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**NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

**Architectural Heritage Fund (NI)- Three Funds for NI**

For both the **Project Viability Grant** and **Project Development Grant** (see details below), please download and read the Guidance and Help Notes before applying. You are also strongly encouraged to discuss any potential application with the NI Support Officer before submitting an application. **We generally expect applicants to cover at least 50% of the cost of the work**.

* **Project Viability Grant or Village Catalyst Grant (PVG)**

Project Viability Grants (PVG) **up to a maximum of £10,000** are to fund studies to look at **potential uses for a building and at its current condition, and produce a Viability Report to a standard template**. Successful completion of this will be used to judge whether applicants can then apply for the AHF’s Project Development Grant funding, and can be used to secure further funding elsewhere.

[Download Programme Guidance Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/ahf_ni_guidelines_february_v31_2022.docx)

[Download Village Catalyst Programme Guidance Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/village_catalyst_guidance_may22.pdf)

[Download Application Help Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/ahf_ni_help_notes_may_2022.docx)

[Download Viability Report Template](https://ahfund.org.uk/pvgreport/)

[Download Viability Report Guidance](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/ahf_project_viability_appraisal_guidance_non-tpth2020-1.pdf)

* **Project Development Grant or Village Catalyst Grant (PDG)**

The Project Development Grant (PDG) scheme offers **a maximum grant of £20,000** to assist an organisation **to cover some of the costs of developing and co-ordinating a project and taking it towards the start of work on site.**

To qualify, an organisation must have established that the end use of the project is likely to be viable and have decided to take the project forward.

[Download Guidance Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/ahf_ni_guidelines_february_v31_2022.docx)

[Download Village Catalyst Programme Guidance Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/village_catalyst_guidance_may22.pdf)

[Download Application Help Notes](https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/2138/ahf_ni_help_notes_may_2022.docx)

This grant is administered on a rolling basis. We aim to let you know whether you have been successful within six weeks.

* **Delivery Support Fund**

This Fund provides grants of up to £200k to cover a shortfall between project costs and community resources to carry out capital works to a historic building to deliver a use that helps to tackle rural poverty and social isolation. Request an application form from: villagecatalystsupport@communities-ni.gov.uk

[Northern Ireland | The Architectural Heritage Fund (ahfund.org.uk)](https://ahfund.org.uk/grants/northern-ireland/)

 **British Council Arts Opportunities (UK)**

A full list of current international opportunities for practitioners and organisations – including open calls for projects abroad is available at the link below. <https://www.britishcouncil.org/arts/opportunities>

**Community Foundation NI: Micro Community Investment Fund** (reopened June 2023**)**

This fund provides **investment of up to £2,000 for community initiatives** making a difference in towns and villages across NI. The fund will enable those organisations who are making the lives of others in their communities better, **by improving their financial, physical, and mental wellbeing.**

You do not have to have a constitution to apply to this fund. We will discuss your project with you in advance of application if you do not have certain governance requirements for funding in place.

**We want to support smaller, grassroots organisations** delivering great work.  For this reason, whilst groups with an income of up to £30,000 per annum are eligible to apply preference will be given to groups with an income of up to £10,000.

Applications are sought to support both new and existing activities and projects that enhance the financial, physical and/or mental well-being of people in communities. We will support new or existing community initiatives that **have a particular focus on addressing the challenges people are facing around the rising cost of living**.

**Community projects should focus on improving at least one of the following: Financial wellbeing, Physical wellbeing, Mental wellbeing.**

Applications for funding within one or other of these themes could be to support:

* Projects promoting inclusion and belonging, particularly to enhance the physical and mental well-being of the local community
* Projects that strengthen the capacity of individuals to engage with a range of available digital services in order to help manage their money in the digital age
* Projects that enhance people’s financial knowledge through financial education programmes
* Projects promoting physical activity which use the assets located within the area
* Projects that improve the ability of individuals to access mental health and wellbeing services either i) directly, through the provision of support or ii) indirectly, through education/awareness raising programmes
* Projects that encourage the active participation of individuals in their own mental wellbeing. Projects should aim to promote increased independence/resilience in relation to an individual’s mental health.

We want to prioritise projects that:

* Focus on the positive contribution of people within the community and support the challenges that people face in light of the rising cost of living
* Enable active participation of a community in decision-making and involvement in making their community a better place to live in
* Focus on the assets within the community which the project will use to make the community a better place to live in
* Help get people engaged in taking community action where it hasn’t happened before to make the community a better place to live in.
* Projects that address more than one particular strand of wellbeing.

**There is at present no set closing date for applications, however the Foundation reserves the right to announce a closure date subject to the number of awards made and the remaining funds available for distribution. In such circumstances the Foundation will give two weeks’ notice of any closing date that is to be set which will be published online and through our social media.**

If you have any queries regarding this fund, please contact the Grants Team on 028 9024 5927 or via e-mail at: applications@communityfoundationni.org

[Micro Community Investment Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland (communityfoundationni.org)](https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/micro-community-investment-fund/?dm_i=24PQ,8BSKV,79CSHP,YA7PC,1)

**Horizon Europe (EU funding – UK is eligible)**

Horizon Europe is an EU research and innovation programme. It has a budget of €95.5 billion and runs until 2027. The UK will associate to Horizon Europe. This means **UK scientists, researchers and businesses will be able to access funding under the programme on equivalent terms as organisations in EU countries**. We therefore strongly encourage researchers, businesses, and innovators in the UK and worldwide to continue to work together in **establishing global consortia to bid for funding.**

Note that under this programme, funding is available for research into **cultural heritage and the cultural and creative industries**, with themes such as **green and digital cultural heritage, cultural and creative industries as drivers of innovation and competitiveness, traditional crafts for the future, games & society, and competitive European music ecosystem and filmmaking industry**.

See the following guidance content on Horizon Europe:

* [**Horizon Europe overview**](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/horizon-europe/)
* [**apply for Horizon Europe funding**](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/horizon-europe/apply-for-funding/#contents-list)
* [**find partners and collaborators for Horizon Europe**](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/horizon-europe/find-partners-and-collaborators/#contents-list)
* [**get guidance and help with Horizon Europe**](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/horizon-europe/get-guidance-and-help/#contents-list).

Contact the relevant officer in the NI Contact Point network to get support with your application under the next call: <https://horizoneuropeni.com/supportcontacts/>

**Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust – 5 grant programmes**

The information below provides a brief overview of JRCT’s five grants programmes.

Before you apply, please ensure that you have read the full details of the grants programme to which you are applying for funds. **Make sure you register for an online account to apply for funding AT LEAST 2 WEEKS before the DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION**.

**JRCT Peace and Security Programme** (currently paused)

As a Quaker Trust, we believe that peace and security are built on values of equality, human rights, justice and environmental sustainability.

JRCT wishes to prioritise support for charitable work on the following issues:

1. Challenging militarism
2. Scrutiny of counter-terrorism measures in the context of human rights and peacebuilding
3. Building support for alternative approaches to defence and security.

Read the full details of the programme here: [Peace and Security (jrct.org.uk)](https://www.jrct.org.uk/peace-and-security)

**JRCT Power and Accountability Programme** (currently paused)

Quakers have a strong commitment to equality. We want to support people to create a world in which power is more equally shared, and in which powerful institutions are responsive and accountable to wider society and aligned with the long-term public interest.

