams who wish to explore the possibility of establishing an indie development business**. Teams must have between three and six members. Applicants may be skilled developers but need support in the business development side of setting up a studio; taking a game to market, community building, industry networking and development of pitching skills. All members must be UK residents.

Deadline: 30 April 2024 (12:00) <https://tranzfuser.com/>

Female Founders Grant Competition NI

In a bid to empower women-led start-ups, Women in Business and Techstart Ventures have launched the 2024 Female Founders grant competition. Now in its third year, this initiative aims **to support women's innovative business ideas across NI**. The grant competition offers a **£175,000 prize pool, with five winners set to share the Techstart funding**. Successful applicants will also gain access to **valuable business mentorship through the Women in Business mentoring programme**.

The competition is open to diverse ideas from across NI's business community. Previous prize-winning ideas ranged from medtech and virtual reality to artificial intelligence. **A rigorous pitching process** will follow in May to shortlist winners who will be invited to the Women in Business All-Island Entrepreneurs Conference on 6 June 2024 to network, learn, and showcase their ventures.

Deadline: 30 April 2024 (5pm)

<https://www.techstartgrants.com/femalefounders>

DCSDC – Council Grant Aid (4 funds open)

Derry City and Strabane District Council currently has 4 Grant Aid funds open as follows:

- **Community Support Fund for Rural DEAs 2024-2025**
- **PCSP Small Project Support Programme 2024-2025**
- **Good Relations Strategic Priority Fund 2024-2025**
- **Support for Sport Grant Aid Programme 2024-2025**

Deadline: **3rd May 2024 at 3:00 PM**

[Derry City & Strabane District Council Grant Aid Deadline 3 May 2024](#)

Arts Council NI: Rosy James Memorial Trust Award (Artists)

'The Rosy James Bursary' will be administered by the Arts Council on behalf of the Rosy James Memorial Trust. The value of the annual award is **up to £15,000**.

This unique award is directed **at makers steeped in practice using materials singly or in combination**. Such materials might include fired clay or glass; fine or base metals; textiles using any kinds of applications; wood; plastics; paper or other materials not included in this list, where the emphasis is based upon the transformation of materials through the use of sustained practice towards a series of critical outcomes. It aims to assist makers to investigate and develop a body of work which would otherwise be unaffordable. The period of the award will culminate in an exhibition of work on public display in Northern Ireland.

Artists, designers and makers steeped in practice using materials singly or in combination in all types of working practice who have made a contribution to artistic activities in Northern Ireland for a minimum period of 1 year within the last 5 years are eligible to apply.

Prior to submission of your application, you may seek advice on any aspect of the form from the Arts Council Visual Arts team. Suzanne Lyle is the Head of Visual Arts and a Rosy James Memorial Trust member. She can be contacted at slyle@artscouncil-ni.org.

You must apply by email. We will not accept applications in hard copy. Send your completed application form and all the requested mandatory enclosures to rstephenson@artscouncil-ni.org.

Deadline: **3 May 2024 at 4pm**

[Arts Council NI Rosy James Memorial Trust Award](#)

NI Film Scoring Summer School at University of Ulster (Magee campus)

Dumbworld and Ulster University have co-produced a unique opportunity for early career musicians and composers to learn the aesthetic and technical aspects of composing music for film, games, TV and more. The **week-long Summer School at the Magee Campus on 1st-6th July** will consist of workshops, seminars and tutorials that focus on the professional tools and approaches needed to create an original score. Mentors include Ivor Novello Award-winning composers David Holmes and Brian Irvine. **The cost is £350**. Those who have been successful in gaining a place will know by Monday 6 May.

Deadline for applying: **3 May 2024 (noon)**

[NI Film Scoring Summer School - Dumbworld](#)

Invest NI: Innovation Vouchers

Innovation Vouchers allow you to **access the skills and expertise of public sector knowledge providers, such as universities and colleges, in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.**

Typical projects supported through Innovation Vouchers include:

- helping to create or improve products, services or processes
- access to specialist expertise on new materials
- tapping into research and scientific expertise

You can use vouchers to resolve a specific business issue, particularly if you don't have the expertise, technology or facilities to deal with it.

Find out **what a Voucher can and cannot be used for (PDF, 537K).**

Innovation Vouchers are available to early stage and pre-trading entities as well as to established companies. To apply, **complete Invest NI's online application form.**

To help prepare for your application, download **guidance for applicants (PDF, 237K)** and a **sample application form (PDF, 1.3MB)** from Invest NI's website.

If your application is successful, you will need to complete an **Innovate NI Innovation Assessment** before Innovation Voucher can be issued.

Deadline: 3 May 2024 @ 3pm

[Innovation Vouchers | Invest Northern Ireland \(investni.com\)](https://investni.com)

The Ireland Funds: Heart of the Community Fund

The Heart of the Community Fund is an open grant round designed to meet the needs of **not-for-profit organisations delivering vital services and supports to people across the island of Ireland.** The Ireland Funds recognises the challenges organisations face in **securing funding to build their capacity or meet their core costs**, so the Heart of the Community Fund 2024 will provide Organisational Investment Grants.

The application form will enable you to share what you're working towards and how you deliver on your mission, so we can get a picture of your organisation as a whole. If your application is successful, you can then allocate the funding to meet your most pressing needs. Applications are being accepted through our **online portal only.** Please read the **guidelines** in full before beginning your application.

