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***ON-LINE: CHAT TO THE FUNDER EVENTS******The Community Foundation NI holds monthly online 'Chat to the Funder' events on the second Tuesday of the month from 10-12 noon by zoom.******You can book a 20 minute slot to meet with a member of their grants team. Other useful funder events also appear on this Eventbrite site.***[***Chat to the funder Tickets, Multiple Multiple Dates | Eventbrite***](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/dk-kCW7LVuL4XoF6EEFta?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)***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.*** |

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**Eligible** arts organisations, artists, and groups working within the arts can apply for The Arts Council / Chomhairle Ealaíon (ROI) funding. Discover what funding is available and if you are eligible, see website below (scroll down). Some cross-border projects may be eligible. You can also register for [online services](https://onlineservices.artscouncil.ie/) 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-s0upport/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](https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/).

If you are an organisation, to find out which funds you might be eligible for, click [here](https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-for-organisations/).

Any queries: email us.

**BBC Charity Appeals**

If you would like *a* chance to reach BBC audiences with the story of your charity and toapply 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.

These applications are assessed by external assessor and by the BBC's [Appeals Advisory Committee](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/O6w2CQ0nMfkg5VzhJK3NL?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com). It takes around a year to complete the process of having a broadcast appeal.

| **Application Deadline** | **Transmission Dates** |
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| **4 September 2023** by 23.59    | 4 Aug 2024 - 27 Oct 2024 |
| **4 December 2023** by 23.59  | 3 Nov 2024 - 26 Jan 2025 |
| **4 March 2024** by 23:59 | 2 Feb 2025 – 27 Jul 2025 |
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/charityappeals/>

**AVIVA Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund (with Crowdfunding)**

This match funding scheme**\*** can support a wide range of nature projects, from creating community gardens and replanting wildlife meadows to protecting wildlife and promoting community connection to nature.Applications will be accepted from **charitable and community groups.**

**(\*This is a match-funding initiative delivered in partnership with Crowdfunder and thus not a traditional grant scheme. Funds awarded are conditional upon applicants first securing crowdfunding via Crowdfunder’s platform).**

From 30 March 2023 until £1 million of funding has been allocated:

* Pledges will be matched at a rate of £2 to every £1 donated.
* 2:1 match funding will apply to pledges of up to £250.
* **The maximum value of 2:1 match funding a project can receive is £5,000**.

Projects can only be submitted by UK residents who are aged 18 years or older and who use a UK IP address and not a disposable email address. The funding is for projects that demonstrate both of the following:

* It will support communities in areas where the need is greatest, specifically areas that are ranked 1-5 according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation (see [Northern Ireland.](https://deprivation.nisra.gov.uk/))
* It is working towards one of the following outcomes:
	+ **Nature restoration**– activity that boosts local biodiversity by protecting or restoring habitats, creating space for nature, connecting green spaces and/or addressing activities that directly impact biodiversity.
	+ **Nature connectedness and pro-environmental behaviours** – action that supports greater connection to nature and promotes pro-environmental behaviours at the community level that will benefit nature.
	+ **Community cohesion and connection** – nature positive activity that encourages collaboration in the local community by connecting people of diverse backgrounds, generations and abilities to nature and one another.

The first step is for applicants to set up a crowdfunding campaign on Crowdfunder. Campaigns typically run for 28 days but take a few weeks to create so groups should allow about six weeks in total. Once launched, the crowdfunding campaign will have six weeks to crowdfund for their project. In addition to resources, Regional Hub partners at CEMVO Scotland and Groundwork are providing localised newsletters, events, and networking opportunities for participants.

For further information on how to obtain this fund, email: Michaela.Howell@groundwork.org.uk

<https://www.saveourwildisles.org.uk/community>

**Cosaraf: Hardship Grants**

Grants of **up to £2,000** are available for eligible individuals and families, but **only in exceptional circumstances will individual grants exceed £500**. Applications will only be accepted from recognised social organisations such as charities, housing associations, schools and social services acting on behalf of a family or individual in need.

<https://www.cosaraf.org/apply-for-funding/>

**Family Fund NI Programme**

Family Fund provides a wide range of grants to families living in NI **raising a disabled or seriously ill child, or young adult, on a low income.** Whether you need a kitchen appliance like a fridge, cooker or washing machine; clothing and bedding; sensory or play equipment; technology for your child, or a much-needed family break, we are here to help.

**Families in Northern Ireland can apply for a Family Fund grant every 24 months. You can apply if:**

* you’re the main carer for a disabled or seriously ill child aged 17, or younger
* you have been resident in Northern Ireland for at least six months
* you have a low income from working, or benefits.

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants/schemes/northern-ireland-core-programme/>

**FUNDING WITH DEADLINES**

**UK Government: Community Ownership Fund (Round 3)**

This is a UK Government competitive fund which allows incorporated voluntary and community organisations and parish, town and community councils (depending on eligibility requirements) to take ownership of assets at risk of loss in your community. Capital funding of **up to £1 million for all asset types**, but it is expected that **most awards will be for up to £250,000 of capital funding.**

**Goals:**

* support community groups to take ownership of assets which are at risk of being lost to the community
* support community groups where the asset is already in community ownership but needs essential renovations to be sustainable for the long-term benefit of the community
* strengthen community ownership across the UK
* strengthen the social infrastructure that helps communities to thrive

**The asset**

* is at risk of loss without community intervention
* can be run viably and sustainably in community hands for the long-term benefit of the community
* if already owned, the asset requires essential renovations to be sustainable for the long-term benefit of the community

**The project**

* applying for up to £1 million for all asset types, but it is expected that most awards will be for up to £250,000 of capital funding
* applying for revenue funding no more than £50,000 or 20% of the total capital funding applied for, whichever is smaller
* **able to ‘match’ the capital grant from the Fund at the required match funding rate**
* **able to show that capital grant funding and match funding will be spent within the 12 months following the date you are offered funding** (indicated on the offer letter)

**Your organisation**

* is an incorporated voluntary and community organisation or a parish, town and community council
* is able to buy the asset freehold, or the long-term leasehold of at least 15 years with reasonable break clauses
* is the same organisation that will receive the funding and run the project.