JRCT wishes to prioritise support for charitable work on the following issues:

1. Strengthening corporate accountability
2. Strengthening democratic accountability
3. Encouraging responsible media

[Read the full details of the programme](https://www.jrct.org.uk/power-and-accountability) here: [Power and Accountability (jrct.org.uk)](https://www.jrct.org.uk/power-and-accountability)

 **JRCT Rights and Justice Programme** (currently paused)

As part of the Quaker tradition, JRCT is committed to the creation of a world that guarantees equal treatment for all people. JRCT wishes to prioritise support for charitable work on the following issues:

1. Protection and promotion of human rights and their enforcement in the UK
2. Promoting rights and justice for minorities who face the most severe forms of racism
3. Promotion of rights and justice for refugees and other migrants by identifying and tackling structures and systems that may deny them their rights

[Read the full details of the programme](https://www.jrct.org.uk/rights-and-justice) here: [Rights and Justice (jrct.org.uk)](https://www.jrct.org.uk/rights-and-justice)

**JRCT Sustainable Future Programme** (currently paused)

The overall focus for this programme is on developing and promoting sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm.

JRCT wishes to prioritise support for charitable work on the following issues:

1. Better economics
2. Beyond consumerism
3. New voices

[Read the full details of the programme](https://www.jrct.org.uk/sustainable-future) here: [Sustainable Future (jrct.org.uk)](https://www.jrct.org.uk/sustainable-future)

 **JRCT Northern Ireland Programme** (currently paused)

JRCT aims to fund work which will contribute to the ongoing transformation of the Northern Ireland conflict. It has identified the following priority areas:

1. Strengthening human rights and equality
2. Supporting inclusive, non-sectarian and participatory politics
3. Supporting processes of demilitarisation
4. Dealing with the past

[Read the full details of the programme](https://www.jrct.org.uk/northern-ireland): [Northern Ireland (jrct.org.uk)](https://www.jrct.org.uk/northern-ireland)

**JRCT Cross-Cutting Programmes**

We anticipate that the majority of our funding will fall under one of the five priority areas specified above. However, if you judge that your application directly relates to more than one area and are able to clearly demonstrate this in your proposal, we will consider a cross-cutting application.

The cross-cutting route is simply a mechanism to allow the Trust to consider applications that relate to more than one programme area. It does not confer any greater opportunity to secure funds. Applications are allocated to the most appropriate grant committee and are dealt with through our normal grant procedures.

[Read more about cross-cutting applications](https://www.jrct.org.uk/funding-priorities#cross-cutting): [Funding priorities (jrct.org.uk)](https://www.jrct.org.uk/funding-priorities#cross-cutting)

**JRCT Grassroots Movements Programme (Pilot)** (currently paused due to demand)

Our Grassroots Movements Fund supports those on the frontlines of social and environmental injustice who are striving for transformative change.

**This pilot programme has a separate application process**. Read more and apply via the [Grassroots Movements Fund website](https://jrctmovementfund.org.uk/): [Grassroots Movements (jrct.org.uk)](https://www.jrct.org.uk/movements)

**Motability: Active Travel Grants**

Grants of **£100,000 to £4 million** are available to **medium to large charities and organisations** with established ways of working. They can be split over **one, two or three years**. Funding is intended to support Motability's key outcomes of:

* Access - Increased ability to access people and places using transport.
* Choice and control - Improved independence and control to make decisions.
* Connect - increased social connections and relationships.
* Education - increased ability to access education.
* Work - increased ability to work and pursue a career.
* Wellbeing - Improved sense of health and wellbeing.

Priority will be given to organisations who:

* Are making both immediate and longer term to the differences of disabled people.
* Can demonstrate that their application takes into account the views and needs of their beneficiaries, and they will continue to be involved during the delivery of the work.

Grants can cover:

* Active travel work which is helping people get from A to B, or active travel as a recreational activity, excluding competitive or social sport.
* Continuation funding for schemes, programmes and initiatives that already exist, and who provide best practice solutions, but need further support to remain operational or scale up the service they can provide to help more disabled people.
* Staff or volunteer training costs.
* Full recovery costs, including indirect costs.
* Local, regional, or national initiatives to increase awareness of active travel and influence its inclusion in transport strategy and policy.

Applications may be submitted at any time. There is a two-stage application process.

<https://www.motability.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/active-travel-grant-programme/>

**Motability Research Grants to develop & expand transport for Disabled people**

National disability transport charity Motability is offering research grants to non-profit organisations across the UK, including academic institutions which are charitable in nature.

Grants of **£50,000 to £1 million are on offer, and can be split over one, two or three years**. The fund is focused on **medium to large charities and organisations with established ways of working**. Applicants must:

•           Have been established for at least three years.

•           Be fully incorporated with a charitable purpose and undertaking research to support

 disabled people with their transport needs.

•           Have had **an annual income of at least £150,000 per annum over the past three**

 **years**.

•           Hold reserves of between three and twelve months of operating costs.

Examples of funded work could include:

•           An evaluation of current work to scale up provision or evidence need to upscale

 work nationally.

•           Research into the challenges and solutions for disabled people in rural

 communities.

•           Understanding experiences of disabled people when travelling by public transport.

Proposals should use creative, ethical and appropriate research methods and evidence a clear need for the research. Applications can be submitted at any time, with Stage One decisions expected within four weeks.

For further information, see: <https://www.motability.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/research-grant-programme/>

**Motability – Community Transport Grants**

Grants of up between **£100,000 and £4 million are available for a maximum of three years** to local not-for-profit groups and medium & large charities for projects which **develop, expand and improve community transport options for disabled people in the UK**.

Funding is intended to address the gaps in the transport landscape and provide transport for the most vulnerable members of society, whose welfare is most impacted by these gaps. Match-funding proposals will be accepted, but it is preferred that applications are limited to an area that can be supported in its entirety by Motability. Grants should be used to cover:

* Staffing and/or volunteer costs to increase supply of Community Transport services.
* Leasing or buying Community Transport vehicles
* Initiatives to influence transport strategy, policy and funding.
* Partnerships/collaborations which drive efficiency at the organisational and systems level.
* Best practice interventions to continue/scale up work.

Both direct and indirect costs of supporting the transport needs of disabled people will be considered. Applications can be made at any time. Stage One applications are expected to receive a response within four months.

For more information, see: [Motability Community Transport Grants](https://www.motability.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/community-transport-grants/)

**Motability – Wheelchair Sector Grants**

Grants of between **£100,000 and £4 million** **are available for a maximum of three years** to not-for-profit groups and medium & large charities for projects which make immediate impact for disabled people, **by improving and expanding their access to good quality wheelchairs in the UK**.

Funding is intended to address challenges to accessing appropriate, quality and affordable wheelchairs. This has the potential to increase social, professional and leisure opportunities as well as improvements to basic mobility. Match-funding proposals will be accepted, but it is preferred that applications are limited to an area that can be supported in its entirety by Motability. Grants should be used to:

* Help individuals to source quality equipment by topping up self-funding.
* Raise awareness of the challenges faced by disabled people in obtaining suitable, quality and affordable wheelchairs.
* Develop or improve programmes which fund high quality and affordable equipment.
* Support existing initiatives which provide best practice solutions but need further support to remain operational or scale up.

Stage One applications are expected to receive a response within four months. The following timescales for Stage Two applications apply:

* Under £1 million: assessed on a monthly basis.
* Over £1 million: assessed quarterly.