Deadline: 3 May 2024

<https://irelandfunds.org/grants/>

Foras na Gaeilge: Youth Events Scheme 2024-25

Foras na Gaeilge is providing funding for appropriate **youth events programmes of twelve sessions through Irish for young people between three and eighteen years of age:**

- which aim to strengthen the Irish language through a mix of events;
- that are not residential events;
- which will **run between 1 September 2024 and 30 June 2025;**
- that are not festivals, competitions, or one day events.

Grants are awarded with public money, and Foras na Gaeilge has statutory duties to ensure the value for money of all funded projects. Foras na Gaeilge recommends applicants **seek joint funding for projects, when appropriate, and to cooperate with other organisations** in order to achieve the best value from the Foras na Gaeilge grant. We particularly welcome applications from organisations located in areas recognised in government strategies or legislation.

An electronic signed form and all supporting documents must be sent to oideachas@forasnagaeilge.ie by the deadline. We welcome any questions about this scheme before the deadline.

Deadline: 3 May 2024 (5pm)

<https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/youth-events-scheme-2024-25/?lang=en>

Foras na Gaeilge: Festival Scheme 2024 (Call 2)

The Festivals Scheme will be open to appropriate **local groups** to give them an opportunity to **develop arts festivals or elements of festivals** being run and implemented **through the medium of Irish or which Irish language arts are a central part of them between 01 June and 31 December 2024.**

This scheme is aimed at festivals which aim to foster and promote the Irish language, the Irish language arts, the indigenous arts and Irish language heritage through Irish or bilingually, as an integral part of the festival, and to provide a stage for the Irish language community, to the wider community and to the arts sector.

Deadline: 3 May 2024 (midday)

<https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/festival-scheme-2024-call-2-01-june-31-december/?lang=en>

Arts Council NI: National Lottery Project Funding Programme 2024-25

This programme assists **organisations to deliver arts projects which contribute to the growth of arts in the community for new and existing audiences** and which reflect **the diversity of Northern Ireland's society and culture.** We want to support activities which benefit the people of NI or that help arts organisations carry out their work.

- Encourage the involvement of **children and young people, older people, or people with disabilities** with organisations and artists of the very highest professional standards across the disciplines;
- Encourage proposals which will deliver **high quality programming in rural areas**
- Encourage the involvement of, and applications with a focus on, the following:
 - **Minority Ethnic artists**
 - **D/deaf, neurodiverse and disabled artists**
 - **Emerging artists**
 - **Working-class artists**
 - **LGBTQIA artists**
- **Promote innovative, original work** by NI artists across all artforms.

The minimum grant available under this programme is normally **£10,001** and the **maximum grant available will be £75,000.** Projects must take place **between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025** are

eligible for the scheme. Applicants will need to find a **minimum of 10% partnership funding** from non- National Lottery, non-Arts Council sources.

Deadline: 7 May 2024 (noon)

<https://artscouncil-ni.org/funding-for-organisations/national-lottery-project-funding>

Community Foundation NI – The Ultach Fund (Irish Language)

This Fund supports the work of communities across NI who wish to **use and promote the Irish language. Open to registered charities and constituted grass roots community and voluntary groups** based in NI. Grants Available: Up to £5,000.

Deadline: 7 May 2024 (1pm)

<https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/the-ultach-fund/>

Comic Relief: Every Step of the Way (Youth Homelessness Fund) UK

Comic Relief has launched a new funding opportunity for organisations specialising in supporting young people at risk of/ or experiencing homelessness in the UK. The **Every Step of the Way: Safe & Supported Beyond Homelessness** funding programme offers **grants of up to £200,000 over 3 to 5 years to support organisations to provide tailored, inclusive and accessible services, enabling young people aged 16 to 25 to access the right support at the right time.** This funding can be used to support service delivery as well as influencing and advocacy work. Comic Relief encourages proposals that involve young people with lived experience.

Deadline: 7 May 2024 at 3pm

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

The Big Give: Christmas Challenge 2024 (opens 13 May 2024)

The Big Give runs the UK's biggest match funding campaign, The Christmas Challenge. For 7 days, it **offers supporters of participating charities the opportunity to have their donation doubled.** It has raised millions of pounds for thousands of charity projects since its launch. In 2022, £28.5m was raised for 1,021 charities. **Applicants must be a UK-registered charity with a Charity Commission number or tax-exempt status and an annual income of at least £25,000** (as per last filed accounts). Charities must also be registered on **BigGive.org** (free to register). **Watch their video** that explains how the campaign works.

[Christmas Challenge – Big Give](#)

European Youth Foundation: Pilot Activity

The aim of pilot activity grants is to support actions which address young people's needs or challenges at a local level. The actions have a clear link to the local context and address the **priorities of the youth sector of the Council of Europe.** The maximum grant for a Pilot Activity is €15 000. The EYF can cover the all real costs of the activity up to this amount. For projects from the deadline of 1 September 2023 onwards, the budget can include up to 7% of the grant awarded for administrative costs, ie heating, water, electricity costs, office rent, and insurance, and up to 10% of the grant awarded for staff costs for project coordination. Open to **Regional networks of youth NGOs, National youth NGOs, and Local youth NGOs.**

See also their Structural and International Activity grants programmes.