**Round 3**

The Community Ownership Fund launched an updated prospectus (for Round 3) on 12 May 2023.

Changes have been made to the design of the programme and the eligibility requirements are informed by applicant feedback, stakeholder engagement, and lessons learned from previous rounds. The Community Ownership Fund **Expression of Interest (EOI), which is Stage 1 of the application process**, is always open, ahead of the launch of the next application window of the fund.

**Development Support**

Development support is now available to applicants via the [My Community website](https://mycommunity.org.uk/community-ownership-fund). Informative webinars on the following topics are available and **you can register now**:

* [How to create a strong Community Ownership Fund application](https://mycommunity.org.uk/how-to-write-a-strong-community-ownership-fund-application-webinar?utm_source=GovUK&utm_medium=Website&utm_campaign=prospectus)
* [How to raise match funding for your Community Ownership Fund project](https://mycommunity.org.uk/how-to-raise-match-funding-for-your-community-ownership-fund-project-webinar?utm_source=GovUK&utm_medium=Website&utm_campaign=prospectus)

Our development support provider offers initial support and advice to all interested applicants up to the EOI stage. After the EOI stage, certain applicants will be able to access in-depth support for the development of their application and business case, this may also include access to small revenue grants to secure specialist support.

**Key dates to note:**

* Expression of Interest stage - always open
* **Round 3 Bidding Window 1** - **31 May -** **12 July 2023 (at 11:59am – midday)**
* Applications must be submitted by **11:59am** on each bidding window’s closing date
* There will be 4 bidding windows each year at regular intervals
* March 2025 - Fund closes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-prospectus/community-ownership-fund-prospectus--3>

**Arts Council NI & National Lottery: Arts & Older People Programme**

Community groups, arts organisations and councils across Northern Ireland can now apply to the National Lottery Arts & Older People Programme, a funding scheme managed by the Arts Council. This latest round of the programme, worth £175,000, invites applications for **grants of up to £10,000 to deliver arts projects benefitting older people.**

The programme has been designed to challenge the perceptions of what it means to be an older person, aiming to **tackle loneliness, promote positive mental health and well-being among older people through engagement with the arts**.

**Deadline: 17 July 2023 (noon)**

<https://artscouncil-ni.org/funding-for-organisations/arts-and-older-people-programme>

**Ulster-Scots Agency: Music and Dance Tuition Grants 2023/24**

The Ulster-Scots Agency has opened its annual Ulster-Scots Music and Dance Tuition programme for voluntary and community organisations.  The programme supports music and dance tuition from **1 September 2023 – 31 May 2024**.  There are two options available for groups:

* **Dance Tuition** - This fund supports up to 30 weeks of Highland or Scottish Country Dance with an option which supports accreditation.
* **Music Tuition** - This grant supports up to 20 weeks of tuition across a range of Ulster-Scots musical traditions, including drum major tuition, and offers support for accreditation.

Following a successful registration, an application form, guidelines, and template for the Scheme of Work will be sent via email.  Groups are encouraged to carefully read the guidelines and contact the Agency to clarify any issues **before** submitting their application form. Groups can receive **up to 75% of eligible costs**.  All eligible and capped costs are listed in the guidelines.

You can bring your application to the Ulster Scots Community Network to be checked.  This service minimises errors within your application and ensures that all of your supporting documentation, signatures and information is correct and as requested within the Ulster Scots Agency guidelines before you submit it for approval. To avail of this service you can contact:
**Ulster Scots Community Network
1-9 Victoria Street
Belfast
BT1 3GA
Tel: 028 9043 6710**

Email: info@ulster-scots.com

For further information, contact the Agency’s Community Development Officer Derek Reaney on reaneyd@ulsterscotsagency.org.uk or 07843 279 912.

**Deadline: Thursday 20 July at 5pm.  (We anticipate this programme will be significantly oversubscribed, therefore incomplete applications, or applications which fail to submit all the required supporting documents, will be rejected.)**

<https://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/news/article/471/ulster-scots-music-and-dance-tuition-opens/>

**Scottish Power Foundation – General Grants**

Grants of between **£35,000 and £150,000 are available** to registered charities in the UK for projects that support **education, environmental protection, arts, culture and social initiatives** and which enhance the quality of life in local communities and address themes set out by the Foundation. **The average grant in the past three years was £60,000. Grants are available for one year only. Projects must start during 2024 and be completed within 12 months.**

Applications must address at least one of the Scottish Power Foundation's strategic aims:

* **Education, training and research** - with the following specific objectives:
	+ STEM: inspiring young people to pursue qualifications and a career in STEM in order to contribute to energy sustainability.
	+ Raising aspirations: addressing society’s educational needs by inspiring and challenging the next generation through innovation.
* **Biodiversity and climate change** - with the following specific objectives:
	+ Environmental protection or improvement: protecting and enhancing the environment.
	+ Habitat conservation: contributing to the protection and conservation of habitats and enhancing biodiversity.
	+ Knowledge and research: developing new solutions to the challenge of climate change.
* **Art and culture** - with the following specific objectives:
	+ Restoration, development and conservation: protecting and safeguarding artistic and cultural heritage.
	+ Cultural initiatives: celebrating diversity and cultural identity through the arts.
* **Social initiatives**- with the following specific objectives:
	+ Economic security: alleviating poverty, including in-work poverty, caused by the cost-of-living crisis.
	+ Economic opportunity: supporting entrepreneurship and skills development for the most vulnerable groups.

The Foundation particularly welcomes applications that will support the most vulnerable people in society. Funding is for the delivery of specific projects and not for general unrestricted running costs. This can include salary costs.