 [Motability Wheelchair Sector Grants](https://www.motability.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/wheelchair-sector-grant-programme/)

**Motability: Grants to Reduce Barriers to Driving for Disabled People**

Motability is now inviting applications for its next large grants programme, offering between £100,000 and £2 million over one, two or three years. The following can be funded under the scheme:

* Activity which reduces or mitigates barriers to driving experienced by disabled people, without replicating the support offered by the Motability Scheme.
* Continuation funding for schemes, programmes and initiatives that already exist, and who provide best practice solutions, but need further support to remain operational or scale up the service they can provide to help more disabled people.
* Staff or volunteer training and costs.
* Full cost recovery grants which include indirect costs.

Applications will be accepted from medium or large charities and other charitable organisations with established ways of working. Groups must have been active for at least three years, with an annual income of at least £150,000 and between three and twelve months of reserves.

<https://www.motability.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/reducing-barriers-to-driving-grant/>

**Motability: Travel with Confidence Grants**

Grants of £100,000 to £1 million are available and can be split over one, two or three years. The funding can be used for:

* Activity that improves the information, support and assistance available to disabled people using public transport.
* Activity that supports disabled people to have better journeys through increased confidence, resilience and training.
* Continuation funding for schemes, programmes and initiatives that already exist, and who provide best practice solutions, but need further support to remain operational or scale up.
* Staff or volunteer training and costs.
* Full cost recovery including indirect costs.
* Local, regional, or national initiatives to increase awareness of active travel and influence its inclusion in transport strategy and policy.

Medium to large charities and organisations with established ways of working may apply, providing they have been active for at least three years with an annual turnover of at least £150,000 and three to twelve months of reserves.

<https://www.motability.org.uk/charitable-grants/grants-to-charities-and-organisations/travelling-with-confidence-grant/>

**National Archives: Archives Revealed**

This partnership funding programme from The National Archives, The Pilgrim Trust and the Wolfson Foundation aims to ensure **significant archive collections, representing the lives and perspectives of all people across the UK, are made accessible to the public for research and enjoyment**. Archives Revealed has two funding strands:

* [**Scoping Grant**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/IbezC1rWLiM5voLuG7mPcD?domain=nicva.us2.list-manage.com) provides up to £3,000 to fund an external expert consultant to report on collections management and development.
* **Cataloguing Grant** which provides grants of up to £45,000 for the cataloguing of archives.

Next **Scoping Grant deadline 12 July 2023**

**Cataloguing grant re-opening early 2024**

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/grants-and-funding/>

**National Archives: Resilience Grants**

The Resilience Grants programme invites archives throughout the UK to apply for resilience-building projects of up to **£20,000**, with no minimum level of funding required. It is a one-stage application, completed through an [online application form](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ResilienceGrant/). **The grant will fund projects lasting up to one year.** We ask that applicants submit, as a supporting document, a completed Archives and Records Association [Archives Service Resilience Indicator Tool](https://cdn.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/WIP-indicator-tool.xlsx), which is designed to provide archive services with a quick methodology for assessing resilience and identifying gaps or areas for development. You can download the [Archives Sector Resilience Indicator](https://cdn.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/WIP-indicator-tool.xlsx), and guidance notes from the Archives and Records Association.

The grant programme runs twice per year, with **deadlines in around January and July**.

[About these grants - Archives sector (nationalarchives.gov.uk)](https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/grants-and-funding/resilience-grants/about-these-grants/)

**National Lottery Community Fund – Bringing People Together**

This funding is for projects that build stronger connections across communities. NLCF is looking for ideas that strengthen these connections by exploring and developing the conditions needed to build better and longer-lasting ways of bringing people together. NCLF is interested in projects from **voluntary and community organisations** that –

* Deliver across **at least two UK countries** (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales) – they encourage smaller organisations to work in a network or partnership
* Are **bold and experimental** responses to bringing people together using new approaches or a new combination of approaches
* Can demonstrate **clear positive impacts for communities**, including those communities most in need of support
* Have a clear focus in **equality, diversity and inclusion**
* Can demonstrate that they **learn and adapt as they go**.

Your project must meet **at least one of the priorities** as listed on the website.

The funding available will be **up to a maximum of £1 million for up to five years**. **Most funding will go to project requesting between £200,000 and £500,000.** There will be a smaller number of awards for projects above £500,000. Applications may be made at any time while funding remains available.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/bringing-people-together>

**National Lottery Awards for All - Northern Ireland**

Grants of between **£300 and £10,000** at a time, to **a maximum of £20,000 during a 12-month period** are available to **voluntary and community organisations** to support projects that deliver positive outcomes for local communities and meet at least one of the National Lottery Community Fund's priorities, which are:

* Bringing people together and building strong relationships in and across communities.
* Improving the places and spaces that matter to communities.
* Enabling more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

Projects supported by Awards for All may include delivering new or existing activity or supporting an organisation to change and adapt to new and future challenges, **including the cost-of-living crisis.** The fund is keen to support smaller organisations, so will take into account an organisation's income when making a decision. All projects must involve the local community in the design, development and delivery of the activities that are being planned.

This is a rolling grants programme and applications can be made at any time. Guidance notes and the online application form can be found on the National Lottery Community Fund website. **It takes around 12 weeks to get a decision, with a further two weeks to pay the grant if successful.**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/awards-for-all-northern-ireland>

**National Lottery Community Fund – Empowering Young People NI**

Grants of between **£10,001 and £500,000** are available for **Voluntary and Community Groups** undertaking projects lasting between one and five years to support projects in Northern Ireland that give **young people (aged 8 to 25)** the ability to overcome the challenges they face and to ensure:

* More young people have the skills they need for the future.
* Young people have better relationships with their support networks and communities.
* Young people have improved health and wellbeing.

The funding is intended to help organisations deliver a new or existing activity or to support them in changing and adapting to new and future challenges, **including the cost-of-living crisis.**

Partnerships can also apply as long as they are led by a voluntary, community or social enterprise organisation. Independent branches of larger organisations must have their own governing document and be allowed to manage funds and staff without referring to another body. Dependent branches of a larger organisation could still be eligible to apply and should contact the National Lottery Community Fund team to discuss.

Funding is available for projects that will build the skills and capabilities of young people (aged 8 to 25) to give them the ability to cope with the challenges they face in their lives. Projects must be able to show that young people are fully involved in the development, design, running and evaluation of the project.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/empowering-young-people>

**National Lottery – People and Communities NI**

Under this programme funding of between **£10,000 and £500,000** is available for projects which help (i) people make changes to improve their lives and (ii) help communities build on their strengths and share things they’ve learned. Good applications will be [**People Led, Strengths Based and Connected**](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/people-and-communities#section-3) (click on link for more details).

A current priority is also to keep money flowing to support communities which are having to adapt to the challenges of COVID 19 in NI which includes organisations:

* supporting people who are at high risk from COVID-19
* supporting communities most likely to face increased demand and challenges as a direct result of measures to prevent the result of COVID-19
* with high potential to support communities with the direct and indirect impact of COVID-19.

If you have an idea you wish to discuss or a query, e-mail us at: enquiries.ni@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk or tel: 028 9055 1455.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/people-and-communities>

**National Lottery Grants for Heritage**

**\*Increase in funding limit for Large Projects\***

National Lottery Heritage Fund have increased the upper limit of their National Lottery Grants for Heritage to support larger-scale heritage projects across the UK from £5 million to £10 million. This increase, the first increase in twenty years, aims in part to offset some pressures of inflation and the cost-of-living crisis as well as enabling investment in more ambitious heritage projects that share their belief in the power of heritage to bring people together, build pride in place and connection to the past. 2023–2024 is a transition year ahead of full implementation of [**Heritage 2033**](https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/about/heritage-2033-our-10-year-strategy). They will be making changes to their approach in stages - this increase is their first change.