Next Deadline: 15 May 2024

[What is a pilot activity? - European Youth Foundation \(coe.int\)](#)

Universities Ireland: North/South Postgraduate Scholarships 2024

The aim of this scheme is to encourage outstanding students from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland to cross the border to undertake postgraduate study and experience life in the other Irish jurisdiction. This year, **Universities Ireland will offer four scholarships, each worth €25,000**, to students who have been accepted to undertake a recognised Master's Degree or are entering the first year of a PhD programme at a university in the island of Ireland that is not in the same jurisdiction as the university where they have previously studied. Strict eligibility rules apply – please read the Guidance for Applicants carefully.

Deadline: 16 May 2024 (at 4pm)

[North South Postgrad 2024 \(universitiesireland.ie\)](#)

Education Authority NI: Local Non Targeted/Generic Youth Provision

This is for **EA registered youth organisations whose youth work is delivered by volunteers** for example, **uniformed organisations, church-based organisations**. The level of funding available will be based on **the hours of programme delivered and the average attendance of young people**. Funding can be a contribution to your running costs such as heat and light, insurance, and curriculum materials.

Deadline 17 May 2024 (4pm)

[Funding – EANI Funding](#)

The Earhart Prize for Female Painters in Ireland

Embark on a journey of creativity with the prestigious Earhart Art Prize, presented by Greater Shantallow Community Arts in collaboration with City of Derry Airport and The National Gallery Art Road Trip. As we commemorate the 92nd anniversary of Amelia Earhart's historic solo transatlantic flight, we invite female painters from across Ireland to participate in this inspiring competition.

PRIZE:

Set your sights on the **grand prize of £1,932**, symbolizing Earhart's groundbreaking achievement. Additionally, **ten honorable mentions will earn the opportunity to exhibit their work alongside the winner, gaining exposure and recognition.**

THEME:

Let your imagination take flight as you explore themes of female achievement, aspiration, courage, aviation, and flight, inspired by Earhart's pioneering spirit.

ELIGIBILITY:

Female painters aged 18 and over, residing on the island of Ireland, are encouraged to seize this opportunity to showcase their talent and vision.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Entries open on April 19th, 2024.
- Secure your place in history by submitting your masterpiece before the **closing date on May 17th, 2024.**

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

By applying for the Earhart Prize, entrants consent to the use of their name, images, and submitted text for promotional purposes related to the competition, fostering a supportive community of artists and enthusiasts.

JOIN THE JOURNEY:

Experience the intersection of art, history, and innovation as we honor Amelia Earhart's legacy and empower female painters to reach new heights. City of Derry Airport, The National Gallery Art Road Trip, and Greater Shantallow Community Arts invite you to join us in this exhilarating celebration of creativity. Unleash your artistic potential and let your spirit soar with the Earhart Art Prize! Apply now.

<https://www.studio2derry.com/earhartprize>

Community Foundation NI: Fibus Community Fund 2024

Funding is available for community groups and voluntary organisations to address digital poverty in rural communities in NI. Grants of **a maximum of £2,000 to assist local groups and organisations in certain areas to improve digital access for the most marginalised members of the community, with a particular focus on older people, people on low income and people with disabilities.**

Examples of the types of projects that could be funded include:

- Projects that provide access to engage with a range of digital devices (laptops, tablets, iPads, smart phones, etc), such as a community loan facility, etc.
- Projects that strengthen the capacity of individuals to use a range of available digital services, such as training workshops or courses.
- Projects that provide access to enhance connections with others, such as a community-use internet hub, or internet café, etc.

The Fibus Community Fund will have one round of funding in 2024. Applications will be accepted from community groups, voluntary organisations and other local, grassroots or community-led organisations with **an annual income below £50,000**. The following postcodes are eligible:

BT5, BT6, BT8, BT9, BT12, BT13, BT16, BT17, BT18, BT19, BT20, BT21, BT22, BT23, BT24, BT25, BT26, BT27, BT28, BT29, BT30, BT31, BT32, BT33, BT34, BT35, BT36, BT38, BT39, BT40, BT41, BT42, BT43, BT44, BT45, BT46, BT47, BT48, BT49, BT51, BT52, BT53, BT54, BT55, BT56, BT57, BT60, BT61, BT62, BT63, BT64, BT65, BT66, BT67, BT68, BT69, BT70, BT71, BT74, BT75, BT76, BT77, BT78, BT79, BT80, BT81, BT82, BT92, BT93, BT94, BT99.

Deadline: 17 May (1pm)

[The Fibus Community Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](http://communityfoundationni.org)

Women's Health Community Fund

This Fund is designed to support **small, grassroots organisations and community groups to deliver health information and support to women, girls and people from underrepresented groups**. We are seeking projects that address the following key points:

- Projects that aim to improve **information, education and support for menstrual health, related gynaecological conditions** e.g. PCOS, endometriosis, adenomyosis, fibroids, PMDD, and menopause.
- Support people and groups that are often **underrepresented in mainstream healthcare, information and services**, for example people from Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds, LGBTQI+, people living with disabilities, deaf people, blind and partially sighted people, people experiencing homelessness, addiction, people living in areas of economic deprivation.

Applicants are invited to apply for **up to £5000 to spend in a 12 month period**. Funds will be distributed in two tranches, 50% at the beginning of the project and 50% upon receipt of a 6 month report.