Guidance notes and an online eligibility pre-application form can be found on the Scottish Power Foundation's website. Applicants should complete this pre-application form to confirm eligibility, they will then be sent a link to the full application form.

**Deadline: 21 July 2023**

<https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/applying_for_funding.aspx>

**PHA Making Life Better Funding Programme 2023-24**

Community and voluntary groups are being encouraged to apply for a short-term funding programme that focuses on **improving mental health and emotional wellbeing**.

This Fund aims to address health and wellbeing needs in local communities. The funding programme will also support a range of strategic themes and priorities under the ‘Making Life Better’ public health framework, in particular **mental health, emotional wellbeing, suicide prevention and self-harm.** The short-term funding programme provides the community and voluntary sector with the opportunity to access small, non-recurring funding which can be used to support health improvement in local communities. The PHA has commissioned **the Clear Project to facilitate this process in each Health and Social Care Trust area.**

**Two types of awards are available under the programme:**

* **Award one:** Funding of **up to £1,000** for non-constituted and constituted non-profit taking community/ voluntary sector groups.
* **Award two: Funding of between £1,001 and to a maximum of £5,000** for constituted, non-profit taking community/ voluntary sector groups.

**Deadline: 26th July 2023 at 3pm.**

To apply for the short-term funding opportunities for Western, Belfast, Northern, South-Eastern and Southern Health and Social Care Trust areas visit:

<https://www.dhcni.com/pha-short-term-funding-grants?mc_cid=7395b56ad1&mc_eid=71ba61d858>

**NI Screen: Ulster Scots New Entrant Production Training Scheme**

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| Northern Ireland Screen is seeking applications for its Ulster-Scots New Entrant Production Training Scheme. The scheme provides a training opportunity for one person to work on **Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund projects from September 2023 - February 2025**.Placements will rotate every 3-4 months with a different production company.  NI Screen will also oversee the co-ordination of six days of initial induction training which will take place before the successful candidate is placed with their first production company.  |

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| **Deadline: 28 July 2023** **(1pm)** |

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For further details or to apply, please click [here](https://northernirelandscreen.co.uk/news/ulster-scots-broadcast-fund/ulster-scots-broadcast-fund-new-entrant-production-training-scheme-is-open-for-applications/).

**Benefact Group: Movement for Good Awards (Larger Grants)**

The Benefact Group is providing £500,000 in **larger grants of £10,000 plus** to help charities turn their creative ideas into practical solutions that benefit society. The funding can be used within **three years and for a blend of project and core funding costs**.

Projects must support one the following themes:

* **Heritage/arts/culture** – to help celebrate, preserve or protect our heritage and culture.
* **Education/skills** – to enable learning and development, particularly among young people.
* **Rural/community development** – to support and build our communities, particularly in rural areas.
* **Climate change/environment** – to contribute to our collective challenge to tackle impact on the climate and environment.

Applicants may submit more than one application but **an eligible charity can only win one grant**.

The winning charities will be contacted on or before 31 December 2023. The winners will be publicly announced on the Benefact Group website.

**Deadline: 28 July 2023 (midnight)**

<https://movementforgood.com/largergrants/>

**Austin Hope Pilkington Trust (Round 3) (young people in care & care leavers)**

The Trust gives grants to UK registered charities working in the UK.

**Rounds 3 and 4 will focus on children and young people in care and care leavers who continue to face disproportionate barriers**. They continue to recognise that Black Lives Matter highlighted discrimination faced by the Global Majority, so across each grant round, applicants will be asked to detail how their project addresses these issues.

**Deadline for Round 3**: **31 July 2023** **(for grants of £1,000)**

**Round 4: Opens 1 September 2023 with Deadline: 30 September 2023 (for grants of £5,000)**

<https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

**Migrant Help: Community Hubs Grant Scheme**

**Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations to start a new community hub or expand an existing hub in order to support asylum seekers, refugees and survivors of modern-day slavery in the UK.** The funding aims to support new and existing community hubs and drop-in services that increase support and access to local services for asylum seekers and refugees through:

* Supporting third sector organisations delivering non contracted services to asylum seekers and refugees.
* Encouraging community integration.
* Supporting the health and wellbeing of asylum seekers and refugees.
* Welcoming asylum seekers and refugees into communities around the UK
* Providing support to organisations and projects which may struggle to find support elsewhere.

Two levels of are funding available:

* **Small bridging loan of up to £2000**
* **Sustainability & start up grants up to £5,000**.
* **Revenue, core, and capital costs eligible**.

[**Application form**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/Db1ACRoONCvB71yHNwMLb4?domain=nicva.us2.list-manage.com) and [**guideline**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/9qzXCVPARfx9O6zczwR7jv?domain=nicva.us2.list-manage.com)s are available on request by emailing **grantapplications@migranthelpuk.org**.

No deadlines, but fund will close once the annual allocation has been exhausted.

**Next deadline: 31 July 2023**

(Subsequent deadlines: **30 September 2023, 30 November 2023 and 31 January 2024**)

**Hubbub and Starbucks: Eat It Up Fund (food waste)**

**Grant size:** up to £40,000
**Open to:** UK charities, constituted community groups, social enterprises, CICs, local authorities, educational institutes and micro/small businesses with initiatives that do one or more of the following:

* Address pre-farmgate waste
* Prevent food from being wasted at the manufacturing and processing stage
* Minimise food waste from retailers
* Find creative ways to use surplus food in communities or at home.

Ideas that are ready to test, or concepts that have been tested and are ready to progress further can be supported. The Fund's wider aims are to make a positive impact on our environment and communities.