**The application and decision process for large-scale projects will remain the same** as under the previous threshold, though applicants for large-scale projects will also be asked to consider the new Heritage 2033 investment principles:

* **Saving heritage**
* **Protecting the environment**
* **Inclusion, access and participation**
* **Organisational sustainability**.

Groups will be required to submit a supporting document of 500 words or less outlining how their project will respond to all four principles. Full guidance can be found on the National Lottery Heritage Fund website.

**Three levels of funding are available:**

* Grants from £3,000 to £10,000
* Grants from £10,000 to £250,000
* Grants from £250,000 to £10 million.

**Applicants must contribute at least 5% of project costs for grants up to £1 million and at least 10% for grants of £1 million or more.** Applications from:

* **£3,000 to £10,000** will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations and private owners of heritage.
* **£10,000 to £100,000** will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations, private owners of heritage and partnerships.
* **£100,000 to £10 million** will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations.

**Eligible Expenditure**

Project funding to support a broad range of heritage projects and activities and connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. From the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to the cost of living crisis, both heritage and the UK are facing big challenges. This funding is for projects that strengthen the sector's recovery and support thriving places and communities across the UK. **The funding can support a broad range of types of activity and cover a wide range of direct project costs.**

**Applications are currently being assessed against the following six priority outcomes**:

* A wider range of people will be involved in heritage (mandatory outcome)
* The funded organisation will be more resilient
* People will have greater wellbeing
* People will have developed skills
* The local area will be a better place to live, work or visit
* The local economy will be boosted.

The other three outcomes are:

* Heritage will be in better condition.
* Heritage will be identified and better explained.
* People will have learnt about heritage, leading to change in ideas and actions.

The priorities for heritage are: **Landscape and nature; and Community heritage.**

**Application Process for each level of grant**

To apply for a grant, applicants will need to use the application portal on the Heritage Fund website as follows:

* Apply for a grant between £3,000 and £250,000.
* Submit a Project Enquiry for a project idea between £10,000 and £250,000.
* Submit an Expression of Interest for applications over £250,000.

**Deadlines**

There are **no deadlines for grants under £250,000**. Once the application and all supporting documentation are received, applications will be assessed, and a decision given in eight weeks.

The next deadlines for grants over £250,000 are **noon** on:

* **17 August 2023** for a decision by the end of December 2023.
* **16 November 2023** for a decision by the end of June 2024.

Applicants can contact either the main Customer Services team or their local office, a full list of local contacts can be found on the NLHF website under [contact us](https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/article/contact-us)

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding>

**Northern Ireland Screen Funding Programmes**

Northern Ireland Screen is the national screen agency.  It is committed to maximising the economic, cultural and educational value of the screen industries for the benefit of Northern Ireland.  NI Screen offers various funding programmes across its **economic, cultural and educational** activities. Check individual funding programmes for deadline dates:

* **Economic**

[Development](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/funding/development/) – scripted and non-scripted projects, development slates and interactive content

[Production](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/funding/production/) – feature film (including feature documentaries), television drama, animation, factual/entertainment television and interactive content.

* **Cultural**

Cultural funds include the [Irish Language Broadcast Fund (ILBF)](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/irish-language-broadcast-fund/) and the [Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund (USBF)](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/news/ulster-scots-broadcast-fund/).

* **Educational**

[Skills and Training](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/skills/)

* **Sectional Funding**

  [Film Education](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/education/); [Digital Film Archive](http://digitalfilmarchive.net/); [Cultural Cinema and Film Festivals](https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/culture/);

For more details, see: <https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/funding/what-we-fund/>

**Unltd Funding for Social Enterprise Start Ups in NI**

UnLtd supports people to start or grow their business, whether to develop and test an idea or grow a social venture that’s already up and running. Funding awards from **£500 to £18,000** are on offer alongside a package of one to one and peer support.

We want to ensure that we can use our resources to address the imbalance of equity across the funding landscape, making sure we use our resources to **support those who are marginalised** to thrive and make a difference. We combine cash and coaching to help nurture ideas and grow impact. It doesn't matter what stage of development your social venture is at. It can be an idea on paper. Or a social venture in practice already. We can offer financial support of up to £15,000 depending on how far you are in your journey.

Applications from disabled people or those who identify as Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background particularly welcome, as well as those with direct experience of the social issues they are looking to solve. You need to register online to apply. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Carol Stewart on 07944 060322 or e-mail the NI Social Entrepreneur Support Manager: NualaSmyth@unltd.org.uk

<https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/>

**Village Catalyst Grant Scheme NI**

The Village Catalyst grant scheme is a partnership initiative between the Department for Communities (DfC), the Department for Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) the Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE). Applications are invited from charities, social enterprise and other not for profit groups in rural villages of less than 5,000 people, who want to tackle rural poverty and social isolation in their area, by developing a sustainable use for a disused historic buildingin their village.

You can see examples of the sort of projects supported in the our [pilot](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/e251CN9LJhB0yOC4RVAiz?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com).

**Support is available for communities to:**

* **Carry out viability work (up to £10k),**
* **Develop their plans (up to £20k)**
* **Deliver their project (up to £200k).**

Please read the guidance and then contact the Village Catalyst team at villagecatalystsupport@communities-ni.gov.ukto request the relevant application form.

For more information, see: [Village Catalyst Grant Scheme NI](https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/village-catalyst-grant-scheme#:~:text=The%20Village%20Catalyst%20grant%20scheme%20is%20a%20partnership,%28AHF%29%2C%20and%20the%20Northern%20Ireland%20Housing%20Executive%20%28NIHE%29.)

**CHARITIES, TRUSTS, FOUNDATIONS**

**AB Charitable Trust: Open Grants Programme**

Open programme grants are usually between **£10,000** to **£20,000** and awarded annually.
We support work that **promotes human dignity and defends the human rights of marginalised and excluded people**. We currently fund organisations working in [three priority areas](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/sgxjCQ0nMfGZEmCxKj5w_?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com) **: Migrants and Refugees, Criminal Justice and Penal Reform, Human Rights, particularly Access to Justice.**

Our Grants Committee meets four times a year to decide upon grant applications. Deadlines for submission are at the end of January, April, July and October – see website for details. Applications are made through an online form and you can [**download a PDF**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/O1XqCRoONC9Zk8S94r6t0?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)to view the questions in advance of submitting your application.

For further information, see: <https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/apply>

**Action Renewables PV (solar panel) Support Programme for the Charity Sector** **(NI)**

(currently closed to further applications in 2023)

The purpose of this Programme is to fund projects to install solar electricity panels, also known as photovoltaics (PV), in the charity sector and in schools. The aim of this is to help such organisations reduce their environmental impact and make a financial impact through generation/cost savings. T**o be eligible applicants must:**

* Have a long-term lease on their building - long-term being defined as 5+ years.
* Satisfy a feasibility study with a baseload demand greater than 12kW.
* Agree to install a 12kW PV on target property - 3 phase commercial connection.
* Where their building is rented or leased, have permission from their landlord for the project, and an agreement in place in the event of the landlord selling the property.

**Applications may be made at any time while funding remains available. Installations will be selected on a first-come/first-served basis.**
<https://actionrenewables.co.uk/charitable-activities>

**Alec Dickson Trust** (Volunteering projects run by under 30s)

Grants of **up to £500** are available to support volunteering projects which directly or indirectly respond to COVID 19 and are organised and run by young people (under 30 years).