Deadline: 19 May 2024

<https://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/get-involved/womens-health-community-fund/>

BFI/National Lottery Innovation Challenge Fund (video games sector)

This Fund seeks to support not-for-profits to develop innovative new solutions which tackle the UK screen sector's most critical challenges. Between 2024 and 2026, **up to six challenge calls** will be identified where innovative new thinking could catalyse a step change in the industry, whilst producing learning and insights that benefit the whole screen sector.

Challenge Call 1 – video games

The fund's first call will support innovation for UK video games. It will pose two separate challenges for not-for-profits and their partners to respond to, addressing related issues around transparency, navigability and diversity.

Challenge 1A: New, transformative and open data for the UK video games sector

Funding available: up to £250,000.

Currently, data on and for UK video games is fragmented, incomplete or inaccessible. This is particularly challenging for smaller-scale developers and producers, who cannot access useful information to support the development of their projects.

It also means that the independent UK video games industry cannot accurately evidence its value or the challenges it faces, limiting the ability to instigate policy change and leverage funding and support.

This challenge seeks to support proposals which propose a plan to develop, test and launch a publicly facing platform which surfaces data and insights that are demonstrably useful to the sector, particularly smaller-scale and independent developers.

Challenge 1B: Support for under-represented emerging developers

Funding available: up to £100,000.

The video games industry can be opaque and difficult to navigate for emerging developers. In addition, the UK workforce, which is 67% male and 89% white according to the 2022 Ukie Census, severely lacks diversity.

A lack of knowledge around how the sector operates restricts new, emerging and smaller-scale games developers with creative talent and high-potential ideas from being able to develop their work effectively and reach their customer base.

This challenge seeks to fund innovative ways to address the barriers facing emerging and under-represented developers, supporting them to bring their products to market.

Deadline: 20 May 2024

Awards are expected to be made in August 2024.

You need to **read the funding guidelines** before you apply. The application link is included in the guidelines.

<https://www.bfi.org.uk/get-funding-support/bfi-national-lottery-innovation-challenge-fund>

SPAR'S Community Cashback Campaign 2024

SPAR shoppers aged 16 years or over can apply for **a grant of up to £10,000 for a local voluntary or community organisation or charity they feel deserves funding**. All applicants need to do is share the exceptional contribution that a local organisation has made to their local community and what the grant would be used for.

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.

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals
- Community Interest Companies with shares (CICs).
- Community Interest Companies with guarantee that are less than two years old.
- Profit-making organisations.

Last year grants were awarded to over 20 local organisations across the UK, with some receiving £10,000. The short application form and Terms and Conditions can be found on SPAR's website. Successful organisations will be announced between 20 June 2024 and 27 June 2024.

Deadline: 22 May 2024 (23:59)

[Community Cashback | Apply Now | SPAR](#)

PEACEPLUS EU Funding Programme

The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) is responsible for managing PEACEPLUS. Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland are the eligible areas.

The Programme's strategy is to continue **to take the opportunities and address the needs arising from the peace process in order to boost economic growth and stimulate social and economic regeneration, and to promote social inclusion, particularly for those at the margins of economic and social life.**

The **total budget for the Programme is €1.1 billion**, allocated across the **six key thematic areas** as follows:

1. Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities: €250 million.
2. Delivering Economic Regeneration and Transformation: €170 million.
3. Empowering and Investing in Our Young People: €123 million.
4. Healthy and Inclusive Communities: €172 million.
5. Supporting a Sustainable and Better-Connected Future: €303 million.
6. Building and Embedding Partnership and Collaboration: €52 million.

Funding levels vary between individual funding calls. In some funding calls applicants may be requested to identify other sources of match funding. Eligibility criteria vary by funding call. Depending on the focus Investment Area, applicants may include public bodies, local authorities, transport authorities, higher or further education institutions, government departments and agencies, voluntary sector organisations, charities or companies limited by guarantee, either applying on their own or as part of a partnership of such organisations.

The Programme supports projects that contribute towards the promotion of greater levels of peace and reconciliation. It also places a strong emphasis on promoting cross-community relations and understanding in order to create a more cohesive society.

Deadlines for the following Investment Areas are:

- **8 May 2024 (5pm)** for IA 2.3 Programme Area Skills Development
- **9 May 2024 (5pm)** for IA 5.4 Water Quality Improvement Programme (Closed Call)
- **23 May 2024 (5pm)** for IA 4.1 Collaborative Health and Social Care: Cross-Border Addiction Services
- **23 May 2024 (5pm)** for IA 4.2 Rural Regeneration and Social Inclusion Programme

Guidance notes for each PEACEPLUS call and the online JEMS application portal can be accessed from the SEUPB website.

<https://www.seupb.eu/peaceplus/current-funding-opportunities>

Triangle Trust 1949 Fund

Following on from its change in funding strategy last year, the Triangle Trust 1949 Fund is focusing its funding in 2024 solely on **not-for-profit organisations working with vulnerable 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 with grants of **up to £80,000 over two years (up to £40,000 can be requested 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.**

Registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies that are working within the UK and have a UK office can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- 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.
- Be requesting funding for a project working exclusively with young women and girls.
- Work solely with women and girls.
- Have a proven track record of running projects working with young women and girls that is both gender and trauma informed.