**Deadline for** **Expressions of interest: 21 July 2023 @ 5pm**

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

**EU PEACE PLUS Programme**

PEACEPLUS is a European Union funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, building upon the work of the previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes. **The Programme operates in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland. The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) is responsible for managing PEACEPLUS. SEUPB have offices in Belfast, Omagh and Monaghan.**

The overall objective of PEACEPLUS is **to build peace and prosperity** and ensure that the Programme will leave a lasting and tangible legacy. 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 to create a more cohesive society**. The Programme's strategy is to continue to take the opportunities and address the needs arising from the peace process 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:

* 1. **Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities: €250 million**
* Co-designed Local Community Peace Action Plans (via local Councils)
* Empowering Communities
* Building Positive Relations
* Re-imaging Communities
	1. **Delivering Economic Regeneration and Transformation: €170 million**
* SME Development and Transition
* Innovation Challenge Fund
* Programme Area Skills Development
* Smart Towns and Villages
	1. **Empowering and Investing in Our Young People: €123 million**
* Shared Learning Together Programme
* PEACEPLUS Youth Programme
* Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing
	1. **Healthy and Inclusive Communities: €172 million**
* Collaborative Health and Social Care
* Rural Regeneration and Social Inclusion
* Victims and Survivors
	1. **Supporting a Sustainable and Better-Connected Future: €303 million**
* Biodiversity, Nature Recovery and Resilience
* Marine and Coastal Management
* Water Quality (Cross-Border Catchments and Water Bodies)
* Geothermal Energy Demonstration Programme
* Enhanced Sustainable Travel Connectivity
	1. **Building and Embedding Partnership and Collaboration: €52 million**
* Strategic Planning and Engagement
* Maintaining and Forging Relationships between Citizens.

**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** and 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.

**Deadline for submission of Concept Notes in the following Investment Area is:**

* **3 August 2023 (5pm) for IA 2.3 Programme Area Skills Development**

**Deadlines for funding applications in the following Investment Areas are:**

* **10 August 2023 (5pm)** for IA 3.2 **PEACEPLUS Youth Programme**
* **7 September 2023 (5pm)** for IA 1.4 **Re-Imaging Communities**
* **7 September 2023 (5pm)** for IA 3.1 **Shared Learning Together Education in Formal Settings**
* **7 September 2023 (5pm)** for IA 3.1 **Shared Learning Together Education in Non Formal Settings**
* **7 September 2023 (5pm)** for IA 3.2 **Quality and Impact Body for the PEACEPLUS Youth Programme**
* **7 September 2023 (5pm)** for IA 4.3 **Victims and Survivors**
* **14 December 2023 (5pm)** for IA 1.1 **Co-designed Local PEACEPLUS Action Plans**

**Guidance notes** for each PEACEPLUS call and **the online JEMS application portal** can be accessed from the SEUPB website. For any queries, e-mail: info@seupb.eu

Please see the presentation and navigation papers from recent Pre-Application workshop [here](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/riRNCG5v0T1jv3kiQrfxF?domain=clicks.eventbrite.com)

[Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) - PEACEPLUS](https://search.mygrantfinder.co.uk/Scheme/OpenLink/GRUKBP3%21S49133?uri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.seupb.eu%2FPEACEPLUS)

**Sports Governance Academy: Board Development Fund**

The SGA Board Development Fund enables organisations in the UK sport and physical activity sector to **access development training which can be customised, if required, and delivered in-house**. It allows organisations successful in the application process to **identify areas of need or areas of particular focus for them which are not catered for by existing training provision**.

The fund provides the flexibility to meet the needs of organisations with different requirements for their board's development and to provide training support in specific areas of governance.

The fund is limited and applications will be assessed against specified criteria, which will include the specific need answered, the benefit to the organisation and the organisation’s access to paid-for training. Priority will be given to organisations that would otherwise be unable to obtain the requested training due to financial constraints.

**Available courses**

* Building an inclusive environment
* Creating your values and defining culture
* Board effectiveness
* Strategy and the decision-making process
* Boardroom dynamics
* Succession planning
* In-house delivery of [Essential Sports Governance](https://sportsgovernanceacademy.org.uk/learning/training-courses/essential-sports-governance/)
* Conflicts of interest
* Preparing for a board evaluation
* Risk management
* Finance for non-finance managers.

Within these areas, we will work with the organisations who apply successfully to understand their specific requirements and tailor the course content to their needs. Applications are invited from organisations in the SGA community during the application window. Applications are scored according to the criteria which has been agreed with our partner Sports Councils (see website for details). All training must be completed by 30 November 2023.

**Deadline: 4 August 2023**.

<https://sportsgovernanceacademy.org.uk/learning/board-development-fund/>

**The King’s Fund – GSK Health Inequalities Programme**

This funding is aimed at **very small charities working in their communities to address health inequalities** and who find it hard to access unrestricted funding and support for their leaders. **Community Interest Companies (CICs) and other organisations that are not registered charities are not eligible to apply.**

**The Programme will support** **aspirational leaders who want to develop their organisations**. It is designed to run alongside the [GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) IMPACT Awards](https://search.mygrantfinder.co.uk/Scheme/View/GlaxoSmithKline-GSK-IMPACT-Awards-GRUKBP3%21S17878?bcr=MTIzNA) and support the next generation of award winners. **Up to 15 places are available on an online leadership programme**. The programme will be delivered by The King’s Fund and provide participants with the opportunity to develop their capability and confidence to lead both operationally and strategically. The awards are as follows:

* **Up to 15 charities will receive up to £10,000 in unrestricted funding.**
* **Award winners will also be offered access to training and development valued at £2,700.**

Health inequalities are avoidable and systematic differences that include access to care, quality and experience of care, life expectancy, and wider factors such as environment and housing. **Charities will need to demonstrate how their organisation is supporting communities that experience health disadvantage and how their work helps tackle this issue.** See online link for examples.

Organisations are encouraged to apply **that are led by and support people from under-represented backgrounds, people from ethnic minority communities, people with disabilities and people from the LGBTQ+ community**.

**Timetable**:

* **Deadline for online applications is 14 August 2023 (5pm).**
* Notification of decisions by mid-October 2023.
* Leadership programme – individual conversations to help shape the programme in November/December 2023.
* Leadership programme – January 2024 to spring 2024 (programme dates to be confirmed).