Projects should enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society. The Trust aims to support projects which**: i) encourage youth volunteering, ii) have a positive impact on disadvantaged communities and individuals and iii) are innovative and try to do things a bit differently, such as using social media creatively or using existing resources in new ways.**

Guidelines and the application form are available from the Trust's website. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. <http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/>

**Alpkit Foundation Grants**

Alpkit Foundation Grants are available to get projects off the ground. This could be:

* £50 to £500 cash to individuals, community groups, schools and organisations to encourage people to get outdoors and have great experiences that otherwise couldn’t happen; e.g. giving a cash grant to a school to fund transport costs
* Providing discounted equipment for outdoor adventures and trips to individuals, groups, schools and organisations that wouldn’t be viable without support from the Alpkit Foundation
* Supporting outdoor educational programs; e.g. grants for outdoor First Aiders or Mountain Leader Training that wouldn’t be possible without Alpkit Foundation support
* Supporting proactive conservation and environmental projects; e.g. community gardens and allotments or grants to help re-wild woodland and protect their wild places
* Supporting projects which encourage the development of facilities for outdoor skills and activities to be experienced by wider groups who otherwise may miss out e.g. cycling, climbing, outdoor swimming facilities.

You can apply at any time and there's no limit to the number of times you can apply for an award. They welcome multiple awards over time and each award is assessed on its own merit. The only criteria they apply in making awards is that the project meets the funding criteria and the Alpkit Foundation has the enough money in the pot.

<https://alpkit.com/pages/foundation>

**American Express – Community Giving Programme**

The American Express Foundation provides support to not-for-profit organisations whose work aligns with its priorities. Grants are available for projects in the following areas:

**Backing equal futures:**

* Programmes that provide skills and pathways to prepare youth (ages 13-30) for long-term success and the future of work. (Including the green economy, STEAM and digital futures.) This may include school-based, college, trade school, public service or workforce-related training or mentoring to support skill-building, education, the transition to meaningful employment and self-sufficiency for under-represented populations.
* Advocacy to support education and workforce development in under-represented communities. Eligible organisations for under-represented communities include those supporting racial, ethnic and Indigenous minorities, women, refugees, incarcerated or formerly incarcerated, unhoused and formerly unhoused people, veterans or families of veterans, disadvantaged or people with disabilities, and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

**Backing small:**

* Support for diverse small business owners and entrepreneurs, including grants, mentoring support and technical assistance issued through established community partnerships.
* Financial literacy education, training and mentoring for under-represented individuals and families to build financial awareness, fiscal acumen and success (including at school age, during higher education or when individuals are entering/re-entering the workforce).

**Backing low-carbon communities:**

* Programmes, partnerships and action focused on energy transition, emissions reduction and efficiency.
* Community-led climate projects focused on nature-based or clean energy initiatives, including those led by diverse or under-represented groups.
* Disaster relief and resilience building programmes and initiatives in extreme weather prone areas and other locations where American Express colleagues and customers live and work, to provide both immediate and/or long-term relief and community preparedness to natural and man-made disasters and help create climate-resilient communities.

There are **no minimum or maximum funding levels** stated in the guidelines. **The Foundation does not actively solicit applications for grants and new partnerships. However, interested organisations are invited to submit details about their work at any time by email.**

These submissions will be reviewed each year between November and January and those organisations that align with the funder's priorities may be contacted for further information and invited to submit a grant application. Only one form entered per organisation will be considered and organisations that submit multiple entries will be disregarded. Grants are made to organisations that can provide documentary evidence of not-for-profit status.

<https://www.americanexpress.com/en-us/company/corporate-sustainability/community-impact/>

**Artemis Charitable Foundation**

The Charitable Foundation offers grants **of up to £5,000 for UK registered charities** to support projects and activities in the following key areas: **Health, Education, Poverty, Environment.**

One-off awards are typically made; however, multi-year grants may be considered where a successful partnership is established. Unrestricted funding will also be considered.

Priority will be given to small-and-medium-sized charities with an annual income of less than £2 million, as well as innovative projects that can be scaled up or replicated. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Next Deadline: 30 June 2023**

<https://www.artemisfunds.com/en/about-artemis/artemis-charitable-foundation-application-guidelines>

**Art Fund – Student Paid Work Experience Opportunities**

Art Fund is offering funding of **up to £10,000 to help museums, galleries and visual arts organisations provide paid opportunities for full-time university students** to gain meaningful, developmental work-experience that enables them to further explore their interest in the arts, and related future career options before they graduate. Student Opportunities benefit both visual arts organisations and students in a range of exciting and transformative ways. Students can explore an interest in the arts alongside future career options, while providing organisations with a skilled and accountable resource.

Applicants should demonstrate the commitment their own organisation is making to the activity, in cash or in kind. Eligible applicants are UK public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives that:

* Have a public presence (e.g. a building open to the public) or a public outcome (e.g. a festival or public art programme)
* Can demonstrate that they operate to standards of best practice within the sector (e.g. through Arts Council England accreditation).

Applicants are asked to allow at least eight weeks between submitting applications and the time by which they need a decision. Applicants should discuss their potential project before submitting an application - please contact Robert Dingle, programme partnerships manager, on 0207 225 4871 or rdingle@artfund.org.

<https://www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/student-opportunities>

**Art Fund – Main and Small Grants for the Commission of New Work**

Art Fund recognise that there are distinct opportunities and fundraising challenges in realising a commission and that the acquisition of a commission can be conceptualised and carried out in many different ways. Grants are available to all public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives in the UK or Channel Islands to support the commissioning process. For an application to be successful applicants will need to make a strong case in the following three areas:

* Benefit to the Artist
* Benefit to the Organisation
* Benefit to Audiences.

Applications towards support for commissions need to demonstrate the impact of the work of art within the context of all three areas above. Eligible applicants must be open for at least half the week for at least six months of the year, and be fully or provisionally accredited through the Arts Council Accreditation scheme or other national equivalents. This programme has two levels of funding available:

* **Main grants: grant requests of above £7,500 and/or where the total cost of the work is more than £15,000**
* **Small grants: grant requests of £7,500 or less where the total cost of the work is £15,000 or less.**

<https://www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/commission-grants>

**The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust (Outdoor Experiences)**

This charity was set up in memory of Andy Fanshawe, one of Britain's leading mountaineers, at the time of his death in 1992. The Trust offers funding to support **disadvantaged young people to further develop an existing interest in adventurous outdoor activities** such as walking, climbing, cycling, kayaking, sailing and horse riding in the UK. Applications are accepted from individual young people or small groups or from organisations, such as schools or youth clubs, on behalf of a young person for self-planned activities or residential courses at an outdoor centre.

Each year, the Trust awards **up to 12 grants, averaging £400 each, but there is no lower or upper limit.** Applicants are expected to have done some fundraising for the activity or adventure. The Trust is looking to support young people with enthusiasm, initiative and a sense of adventure. Activities must include an element of adventure, and applicants must be prepared to write a short report following their adventure.

Applications can be made at any time and should be submitted via email in no more than 1,000 words. See website for details of what to include. If an individual is applying for a grant, a reference should be obtained from a teacher or care worker.

<https://www.andyfanshawe.org/>

**Archives Revealed: Scoping Grants and Cataloguing Grants**

The Fund is designed to transform access to archives for a wide range of users, enabling more people to engage with the UK’s rich documentary heritage. The Funds aims are to:

* Increase access to previously unavailable archive material.
* Increase engagement with archive collections by a wider audience.
* Enable deeper use of archive material to further understanding of collections.
* Increase confidence and skills of archivists to enable them to successfully secure income to fund archive development.