- Be proposing a project with targets that are specifically linked to either reducing the number of young women or girls who reoffend or reduce the number of young women and girls who receive a first conviction.
- Have an average annual income over the past three years of less than £1.5 million.
- Be a registered charity or an organisation set up with a clear social purpose and appropriate governing documents stating this.

The Trust **particularly welcomes applications from organisations working in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.**

Spring application deadline: **23 May 2024**

[The Triangle Trust](#)

Help Musicians: Next Level Awards

The Next Level awards programme provided by Help Musicians UK is inviting applications from **musicians with a proven track record but limited resources to support larger and longer-term projects.** The initiative is specifically aimed at **musicians who create, perform, or release their own music and lack resources for ambitious projects such as recording albums, going on tour, or joining long-term courses.**

Successful applicants will receive the following:

- **Up to £3,000** towards their own music activity.
- Six hours of one-to-one business advice from industry experts.
- Online meet-ups with other awardees and industry guests.
- Invitations to online peer drop-in spaces with other musicians (optional).
- Access to a healthy practice session delivered by BAPAM (optional).

Applications are invited from professional musicians of all genres and disciplines. To be eligible, the applicant must:

- Be aged 18 or over, living in the UK, with the right to live and work in the UK and with a UK bank account.
- Not have more than £10,000 savings or access to other capital that could fund their planned activity.
- Have a track record of making 40% of their income from music over the past two years or longer (exceptions apply for musicians with a long-term health condition and/or disability that impacts their ability to earn).
- Have control over one or more aspects of their career, ie self-managing, self-releasing, or self-producing.

The grant element of support must be spent within 12 months.

Deadline: 24 May 2024

[Help Musicians | Next Level awards](#)

Leathersellers Foundation: Adverse Childhood Experiences Main Grant Programme 2024

This is the third year of The Leathersellers' strategic giving to help prevent and tackle the consequences of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). The ACEs Main Grants Programme provides **multi-year grants of up to four years of £20,000-£25,000 per annum, to charities and CIOs throughout the UK.**

Last year we received 378 expressions of interest, 46 organisations were invited to make full applications, and 22 grants were allocated.

Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 24 May 2024 (11:59pm)

<https://leathersellers.co.uk/charity/adverse-childhood-experiences/>

NI Housing Executive: Community Involvement Grants 2024/25

The Community Involvement grants allow residents and community groups to apply for projects that will benefit Housing Executive Communities. The projects must fit in with one or more of the below themes: **Health & Wellbeing, Environment Improvement, Intergenerational Practice, Digital Inclusion, or Cost of living/poverty.**

Please contact your **Good Relations Officer** for a copy of the Community Involvement Grants Guidelines. This is compulsory as these will assist you in completing your application. Partially completed applications will not be accepted. The **maximum amount of grant available will be £5,000** and it is intended that a response will be issued within a maximum of 10 weeks of receipt of the application.

Deadline: 28 May 2024

[The Housing Executive - Community Involvement \(nihe.gov.uk\)](https://www.nihe.gov.uk/)

Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants 2024

The Pink Ribbon Foundation are now accepting applications from any charity working in the field of breast cancer. They provide grants of up to £6000 for practical projects and initiatives, which aim to help registered charities to deliver good physical and mental health to individuals with and recovering from breast cancer. They expect projects that receive funding to be delivered within 12 to 18 months. **Deadline: 31 May 2024**

[The Pink Ribbon Foundation](https://www.pinkribbon.org/)

Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Arts Fund

There are now **two application windows per year** for this fund as follows:

4 April – 31 May 2024 and **4 August – 14 October 2024.** There is also now a **two-stage application process.**

This funding will cover work that involves any of the following: **crafts, creative writing (including poetry), dance, design, film, music, opera, photography, digital arts and media, theatre and drama, the visual arts and cross-arts practices.**

PHF sees **culture as the heart of a just society, where all people and communities have a right to express themselves through art and culture.** We believe that art and artists can help us see the world differently, bringing unheard stories and narratives to the fore and opening up new imaginative possibilities. To realise this potential, we believe **the sector needs long-term structural and cultural change.**

Our ambition is to support a portfolio of organisations **who represent this change to develop, learn from each other and (further) explore the potential of art for personal, cultural and social transformation.** Together, we want to:

- build capacity and resources for culture within historically underfunded communities.
- explore the role that artists can play in addressing issues of social justice.
- create the infrastructure for a more equitable cultural sector.

Key information

- **Amount: £90,000 to £300,000 per application**
- **Two application Rounds in 2024:** **4 April – 31 May 2024** ; and **14 August – 14 October 2024**
- **Duration: 3 years**

We offer support for organisations with **core costs** so you can continue the work you are already doing and for programmes which are central to your organisation's mission.

We will fund **up to 50% of an organisation's annual turnover over three years**, based on their last audited accounts. We fund organisations working all over the UK.

There will be an online **Q&A session on 7 May** – registration is required – click on link: [Online Q&A Session – 7 May](#)

Deadline for Stage 1 applications for Round 1: 31 May 2024 (12 noon)

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/access-and-participation-fund/>

Irish Language Theatre Production and Touring Award

This Award is an **action research project**, with support from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland (ACNI), with the objective of **supporting the development, production and presentation of large-scale theatre in the Irish language to general audiences in order to ensure more people will enjoy high-quality theatre experiences in the Irish language throughout the country.**

The successful applicant will be required to work closely with an evaluator during the award period as part of an action research project. Please note that unsuccessful applicants may also be contacted by the evaluator for research purposes. **The award is open to individuals and/or entities with a demonstrable and successful track record in theatre practice based on the island of Ireland.** The guidelines for this award are now available.