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/gsk-impact-awards/gsk-health-inequalities-programme>

**The Henry Smith Charity – Holiday Grants for Children**

The purpose of the Holiday Grants programme is to provide access to recreational trips or holidays for groups of children who experience disadvantage or who have disabilities.

**Grants range from £500 to £2,750**.   Grants are only available to support children who are **aged 13 and under.** Now accepting applications for trips between 1 July and 30 September.

**Deadline: 18 August 2023**

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

**GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) IMPACT Awards**

The IMPACT Awards recognise and **reward small to medium-sized charities in the UK that are doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing**. The awards are as follows:

* **Up to 10 winners will receive £40,000, with one overall winner receiving an additional £10,000, in unrestricted funding.**
* **Up to five runners-up will receive £4,000 in unrestricted funding.**

**Award winners will also be offered training and development valued at an average of £9,500 and have a film made about their work**. Organisations registered in the UK but working in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland can apply. **The award winners can decide how they want to spend the award money.**

The Awards recognise **excellence in existing work and do not seek to fund new projects**. An application which only focuses on a particular project will not be shortlisted. **The assessment is based on the work of the whole organisation and the assessment will focus on excellence in the six areas of IMPACT**. The judges will be looking for evidence of:

* **Innovation:** Leadership, creativity and initiative in addressing current challenges in health care access and delivery.
* **Management:** Clear objectives and plans; approach to diversity and inclusion; efficient use of resources; quality of management processes; financial effectiveness of the organisation.
* **Partnership:** Working effectively with others (the community, voluntary, private and public sector partners, etc.); willingness to share 'best practice' and to learn from others.
* **Achievement:** Scale and impact of work relative to the size of the organisation; impact on access to healthcare; a reflective approach to evaluation; able to articulate activity, outcomes and impact.
* **Community focus:** Involving and responding to people and communities; adaptability to changing circumstances and needs; working with others to improve services for the community.
* **Targeting needs:** Ensuring services are accessible to all, including people who experience the most disadvantage or marginalisation; awareness of community issues and priorities; having a detailed understanding of the community the organisation serves and who it is reaching.

There is a two-stage application process:

* The first stage is to complete a short initial application form by the **deadline of 1 September 2023 (5pm).**
* Those invited to stage two will complete a more detailed form with a **deadline of 9 October 2023 (5pm)**.

At both stages, a shortlisting panel will review applications against the IMPACT criteria. At the completion of stage 2, up to 15 organisations will be shortlisted who will go on to meet an independent assessor. The assessor will work with each organisation for at least half a day, providing an in-depth review.

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/gsk-impact-awards>

**Theatre Trust’s Theatre Improvement Scheme**

Theatres Trust's Theatre Improvement Scheme, in association with the Wolfson Foundation, offers **capital funding for theatres**. The theme for the fund for the current three-year partnership is **Improving Environmental Sustainability** as this is an urgent priority for the sector. Theatre operators can apply for **grants of up to £20,000 towards their building or equipment as part of the scheme.**

It is hoped that these grants will support a range of projects that consider different ways theatre buildings can reduce their environmental impact. From sedum roofs to new windows, building management systems to more efficient water heaters, funding will be given to projects that demonstrate how a small intervention can have a big impact.

To be eligible to apply to the scheme, applicants must demonstrate that they:

* own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than 5 years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
* run a year-round programme of live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year
* have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years
* operate theatres that achieve excellence through their producing and programming or architectural significance.

We welcome pre-application discussions - please contact Lucy Mason, Theatres Adviser to discuss your project. Please read through the Terms and Conditions document and complete the application form when you are ready to apply. Please return your application form and supporting documents to grants@theatrestrust.org.uk. Please note that all applications for this scheme will be assessed together after the deadline.

**Deadline: 5 September 2023 (noon)**

<http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme>

**Esmee Fairbairn Collections Fund**

Grants of **up to £100,000** are available to museums and galleries in the UK to improve their inclusive collections and participatory practice with, and sometimes led by, community partners. The Fund supports museums and their community partners to develop together using collections.

In 2023 grants are being made available to fund museums and their community partners for inclusive collections and participation work. The fund is interested in supporting **social and climate justice using museum collections**, in ways that are relevant to local contexts and relationships. In a change to previous years, the fund will support **core costs** for the funding period.

Please note that The Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund has evolved with the aims of both Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and the Museums Association, see their [**impact report**](https://www.museumsassociation.org/funding/esmee-fairbairn-collections-fund/impact-report/).

**Deadline for Expressions of Interest**: **13 September 2023**

<https://www.museumsassociation.org/funding/esmee-fairbairn-collections-fund/>

**Studio One Drama Series: Script Competition**

This Competition is designed to identify and nurture a new international drama. Support is on offer to early-stage talented writers who are aiming for a career in scripting television dramas. The funder is looking for a pilot script for a drama that will appeal to audiences and co-producers worldwide.

The winning writer will receive **£10,000 from Studio21 to develop the project and connect with leading drama producers to co-produce for the global market. Studio21 will further develop the project in association with the writer to take out internationally.**

Anyone with a series idea, a pilot script, and the desire and talent for writing may apply. New writers and experienced writers alike are welcome. Non-represented and represented writers are welcome to submit. The script competition is open to international applicants. Writing teams (of up to two people) may submit their projects.

**Deadline: 13 September 2023 For more info see**: [Studio21](https://www.studio21.com/script/)

**Heart Research and SUBWAY: Healthy Hearts Grants**

Heart Research UK and SUBWAY® Healthy Heart Grants of up to £15,000 are available for original, innovative projects that promote a healthy heart and help reduce the risk of developing heart disease in your area and across the country. They will award up to five grants at £15,000 in each region of the UK. **Northern Ireland window opens 17 August 2023.** The online presentation date (for shortlisted NI applications) is 27 October 2023.