There are two funding strands:

* **Scoping Grants of up to £3,000** are available to public sector bodies, registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations in the UK to help archives analyse collections, supporting development of future plans for cataloguing priorities and projects. A Scoping Grant will fund **an external consultant to conduct a collection assessment report** that will enable successful applicants to use to strategically plan next steps and to advocate internally and externally to gain support for a project. ***This is a rolling programme with decisions made on a quarterly basis. Organisations can apply at any time. Applications are assessed four times a year to allow for quick decision making.***

**ROUND 17 DEADLINE: 12 JULY 2023**

* **Cataloguing grants of** **up to £45,000 for archives to create catalogues of important archival collections**. *This is an* ***annual programme that opens in the autumn each year*** *– check website for details.*

For further information, see:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/finding-funding/archives-revealed/>

**Asda Foundation Grants**

The Asda Foundation supports small grass roots organisations in a number of ways throughout the year. Working with Asda’s Community Champions in store, Asda are able to work with a range of organisations and groups on a range of projects. Below are the different ways communities can be supported:

* **Empowering Local Communities Grant**
* **Green Token Giving**
* **Under 18 Better Starts Grant**
* **Match Funding**
* **Emergency**
* **Partnerships**.

Check the website for details relating to the above and other funding scheme updates.

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants>

**Ashworth Charitable Trust**

Grants of **up to £3,000** and, in exceptional circumstances, of up to £5,000are available for **registered charities in the UK undertaking charitable activities, primarily supporting humanitarian causes** locally, nationally or internationally that share the Trust's underlying principles as follows:

* The oneness of humanity.
* The establishment of true justice.
* The paramount importance of education for all.
* The need to address the situation of the very poor and of those at the margins of society.
* That all people everywhere should be able to share the fruits of and be empowered to participate in the construction of a just, prosperous and sustainable society.
* That to achieve these aims, it is necessary to build the capacity of individuals, communities and institutions.

Priority is given to smaller charities. The Trust prefers to fund projects, not provide core funding. The Trustees meet twice a year. <https://www.ashworthtrust.org/>

**Aviva Community Fund (with Crowdfunding)**

When **local projects and charities** get the opportunity to make their vision of a better world a reality, that’s when communities come together and really come alive. The two areas we see as vital to this journey towards stronger UK communities are:

•  **Climate Action**: promoting thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change

•  **Financial Wellbeing**: helping people take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially independent and ready for anything.

The Aviva Community Fund delivers funding and support all year round. Every three months we split £250,000 among our UK employees to donate to the projects that matter to them most. Eligible causes will be able to submit their projects to the Aviva Community Fund through Crowdfunder. Funding applications are open to projects looking to raise **up to £50,000**.

If you need any help, we’ll guide you through the process with free toolkits and resources.

For more information, see: [About | Aviva Community Fund](https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/about-us)

**Bally’s Foundation (Mental Health)**

The Foundation operates as an independent charity but is linked with Bally's, one of the world's leading gaming operators, and its subsidiaries. The main focus of the Foundation is on providing grants and funding to organisations to **preserve and protect the wellbeing of individuals suffering from mental health issues**. Funding is at the discretion of the Foundation.

Applications are open to UK-based organisations with a minimum annual income of £50,000, who care for individuals suffering from mental health issues, or who focus on research in the mental health field. The Foundation predominantly fund registered charities and NGOs, however they will consider funding other types of organisation so long as they can be proven to have an impact with regard to mental health issues, support, and treatment. Applicant organisations will be asked to clearly outline their social purpose and to demonstrate that all profits and assets are used to support that purpose.

Grants are intended to support the activities of organisations that are:

* **Mission aligned** – share the Foundation’s aspiration of alleviating mental health issues (including addiction, conditions of emotional or mental distress, issues caused by social isolation, homelessness, bereavement, and suicide).
* **Understanding of who the Foundation are**.
* **Risk aware** – have robust governance and financial management in place, with high standards in safeguarding their staff and beneficiaries.
* **Learning led** – have a culture which values evidence, are committed to continual improvement, and share what they learn with others.
* **Storytellers** – will tell compelling stories to shed light on mental health issues and remove the stigma attached to mental illness.

For further information, see: <https://www.ballysfoundation.org/>

**Barbara Ward Children’s Foundation (severely disadvantaged children & young people)**

Grants for small, non-religious charitable organisations undertaking projects for severely disadvantaged children and young people in the UK or anywhere in the world. The funding is for the benefit of children who are **seriously or terminally ill, disadvantaged, underprivileged or have special needs**. To be eligible, charities should be financially sound and should not be receiving funding from statutory bodies. In recent years, the Foundation has provided grants to organisations working on **youth projects** in the following categories:

* **Education.**
* **Health and wellbeing.**
* **Holidays.**
* **Sport, play and leisure.**
* **Support, care and respite.**

Applications can be made in writing at any time to the Trustees detailing the specific purpose for which the grant is requested and should be accompanied by a copy of the organisation's latest report and accounts.

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

**Benefact Trust**

The Benefact Trust supports:

* Christian charities and churches in the UK and Ireland who are making a positive impact on their communities
* The repair, restoration and improvement of church buildings, cathedrals and other Christian charity buildings
* The preservation of traditional skills relating to ecclesiastical heritage.

The following Grant schemes are currently open:

* **Community Impact grants** – enabling greater social impact
* **Building Improvement grants** – protecting and enhancing Christian buildings

Through the Building Improvement Grants Fund, Christian organisations can apply for funding to support direct capital costs relating to the following types of work:

* Essential, one-off repairs or other capital works to ensure the continued use or viability of a building (capital work must be considered urgent or necessary within 12 months).
* Minor capital works or equipment purchases to meet operational or accessibility requirements (eg essential operational equipment, AV equipment, hearing loops, ramps etc).
* Conservation or restoration of historic features (eg stained glass, carvings, interior, furnishings, clocks, tower bells, organs etc) that contribute to the preservation and appreciation of a building's heritage.
* Other aesthetic enhancements (eg interior decoration, furnishings or public realm improvements) to improve indoor or outdoor spaces for users.
* Energy efficiency/renewable energy measures (eg heating/lighting upgrades, solar panels etc) that improve the sustainability of church buildings/facilities and enable their continued use.

The average decision time for smaller grants (up to £25,000) is two months. Larger grants (over £25,000) are considered at grants committee and board meetings and can take between four and six months.

* **Methodist grants** – enhancing the mission and ministry of the Methodist church
* **Heritage Skills for Christian Buildings grants** – caring for our Christian heritage
* **Roof alarm grants** - protecting churches from metal theft.

For more information, see: <https://benefacttrust.co.uk/>

**Blackburn Trust**

The Blackburn Trust provides small grants for the **support of the family, including parenting initiatives and work with** **women and with children under 12** **living in Northern Ireland**.

The Trust rarely makes grants of more than £1,000. A grant is unlikely to be made where the grant would be less than 10% of the total cost of the project.  **The average amount of grants is £600**.

Application Forms and Guidelines are available on written request from **trusts@cfrlaw.co.uk**.

**Deadlines annually are 31 May, 31 October, and 31 January.**

**Britford Bridge Trust**

Grants are available to support UK registered charities and organisations working to advance the charitable aims of the Trust which are:

* Primarily, the prevention or relief of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of health or the saving of lives; and the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage, or science.
* Secondarily, the advancement of citizenship or community development; the advancement of amateur sport; the advancement of environmental protection or improvement; and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage.