Information clinics

The Arts Council is hosting two online information clinics via Zoom for the Irish-language Theatre Production and Touring Award on the following date:

- Thursday 16 May at 11:00 (this clinic will take place in Irish). [Register here.](#)
- Thursday 16 May at 14:00 (this clinic will take place in English). [Register here.](#)

The main points covered in the information clinics will be: Objectives and priorities of the award, Who can apply, Supporting documents, Q & A session. People are welcome to submit questions about the scheme before the clinic.

Please submit all questions to Aisling Nic Artáin via email at Aisling.NicArtain@artscouncil.ie **before 5pm on Monday 13th May. All questions submitted beforehand will be discussed throughout the sessions.** Both sessions will be recorded and will be posted online.

If you have a disability and would like help applying, contact our Access Officer as early as possible before the deadline. Phone: 01 618 0200/01 618 0243.

Email: access@artscouncil.ie

You will be able to apply for additional costs if you have access needs relating to your application. **Note:** applications will only be accepted through the Arts Council's [Online Services site](#). If you have not used Online Services before you must register for a login to be able to apply for funding. It is important that you register as early as possible as it may take up to five working days for your registration to be processed.

Deadline: 6 June 2024 (17:30)

[Irish-language Theatre Production and Touring Award | The Arts Council | An Chomhairle Ealaíon](#)

Shared Island: Bioeconomy Demonstration Initiative (ROI & NI)

Funding is available to **collaborations of primary producers, businesses and innovators with project partners from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland** working together to demonstrate **new scalable, commercial bioeconomy solutions**, as part of the wider Shared Island initiative.

The Irish Government has awarded €7 million for a Bioeconomy Demonstration Initiative scheme to invest in **sustainable, innovative, and circular bioeconomy development, with the aim of transforming the agri-food sector and creating jobs in the rural and coastal economy and sustaining rural and coastal communities.**

The initiative will pilot and demonstrate opportunities on an all-island basis from biomass produced from land and marine areas, and development of innovative, biobased products and solutions that also deliver clear climate and environmental benefits. The indicative total budget of the call is £7.7 million (€9 million). It is estimated that a contribution of up to £3.8 million (€4.5 million) per project would allow for the requested outcomes to be addressed appropriately.

Applications will be accepted from collaborative proposals co-led by at least two out of three of the following:

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
- Research Performing Organisations including Technological Universities and Universities and eg Teagasc, Marine Institute, AFBI etc.
- Local Authorities.

The funding is used to support innovation activities including producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered, or improved products, processes, or services. For this purpose, they may include prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication. The funding can support both capital and operational expenditure.

Cross border collaboration is a requisite for applying for this funding opportunity. A partnering platform has been set up to help organisations find a partner in the opposite jurisdiction (Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland).

Deadline: 7 June 2024 (12:00 BST)

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/shared-island-bioeconomy-demonstration-initiative>

The Big Give: Women and Girls Match Fund

Equality is essential for women and girls to dream freely, achieve proudly and live boldly. The Women and Girls Match Fund utilises their '1:1' Model of match funding. **Women and Girls charities apply to Big Give and have their application assessed. Successful charities raise funds from the public to unlock their match fund donation during their online fundraising campaign period. So, £50 from a member of the public, becomes £100 for a good cause.** Open to UK-registered charities or tax-exempt status, have an annual income of at least £25,000, registered with Big Give, and seek to raise £2,500, £5,000 or £10,000 in public donations. Log in or sign up, head to Big Give Campaigns.

Deadline: 22 June 2024

<https://biggive.org/women-girls-match-fund/>

International Welsh Poetry Competition

The eighteenth annual Welsh Poetry Competition has opened to applications. Its aim is to **encourage and reward the abundance of creative writing talent that exists across the world but struggles for recognition.** This year the prizes break down as follows:

- **First prize: £500**
- **Second prize: £250**
- **Third prize: £100**

There will also be 17 runners-up who will be mentioned on the funder's website and published in a future anthology. **Budding writers and published authors** are invited to submit a poem, in English, of fewer than 50 lines in length. **Entries are accepted from individuals located anywhere in the world.** Poets may be associated with libraries, writing groups, schools, universities, arts organisations, poetry workshops, bookshops, art galleries, councils etc. The organisers wish to inspire entrants to capture life in the present day and provide an opportunity for them to compete on an equal footing and be recognised for their work. Kathy Miles, award-winning poet, will judge the 2024 contest. Entrants are required to submit a fee with their entry (£6 per poem).

Deadline: 30 June 2024

<https://www.welshpoetry.co.uk/>

Music For All

Music for All provides grants for both **individuals, groups and schools** to enable more people to access musical instruments and lessons and music programmes for the community. Open to eligible applicants in the UK and Ireland, Round 2 has the following categories:

- BBB Trust Award (community projects only)
- Working with primary-school aged children (community projects only)
- Chronic diseases and conditions affecting quality of life (community projects only)
- Working with groups with mental health challenges and/or affected by loneliness/isolation (community projects only)
- Working with communities from the Global Majority, in collaboration with Black Lives in Music (community projects only)
- Physical mobility or accessibility needs (community projects).