**Deadline: 14 September 2023**

<https://heartresearch.org.uk/healthy-heart-grants/>

**PRS Foundation: Annual Beyond Borders Programme (Music)**

This programme supports **the creation, touring and promotion of innovative and high-quality new music across all genres and encourages engagement with audiences across England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland through multiple performances and digital activity.** The funding is available for projects that include repeat performances of music written in the past five years, new commissions and recordings.

**Grants of up to £15,000 are available to support around eight to 10 projects per year.** The funding is expected to contribute to rather than support full project costs. **Budget projections should include other cash income, in addition to any in-kind support.**

The funding is for projects that have a significant element of live activity and represent:

* Innovation and quality within the music, programming and performances, and potential for national/international profile.
* Strength and depth of collaboration between cross-border organisations/ensembles/bands and potential for partnership legacy.
* Potential audience reach and impact and the strength of plans for public engagement.

Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit music organisations based in the UK or Republic of Ireland as long as they have:

* At least three partners, each from a different UK/Ireland region.
* A lead partner for each application comprising a festival, venue, promoter or performing group with organisational capacity and infrastructure to deliver the proposed project.
* A minimum of three live performances between the decision date and the end of the following calendar year, reaching audiences in at least three UK/Ireland regions.

Larger partnerships, incorporating additional international organisations, are encouraged.

**Deadline:18 September 2023 (18:00)**

[Beyond Borders - PRS for Music Foundation (prsfoundation.com)](https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-for-organisations/beyond-borders/)

**The Which? Fund (research on consumer harms)**

The Which? Fund offers grants to support research projects aiming to improve understanding of the specific consumer harms experienced by diverse and disadvantaged communities, and to develop evidence-based solutions to tackle these harms.

**Deadline: 18 September 2023 at 5pm**

Timings for the two stages are shown here:

| **Stage** | **Time to complete application** | **Time to complete short-listing** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Stage 1 (Outline) application** | 13 weeksLaunch: Monday 19th June 2023Deadline: 5 pm**Monday 18th September 2023** | Within approximately 6 weeks |
| **Stage 2 (Full) application** | 8 weeksLaunch: Monday 23rd October 2023Deadline: **5 pm Friday 15th December 2023** | Within approximately 10 weeks |

Timelines for Stage 2 may be subject to change, and applicants will be kept informed.

<https://www.which.co.uk/policy-and-insight/the-which-fund>

**Four Nations (UK) International Fund (Arts)**

The Four Nations International Fund, a co-investment fund from Arts Council England, Arts Council Northern Ireland, Arts Council Wales / Wales Arts International and Creative Scotland, supports those working in the arts and creative industries across the UK nations, together with European and beyond counterparts.

The second round supports **in-person, digital or hybrid activity including exchanges, residencies, partnership development, co-creation, and networking with grants of up to £7,500.** The fund opens 16 August 2023. To discuss ideas or questions ahead of making an application contact **fournationsinternational@creativescotland.com**

**Deadline: 28 September 2023**

<https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/four-nations-international-fund>

**Association of Independent Museums (members) – Collections Care & Conservation Grants 2023**

AIM (the Association for Independent Museums) is offering grants for three different schemes as follows: Audit, Collections Care, and Remedial Conservation.

**Up to £1,200 is available for an audit grant** and up to £10k **for a collections care or remedial conservation grant**. These grants support small to medium sized museums to care for their collections more effectively and efficiently and to meet the standards required for Accreditation.

Applications are encouraged from museums to **bring in conservation expertise to ensure that collections care and conservation meets professional standards** and will have the most impact on the organisation, its collections, and their visitors. Eligible applicants must:

* Be an AIM member.
* Be a UK registered charity or,
* An organisation with exempt charitable status or,
* A recognised public body i.e. Local Authority Museum
* Be a small or medium sized museum.
* Have fewer than 50,000 visitors p.a.

**Deadline: Friday 29 September 2023 (5pm).**

https://aim-museums.co.uk/for-aim-members/grants/collections-care-conservation-grants/

**Veolia’s Sustainability Fund (with Crowdfunding) (Community/Environment)**

Veolia’s, the UK leader in resource management, in partnership with crowdfunding platform Spacehive is providing funding **to help grassroots community projects in transforming their local communities, providing social and environmental benefits.**

The Fund offers grants **(cash sponsorship) of up to £1,000, in-kind resources or staff volunteers** to support not-for-profit organisations and community groups. Veolia will match up to 50% of the money raised by groups through Spacehive up to a maximum of £1,000.

Funding is for local projects that support one or more of the following themes:

* Enhancing biodiversity
* Promoting sustainable waste behaviours (reduce, reuse and/or recycle)
* Protecting or preserving resources and the environment
* Its use of recycled, reused or reclaimed materials.

The funder looks favourably on projects that have considered the long-term or ongoing benefits for the community and will consider all projects based on merit. Larger projects that require more funding are sometimes considered. Any not-for-profit organisation, community group or individual can apply.

**Deadline: 29 September 2023**

<https://www.veolia.co.uk/sustainability-fund>

**Michael Tippett Musical Foundation Grants**

The Michael Tippett Musical Foundation offers grants of **between £500 and £3,000.** For 2023 the Trustees have decided to focus the Foundation’s activity exclusively on **the funding of performances and recording of music by Michael Tippett,** to generate greater revenue for a wider range of activities in future years. Projects related to any of his compositions will be considered, but priority will be given to plans for specific works that are less frequently performed or projects which are unlikely to be mounted without additional financial support.

Projects for consideration should start no earlier than January 2024.