Grants are typically **between £10,000 and £30,000 with an average grant of around £25,000**. In exceptional circumstances the trustees may award larger or multi-year grants. Applications are invited from UK registered charities or their equivalent. The Trustees are particularly interested in supporting **organisations which operate on a national or international level.**

<https://thebritfordbridgetrust.org/>

**British Airways Better World Community Fund (Matchfunding)**

With the BA Better World Community Fund, we’re creating more **life-changing opportunities** and generating more **positive impact in the communities** we serve by **offering up to £50,000 in extra funding to eligible projects that crowdfund**. The type of projects that fit with the Better World vision include e.g. **community engagement, diversity, wellbeing, waste reduction, tackling climate change, promoting nature and biodiversity and engaging our colleagues in positive action in the communities we serve.**

Check the eligibility criteria. If you are a UK registered charity or social enterprise working in the UK, your work is aligned to our BA Better World vision, and you would like to apply for support, then [click here and create a unique project page](https://bacommunityfund.co.uk/start-crowdfunding) that explains your idea and fundraising target. Once your application has been approved, you have 6 weeks to plan, create and launch a crowdfunding campaign. There’s plenty of tools to help you on our [Learn page](https://bacommunityfund.co.uk/learn).

Extra funding of **up to £50,000 (or 50% of your project target)** from the BA Better World Community Fund will be pledged onto your project page once the following pledge conditions have been met:

• 25% of your project target
• At least 25 unique supporters.

You then need to go on to reach 100% of your target to secure the funding from the BA Better World Community Fund. For more information, see: <https://bacommunityfund.co.uk/about-us>

**BBC Children in Need Funding – 3 Programmes**

* + 1. **Emergency Essentials Programme**

BBC Children in Need are expanding their Emergency Essentials programme to include a broader range of basic essentials to support children and young people living with severe poverty across the UK. The fund supports families with children who are living with financial, health and social difficulties, by providing items that meet children’s most basic needs such as kitchen appliances, furniture, baby equipment, beds, clothing, and other items and services that are critical to children’s wellbeing. Applications must come through a registered referral agency that is supporting the family or young person. The programme is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. Applications can be made at any time

<https://www.familyfundservices.co.uk/emergency-essentials/>

* + 1. **Children in Need – Project Costs**

Project Costs support the aims and delivery of **a specific piece of work**. This work will usually be time-limited and based on a defined set of activities. Our Project Costs Funding Stream is for charities and not-for-profit organisations. Applicants to this programme can apply for **grants for up to three years**. We aim to give quicker decisions for grants of **£15,000 or less per year**.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/project-costs-funding-stream/>

**3. Children in Need - Core Costs**

Core Costs support essential organisational and administrative spending. These are the key expenses required to keep your organisation running. Our Core Costs funding can be spent on your organisation’s central day-to-day operations. Applicants to this programme can apply for **grants for up to three years**. We aim to give quicker decisions for grants of **£15,000 or less per year**. <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/core-costs/>

**BFI Film Fund**

The BFI supports film culture across the UK. This includes investing Lottery funds in film development and production, and to increase audiences. We aim to maximise the achievements of British film at home and abroad – from international strategy and industry diversity to certification and tax relief. [Supporting UK film](https://www.bfi.org.uk/supporting-uk-film)

**B&Q Foundation Grants UK** (to improve homes & community spaces)

Grants of **up to £5,000** are available to UK registered charities for projects that improve homes and community spaces for those most in need, such as those experiencing **homelessness, financial hardship, poor health, disability, or other disadvantage or distress.**

The funding is made available by the B&Q Foundation to decorate, renovate, or create spaces, both indoors and outdoors, where people can feel at home and have a sense of belonging. Projects could include creating community gardens, redecorating properties, installing new boilers, and creating new buildings or rooms. Larger funding amounts are occasionally awarded depending on the strength of the application and project. Applications can be submitted at any time and organisations should submit an expression of interest in the first instance. Applications are managed via the Neighbourly platform to make the process as easy as possible.

[https://bqfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/tjinC9Q1WCkrojoIoOFp15?domain=u3134542.ct.sendgrid.net)

**British Foreign School Society (Education for Under 25s/Marginalised)**

Grants are available for UK projects of between **£30,000 and £100,000** and for international projects of up to £60,000 to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational projects with children and young people under the age of 25 in marginalised communities within the UK and internationally.

For UK projects the focus is on projects to **improve the educational outcomes and life chances of Young Carers and Children Looked After.** For international projects the focus will be on improving the **quality, sustainability, and access to education for young people within international marginalised and deprived communities**.

**Next Stage 1 deadline: 10 July 2023**

[https://bfss.org.uk/grant-giving/](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/_zVOCE98wh3WJ0Ptn12gj?domain=u3134542.ct.sendgrid.net)

**Card Factory Foundation – Community Grant Fund**

This fund aims to support community projects and activities that improve lives, provide support for people undergoing life-changing events, and provide benefits for both past and present Card Factory colleagues and communities where Card Factory stores operate.
**Grants are typically awarded up to £2,500**. Grants of more than £2,500 will be made at the discretion of the Trustees. **Funding is for projects and activities that meet one or more of the following priorities:**

• Provide support, financial or otherwise, towards hardship caused by life-changing events.
• Provide support, financial or otherwise, to projects that improve lives.
• Projects that take place for Card Factory colleagues and/or communities where Card Factory stores operate.

<https://www.cardfactoryinvestors.com/foundation/community-grant-fund>

**Church of Ireland - Priorities Fund**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to not-for-profit groups, voluntary and community organisations and registered charities operating within the Church of Ireland in either Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland for projects that support the themes of the Fund which are:

* **Training - Lay and Ordained -**Training in the following areas: post-ordination, clergy in-service, lay ministry, youth ministry, children's ministry, student chaplaincy.
* **Christian Education -**Development of RE in schools, children's ministry, youth work, adult education.
* **Outreach Initiatives -**To encourage creative and innovative projects, which reach out to the communities our parishes serve, including church plants and missional areas.
* **Innovative Ministry in a Rural Context -**To encourage creative and innovative ministry projects in the sparsely populated areas of the country, in rural or village settings.

The Fund prioritises grants for 'seed capital'. Applications will be accepted from parishes and community organisations located across the island of Ireland. Applications may be made at any time in-year, with the Fund's **annual deadline being 31 October**.

<https://priorities.ireland.anglican.org/criteria>

**Congregational and General Charitable Trust**

This independent grant-making Trust makes contributes grants for the **capital costs of community church projects**. **Grants range from a minimum of £1,000 to a maximum of £25,000 at 25% of total cost of projects costing less than £1 million**.  Eligible applicants are **United Reformed and Congregational denominations and other churches of the Protestant tradition**. There are no deadlines for applications which are considered at the quarterly meetings of the Trustees.

**Next deadline: 17 August 2023 (10am)**

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

**CRASH: Helping homelessness charities & hospices with vital construction projects**

CRASH assists homelessness charities and hospices with their construction projects by sourcing pro-bono or discounted professional expertise, and construction products, from their Corporate Patron companies and supporters within the industry.

[Apply For Help | CRASH](https://www.crash.org.uk/apply-for-help/#application-process)

**The Clothworkers Foundation – Open Grants Programme (Capital)**

We award grants to UK registered charities, CICs, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools). Grants are awarded towards capital projects which we define as:

* **Buildings:**purchase, construction, renovation or refurbishment.
* **Fittings, Fixtures, and Equipment:**this includes but is not limited to office equipment/furniture, sports/gym equipment, digital/audio visual equipment, garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment. It does not include equipment for one-off use, or which will be given to serce users for personal use on a permanent basis.
* **Vehicles:**This includes a minibus, car, caravan, people-carrier, or 4X4. We are unlikely to fund the total cost of a new vehicle and do not provide grants towards vehicle leasing.