Round 2 Application Deadline: 1 July 2024 (8am)

[Community Project Funding | Music For All](#)

National Lottery Community Fund: Access to Resilience Fund

This **Access to Resilience programme** provides funding to support organisations - sometimes known as **network, umbrella, membership or community anchor organisations** - enabling them to improve access to the help they provide to small, underrepresented community groups. It aims to enhance their **resilience and readiness for the future** by financing activities that **boost capacity and sustainability**.

The programme has a total fund value of £3 million. Grants of **up to £150,000 are available, providing funding for up to three years**. National Lottery Community Fund anticipates that it will make around **25 to 30 grants across Northern Ireland**.

Applications will be accepted from NI **voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations that support underrepresented community groups**. This includes the following applicant types: Support organisation, Network organisation, Membership organisation, Umbrella body, Community anchor organisation, Established organisation that has a history of providing capacity building support to other groups.

To be eligible, the applicant must also be one of the following:

- An unregistered voluntary or community organisation - an organisation set up with a governing document such as a constitution, but not a registered charity or company.
- A company limited by guarantee - registered with Companies House.
- Registered charity (unincorporated).
- Community Interest Company (CIC).

Applicants should use the funding **to support community groups with an annual income of around £10,000 up to £100,000**. They must also focus on representing the needs of: **Older people, Disabled people, Women, Ethnically minoritised people, Faith-based communities, LGBTQ+ people, Rural communities**.

Applicants may be either:

- **A generalist support organisation** that helps a diverse range of community groups. Their aim might be to improve access to underrepresented community groups who are not currently benefiting from their support.

- **A specialist support organisation** that already specialises in helping underrepresented community groups. Their aim might be to get more resources to meet the needs of these community groups.

The funding is intended to support improvements to the skills, capacity and resilience of community organisations who work with disadvantaged people, helping them to improve outcomes. Projects should address existing barriers and achieve meaningful and inclusive participation. See website for more details of eligible projects and eligible project costs and activities.

Deadline: 4 July 2024 (12 noon)

Before making an application, organisations **need to either watch a video briefing or attend an online or in-person briefing event**. Details of these events, together with programme guidance notes and the online application form are on the website.

[Access to resilience | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

Fluxus Magnetic: International Visual Artists Residencies

Magnetic is a joint Franco-UK initiative under the umbrella of Fluxus Art Projects that brings together ten institutions **to create a network of artist residencies in French regions and UK nations. Each residency is based on a tandem partnership between a French region and a UK nation:**

- CAPC, Bordeaux, Nouvelle-Aquitaine for applicants based in England
- Wysing Arts Centre, Cambridge, England, for applicants based in Nouvelle-Aquitaine
- **Frac Grand Large, Dunkirk, Hauts-de-France for applicants based in Northern Ireland**
- **Flax Art Studios, Belfast, Northern Ireland for applicants based in Hauts-de-France**
- Villa Arson, Nice, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur for applicants based in Scotland
- Cove Park, Helensburgh, Scotland for applicants based in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
- Frac Bretagne, Rennes and Kerguéhennec, Brittany for applicants based in Wales
- Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Aberystwyth, Wales for applicants based in Brittany
- Bétonsalon, Paris for applicants based in England
- Gasworks, London for applicants based in the Île-de-France region.

Artists from each one of the five regions in France are invited to apply for the residency based in the associated UK nation; and artists **from each UK nation are invited to apply for the residency based in the associated region in France**. You can find more information about the tandems and each residency on Fluxus'website. **Societal and environmental issues are at the heart of the programme: the residencies are bespoke to each host institution and their immediate locality, where the artists are invited to respond to specific geographical, historical, social, or artistic contexts.**

Magnetic offers:

- 2 months tailor-made residency in discussion with the institution's curatorial teams
- £ 2100/2500 € threshold monthly fee
- Accommodation and access to a workspace
- Curatorial mentoring.

Timeline:

- 21 May – 15 July: open call for applications
- Second half of September: selection committees with interviews of preselected artists

- Beginning of October: public announcement of Magnetic 3 laureates
- November: residencies start.

If you wish to apply, artists must submit a proposal outlining the relevance and singularity of your practice and research interests within the context and focus of the host institution you are eligible to apply for. In addition, a short text demonstrating your motivation for applying to an international residency at this point in your career and the benefits it will bring.

[Fluxus Magnetic 3 International Visual Artists Residencies](#)

The Henry Smith Charity - Holiday Grants for Children

You can ask us to help towards a single trip, which could be a day trip or a longer residential of up to seven days in length. This could be to a countryside or city location but ideally should be outside the children's immediate locality. We will consider trips which are more local but these should have an emphasis on providing a new experience for the children and broadening their horizons. Examples include camping, trips to adventure activity centres or the seaside. We prioritise applications that will benefit **disadvantaged or disabled children living in the most deprived areas of the UK**. For Holiday Grants this means areas that fall within **the bottom 20% according to the National Indices of Deprivation**

Deadline: 22 July 2024

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/holiday-grants-for-children/holiday-grants-for-children-funding-guidelines/>

Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation (cultural co-operation with Japan)

The Foundation is offering **grants of up to £6,000 for cultural and educational activities that foster good relations between the UK and Japan** by advancing the education of the people of both nations in each other's culture, society, and achievements. Funding is available to support activities in the following fields:

- Arts and culture.
- Science, technology, and the environment.
- Humanities and social issues.
- Japanese language.
- Medicine and health.
- Youth and education.
- Sport.