**Deadline: 30 September 2023**

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

**Heritage Craft Association: Endangered Crafts Fund**

Voluntary and community organisations across the United Kingdom can apply for funding for projects and activities that promote the long-term preservation and development of endangered heritage crafts. Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to support crafts that are currently listed as **endangered or critically endangered on the Red List of Endangered Crafts** and provide opportunities for makers and trainees who wish to develop or share their skills in crafts that have been identified as being most at risk. Funding can be used for activities such as:

* Ensuring the longer-term viability or survival of heritage craft skills by implementing changes that will benefit both environmental and financial sustainability, for example:
	+ Investing in more efficient machinery.
	+ Developing reduced-carbon routes to market.
	+ Exploring the use of alternative materials while maintaining the heritage character of the practice.
* Direct skills transfer, for example:
	+ Taking on a trainee.
	+ Some or all the costs of training with a craftsperson.
	+ The cost of attending a specialist training course.
	+ Undertaking a self-directed programme of training with one or more craftspeople.
	+ Indirect skills transfer, for example:
	+ Preparing to teach courses.
	+ Developing written or online training materials.
	+ Online or video content to support skills.
* Ensuring the longer-term viability or survival of heritage craft skills, for example:
	+ Developing a new, innovative approach to heritage craft skills.
	+ Specialist tools and equipment to facilitate skills transfer.

Further support from an Endangered Crafts Manager is also available, including mentoring and business support and signposting to other opportunities.

**Deadline: 6 October 2023 at 5pm**

https://heritagecrafts.org.uk/ecf-apply/

**Association of Independent Museums: New Stories New Audiences Fund**

This fund aims to support smaller museums that wish to increase and widen their audiences, enhance their sustainability, and increase participation from groups that are currently under-represented. Funding of **up to £15,000** will support projects and activities that result in a wider range of people being involved in heritage, as well as at least one or more of the following:

* Heritage will be better identified and better explained.
* People will have developed skills.
* People will have learnt about heritage leading to change in ideas and actions.
* People will have greater well-being.
* The organisation will be more resilient.
* The local area will be a better place to live, work, or visit.

**Applicants will be asked to contribute at least 5% of their total project costs. This can include cash, non-cash transactions, volunteer time, or a combination of all of these.**

AIM members in the small museum category (up to 20,000 visitors) that seek to work with new partners and try new ideas can apply. This includes both not-for-profit organisations and private heritage collections. Examples of new partners include schools, local history groups, universities, local charities, communities, social or volunteer groups, or individuals such as artists.

**Deadline: 31 October 2023**

<https://aim-museums.co.uk/for-aim-members/grants/new-stories-new-audiences/>

**Digital Horizon: Disabled-led Digital Tech Programme for Artists**

Digital Horizon, funded by the Santander Foundation’s Financial & Digital Empowerment Fund, is **a three-year professional development initiative supporting the Disability Arts sector in Northern Ireland**.

Applications are now open for artists to apply to lead a Digital Horizon workshop by making a proposal to the scheme. The programme will deliver opportunities for d/Deaf, Disabled and Neuro-diverse artists to pursue new ambitions through the use of digital technology that will support them in their career. Digital Horizon will also offer finance management workshops, an annual Digital Innovator award for an artist using technology for professional practice, and opportunities to showcase, sell and promote artists and their work.

For the first stage of the programme University of Atypical is **seeking artists across a range of art forms, who identify as d/Deaf, Disabled or Neuro-diverse, to lead masterclasses which will take place over the three years of Digital Horizon. The remaining decision making deadline is: 22 November 2023.**

For further info, see: <https://universityofatypical.org/for-creatives/digital-horizon/>

**Parkinson’s UK: Physical Activity Grants Programme**

Funding is intended to support community groups and organisations across the UK to develop new opportunities for people with Parkinson's to become and stay active or increase their levels of physical activity. **Grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available**.

Funding is for new activities for people affected by Parkinson’s to participate in physical activity and sport or increased participation in these areas. Projects that reach and engage a wide range of people with Parkinson's are sought, especially those who may be from the following groups:

* Newly diagnosed.
* Young onset.
* People and groups seen as 'under represented’ - including socially isolated, not digitally connected or ethnic communities.
* People who are not engaged with Parkinson’s UK.
* People who are inactive, or active at low levels.
* People who are still working.

Examples of the types of projects and activities that can be supported include:

* Expanding activities/classes etc. to include people with Parkinson’s.
* Buying equipment that will facilitate or enhance activities.
* Essential maintenance or replacement of equipment that will lead to greater participation or increased impact.
* Facility hire.
* Coaching fees.
* Specific training.
* Developing community activities that demonstrate a pathway into sustained activity.
* Helping people to access Parkinson’s specific online support to become more active.

Deadline: **30 November 2023** (or when all funding is distributed)

<https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/information-and-support/physical-activity-grants>

**Community Relations Council: Community Relations/Cultural Diversity Small Grants Scheme**

This funding is intended to help community and voluntary groups throughout NI develop their capacity to engage in community relations work and to enhance the community relations potential of projects they undertake. **Grants of up to £10,000 are available. The average grant size is between £2,000 and £5,000. Projects must be completed by 31 March 2024.**

The following organisations can apply: **Community development groups, Cultural organisations, Women's and Men's groups, Faith based groups, Tenants associations, Youth groups, Rural groups.**

Project activities should match at least one of the following objectives:

* Developing opportunities for groups to explore their own cultures, beliefs and traditions, thus increasing their capacity to develop relationships of trust with those of different traditions and values.
* Developing opportunities for groups to extend their knowledge and understanding of others' cultures, beliefs, and traditions - increasing their acceptance of and respect for diversity.
* Enabling groups to challenge stereotypes of their own and other communities in order to acknowledge and address difference.
* Increasing the ability and confidence of groups and organisations to identify and address those issues that divide them.
* Developing networks of communication, trust and co-operation between divided communities.
* Promoting models of good practice for community relations work in Northern Ireland.