Grants can be used to pump-prime a range of projects, such as:

- Visits between the UK and Japan by academics, professionals, creative artists, teachers, young people, journalists, and representatives of civic and non-governmental organisations
- Research and collaborative studies, seminars, workshops, lectures, and publications in academic and specialist fields.
- Teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools, Further Education colleges and universities.
- Exhibitions, performances and creative productions by artists, musicians, filmmakers, writers, and theatre groups.

Priority will be given to projects in the fields of science and technology, medicine and health, environment and social issues, Japanese studies, and the Japanese language.

Applications originating from the UK and Japan are considered separately at different meetings by the Foundation's London and Tokyo offices respectively.

Deadline: 15 September 2024

[The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation \(gbsf.org.uk\)](https://gbsf.org.uk)

Healthy Hearts Grants – Heart Research UK

Healthy Hearts Grants of up to £15,000 are available for community projects aimed at supporting adults to reduce their risk of coronary heart disease, helping them to live healthier, happier and longer lives. Grants are available to small, registered charities and community interest companies with annual incomes of less than £1 million. **Projects must work solely with adults and have a main focus on one or more of the following areas: healthy eating, physical activity, smoking or alcohol.**

Applications open 21 August 2024 and the **deadline is: 18 September 2024**

[Healthy Heart Grants - Heart Research UK](#)

Mears Foundation Grants

The Mears Foundation are dedicated to supporting projects that positively impact communities all throughout the UK. They offer **Community Grants** which will **open 5 August 2024** supporting projects that tackle key issues such as **poverty, isolation, vulnerable individuals and asylum seekers**. For their National Grants they invite conversations with national charities and organisations that share their objective and actively support the well-being of local communities, in line with The Mears Foundation's values and goals.

Deadline: 30 September 2024 (for approval in November)

[Grants \(themearsfoundation.org.uk\)](https://themearsfoundation.org.uk)

Michael Tippett Musical Foundation Grants

Grants of between **£500 and £3,000** are available to support the following objectives:

- To award grants to support the development of **group music-making especially involving young people, with composing central to the project.**
- To support the **performance or recording of works by Michael Tippett.**

For 2024 the Foundation will support performances or recordings from anywhere in the world of music composed by Tippett. The Trustees will consider applications about any of his compositions but are likely to prioritise plans for specific works that are less frequently performed or projects which are unlikely to be mounted without additional financial support.

Preference will be given to projects involving young people, or with a participatory element. Proposed projects should start no earlier than January 2025.

Deadline: 30 September 2024

<https://www.tippettfoundation.org.uk/grants>

National Lottery Community Fund: Sustainable Community Buildings

This fund will be opening for applications in the **Derry City and Strabane District Council** area from **Wednesday 11 September until Wednesday 23 October 2024**.

This funding is suitable for **voluntary and community organisations (with an annual income of less than £500,000)**. The funding is for **grants of up to £50,000 for capital only**.

This funding is to help your organisation to:

- understand how to reduce your carbon footprint – by attending carbon literacy training
- create an environment plan for your organisation with the help of our experts in sustainability – to see where you could save energy
- improve the environmental performance of your building – for example, we could offer funding so that you can add solar panels, improve insulation or install energy-efficient lighting
- share the benefits of becoming more environmentally sustainable with your community
- monitor, measure and report on the impact of your funding – for example, track what difference the improvements have made to carbon emissions, energy savings, community engagement and behaviour change
- ultimately reduce your carbon footprint and energy bills.

There will be a two-stage applications process with the first stage being the submission of an Expression of Interest. If you pass Stage One, you will be invited to apply for funding to improve your building's environmental performance, for things like:

- battery storage
- ground-source heat pumps
- energy efficient lighting
- new insulation
- energy-efficient windows and doors
- solar panels.

Every building will need something different. We'll ask you to work with a sustainability expert to work out exactly what your building might need. These things will be recorded in your environment plan, which will be what you'll use to apply for funding.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/sustainable-community-buildings>

Foras na Gaeilge: Business Support Scheme

This scheme supports **small and medium-sized enterprises promote Irish** in their businesses through **signage, packaging, websites and printed marketing material**. Eligible businesses will be entitled to seek **up to 50% of the total cost** through this scheme.

For a taste of other businesses that use Irish as a marketing tool, look at the samples that are on [X \(Twitter\)](#) and [YouTube](#).

The budget for this scheme is limited. Applications will be accepted and assessed until the fund is spent. For more information and to find out whether your business is entitled to funding under this scheme, contact Áine Ní Iffearnáin at **+353 1 6398463** or email stg@forasnagaeilge.ie

<https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/business-support-scheme-2024/?lang=en>

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (UK) (extended)

Only works carried out to repair, maintain or alter the fabric of an existing listed building are eligible. Applicants can submit:

- one claim with a value of between **£500 and £1,000** (excluding the VAT paid) in any 12-month period; and
- any number of claims for eligible work to the value **of £1,000 or more** (excluding VAT) may be made.

Eligible works must be carried out by a VAT registered contractor. To be eligible, the place of worship must be listed with the relevant statutory listing agency. All denominations eligible.

Deadline: 31 March 2025

<https://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/>

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