Projects must also contribute to one or more of the following outcomes of the Government's *Together: Building a United Community*strategy:

* **Key Priority 1: Our Children and Young People**
	+ Outcome 1.1 Improving attitudes between young people from different backgrounds.
	+ Outcome 1.2 Young people engaging in bringing the community together.
* **Key Priority 2: Our Shared Community**
	+ Outcome 2.1 Increased use of shared space and services (eg leisure centres, shopping centres, education, housing).
	+ Outcome 2.2 Shared space is accessible to all.
* **Key Priority 3: Our Safe Community**
	+ Outcome 3.1 Reduce the prevalence of hate crime and intimidation.
	+ Outcome 3.2 A community where places and spaces are safe for all.
* **Key Priority 4: Our Cultural Expression**
	+ Outcome 4.1 Increased sense of community belonging (widens contribution beyond community background).
	+ Outcome 4.2 Cultural diversity is celebrated.

Grants can be used to cover the costs of the following:

* Freelance external trainers, artists or facilitators.
* Key note speakers.
* Basic travel costs within Northern Ireland and Ireland.
* External room hire.
* Hospitality and catering.
* Resource materials to support CR activities.
* Accommodation and overnight residential.
* Bursaries for community relations practitioners to attend conferences. These are limited to one bursary per year for an individual from an applicant group.

**Grants are for project costs only and all projects must be completed within the current financial year.** Groups are encouraged to contact the Community Relations Council to discuss their project especially during the early development stages of the project.

**Deadline: 15 December 2023** **(4pm)**

[Community Relations Council - Community Relations/Cultural Diversity Grant Scheme](https://search.mygrantfinder.co.uk/Scheme/OpenLink/GRUKBP3%21S12588?uri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.community-relations.org.uk%2Fcommunity-relations-cultural-diversity)

**Barclay’s Community Football Fund**

Grants of £500 are available for groups wishing to start offering football, those keen to expand their existing provision to new audiences or those already delivering football to under-represented young people. Alongside the grants, the programme will be offering training and support resources to groups to help reduce inequalities in the participation of football. The programme will focus on including girls and young people from lower socio-economic and under-represented groups: including racially diverse communities, people with disabilities, and people from the LGBTQ+ community.

**Deadline: 31 December 2023**

<https://sported.org.uk/barclays-community-football-fund-2/>

**National Lottery Climate Action Funds: Energy & Climate**

This Fund focuses on community energy projects across the UK. There is a total funding pot of £10 million, which includes **£1.5 million for a Learning Network**. **More information on this is expected in due course.** The Fund offers **grants of £500,000 to £1.5 million over two to five years for place-based partnerships, UK-wide partnerships or single voluntary and community organisations**.

Projects are required to do at least one of the following:

* Encourage people and communities to use energy in an environmentally friendly way.
* Bring communities together so that they can explore ways to promote energy efficiency.
* Enable communities to understand and engage with opportunities for clean energy generation, which do not use fossil fuels.

**Grants can be used on project costs, revenue costs and limited capital costs. It is expected that most funding will be for revenue.** There is a two-stage application process:

* **Stage 1 applications are accepted on a rolling basis**. Notifications are expected within six weeks.
* **Stage 2 will require applicants to submit a full proposal**. Final decisions are expected within four months.

**The fund is expected to stay open until at least December 2023**, depending on volume of interest.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-energy>

**Theatre Trust’s Small Grant Programme**

Theatres Trust's Small Grants Programme, supported by The Linbury Trust, funds small projects that make a big impact to a theatre’s **resilience, sustainability, accessibility or improving the diversity of audiences.** This scheme provides grants of **up to £5,000 for essential works** to enable not-for-profit theatres across the UK to be viable and thrive in the future. Eligible projects include **small capital works, the installation of key plant and machinery and works which make theatre buildings digital-ready**.

This scheme will prioritise improvements to buildings that protect theatre use and remove barriers to participation and attendance. Please note that **revenue and survey costs are ineligible**. This fund is to support improvements and repairs to the building fabric, and the key plant and machinery or the purchase of key equipment (not software) to improve digital infrastructure.

To be eligible to apply to the scheme, applicants must demonstrate that they:

* own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
* run a year-round programme of live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year
* have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.

**Deadline for this round of grants: 12 January 2024 (noon)**

<http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/smallgrants>

**abrdn Financial Fairness Trust**

Standard Life Foundation changed its name to abrdn Financial Fairness Trust in 2021 following the sale of the Standard Life brand. This funding is intended for **strategic work, including policy work, campaigning and research, which has the potential to improve ﬁnancial wellbeing at a national scale.** The Foundation is interested in funding projects that examine and promote measures to:

* Increase incomes for those on low-to-middle incomes.
* Ensure people have an adequate safety net, building savings and assets.
* Reduce the cost of living, making sure those on lower incomes are not paying more.
* Address issues related to spending and borrowing, particularly where it becomes problematic.

There is no minimum or maximum size of grant, but **typically grants range between £10,000 and £200,000, with most being between £50,000 and £120,000 in total.** The funding may be spread over one, two or three years, and sometimes shorter periods, for example six months. The Foundation makes between 15 and 20 grants each year, awarding a total of over £2 million. Applicants may need to seek other sources of funding to compliment this award to meet total project costs.

**Organisations that are undertaking charitable activities** can apply and the Trust welcomes applications from a wide range of organisations, **including registered charities, voluntary organisations, think tanks, campaigning groups, research bodies and universities**.

See website for the eligibility criteria and types of eligible expenditure.

The grant can be used for **project costs and for ongoing costs, including staff salaries and overheads. The Trust’s grant programme is focussed on three areas (Income, Spending and Assets) that inﬂuence ﬁnancial wellbeing**. Within each area, there are speciﬁc issues that the Foundation aims to address and to be eligible for funding, projects should help to support at least one of these issues.

**Next deadline: 5 February 2024 (13:00)**

There is a two-stage application process. It takes around four to ﬁve months from the application deadline to receiving a decision from the Trustees. Applicants will ﬁnd out if they are shortlisted within two months of the application deadline.

<https://www.financialfairness.org.uk/en/funding>

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

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