We fund both large and small projects. The size of grant awarded will depend on a number of factors including the size of your organisation and the cost and scale of your capital project.

You must be able to demonstrate that the work of your organisation fits within one or more of our programme areas, and that at least 50% of service users benefiting from the capital project are from one or more of those groups.

Learn more about applying for a grant [here](https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/).

<https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

**The Cruach Trust (for Gardens and Gardeners)**

Grants of up to £2,000 to charities and other organisations to support gardeners, retired gardeners and the preservation of gardens in the UK. Additionally, funding can support a wide range of activities including arts, heritage and culture, medical research, the natural environment, equality and diversity, citizenship and community development, education and those experiencing hardship**.**

Previously funded projects include: horticultural apprenticeships; groups working with children, young carers, the elderly, vulnerable and homeless; gardens, wildlife and natural environment; music, the arts and cultural activities. Match funding is not a specified requirement. Small Scottish charities and local charities are prioritised. Applications must be submitted online. The annual deadline for applications this year is **25 August 2023**.

<https://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/cruach-trust>

**Didymus Fund** **(for disadvantaged people)**

***Due to large demand for funding, Didymus is limiting applications to organisations that have previously received awards for the foreseeable future.***

Grants of **up to £5,000** are available for small to medium UK based registered charities to support disadvantaged people in the UK, Africa or Central and South America.The fund supports smaller charities who are working in the areas of **social inclusion, education, the arts, equality and diversity, and religious understanding**. The fund will enable charities to run projects and initiatives that build hope and enrichment of life for people who have been disadvantaged for whatever reason.

Priority will be given to charities with an income of less than £1 million. The Trustees 'strongly encourage' applicants whose work falls outside of the London area. Funding can be used for e.g. purchasing equipment, provision of activities, such as music or arts sessions, training costs, educational costs.

On-line applications are accepted on a rolling basis for consideration at the 3 trustee meetings held each year. Notification of decisions is usually within one month of the trustee meeting.

<https://www.didymus-charity.org.uk/>

**DPD Eco Fund – for UK Local Environmental Initiatives**

Funding of **up to £2,000** is available to charities, community groups, schools, small businesses and other local organisations in the United Kingdom for **green projects and environment-friendly initiatives.**

Applications must be made on behalf of a third sector organisation, charity, school, community organisation or small/medium enterprise with less than 10 employees. Each application must be accompanied by a quote(s) for the goods or services for which the donation is going to be used. Applications may be made at any time and will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

<https://green.dpd.co.uk/> (scroll down to Eco Fund)

**D’Oyly Carte Charitable Trust**

Grants of between **£500 and £6,000** are available for core costs or projects for UK registered charities working in the areas of advancement of **the arts, health and medical welfare, and improvement or protection of the environment.**

Please read specific areas of interest and priorities for support in our [**Downloadable** Guidelines](http://www.doylycartecharitabletrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Guidelines-2021-2023-for-website-July-2021.pdf) The Trustees usually consider applications three times a year in March, July and November. The application process can take between three and six months depending on when the application is submitted.

<http://www.doylycartecharitabletrust.org/>

**DWF Foundation**

The DWF Foundation provides funds, resources and support to help communities achieve their full potential. The Foundation does not have a minimum grant size but **the majority of their grants will fall under £5,000**. The DWF Foundation supports registered charities with an impact in one or more of the following areas:

* **Homelessness**
* **Health and wellbeing**
* **Employability**
* **Education**
* **Environment and Sustainability.**

Grants are given to initiatives that develop and improve local communities by:

* Tackling a specific community issue.
* Helping voluntary and community groups become more effective and efficient.
* Encouraging the involvement in the community of those too often excluded.
* Enabling young people to develop skills for the benefit of the community.

See the website for Grant Guidelines and an application form. There are two funding rounds per year with deadlines of **30 June and 31 October**

<https://dwfgroup.com/en/about-us/dwf-foundation>

**The Edgar Lawley Foundation**

The Foundation awards unrestricted grants to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations, particularly those providing support in the areas of: **medicine, older people in need and educational purposes relating to the arts, commerce and industry**.

Applicants should be aware that typically the Foundation receives approximately 500 applications per year for grants but in a normal year can only fund approximately 160 of them. In recent years the current annual grants programme has amounted to approximately £240,000 per annum with a **typical grant being in the region of £1,500 per successful applicant.**

All applications must be made through the Foundation’s on-line application form available on this website. No additional supporting information is required.

**The Grant window for 2023 will run from 1 August – 31 October**

<http://www.edgarelawleyfoundation.org.uk/>

**Enkalon Foundation**

**Grants of up to £6,000 (the average grant is £1,000)** are available to organisations with charitable status, working in Northern Ireland for projects assisting **cross-community groups, self-help, assistance to the unemployed and groups helping disadvantaged members of society in Northern Ireland, especially in Antrim.**

Grants may be made towards any costs (core running or project) associated with a project which is considered to be suitable. The Foundation's main aim is to support ex-employees of the British Enkalon Factory in Antrim with healthcare equipment but it **also supports charities and community groups across NI working in such areas as: education, health and of saving lives, citizenship or community development, arts, culture, heritage or science, amateur sport, the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, animal welfare.**

Applications must be submitted one month before the relevant quarterly meeting of the Trustees.

<https://www.enkalonfoundation.org/>

**The Elephant Trust**

The Trust aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by the lack of funds. It is committed to helping **artists and art institutions/galleries that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.**

The Elephant Trust has modest resources so grants are **usually limited to £2,000** however so larger grants of up to £5,000 may be awarded. Priority is given to artists in the fine arts and smaller organisation and galleries who submit imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions. Continuous rolling programme. Trustees meet four times a year. Successful applications will be contacted within six weeks.

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

**Esmée Fairbairn Foundation – Grants for a Fairer Future**

This stream offers grants of **a minimum of £30,000** to:

* **improve our natural world (climate change)**
* **tackle injustice to deliver a fairer future**
* **nurture creative, confident communities.**

The Foundation makes grants across a fairly wide spectrum of sizes. **Most grants are for 3 years or longer.** Charities and organisations that are undertaking work that is legally charitable in the UK can apply. Recordings of webinars discussing the following priorities and the application process are available online:

* **Arts and Creativity Making Change**
* **Children and Young People’s Rights**
* **Racial, Gender and Migrant Justice**

To apply for funding, organisations first need to complete the eligibility quiz available on the Foundation’s website. They can then submit an Expression of Interest (100 words) and will hear back from the Foundation within four weeks. The Foundation will discuss the proposal with the organisation and will invite them to submit a full proposal if the project is a good fit. Please read all the guidance on the website before applying.

<https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/our-aims/fairer-future/>

**The Esme Mitchell Fund**

Grants of between **£100 and £3,000** are available for a range of charitable causes in the areas of:

* Prevention or relief of poverty.
* Advancement of religion.
* Advancement of health or the saving of lives.
* Promotion of citizenship or community development.
* Advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science.
* Advancement of environmental protection or improvement.
* Relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.
* Advancement of animal welfare.

The present policy of the Trust is to give special consideration to charitable projects of a cultural or artistic nature, which includes grants to museums, churches and preservation trusts. Grants are available to organisations in Ireland as a whole, but principally in Northern Ireland. The Fund will also consider cross-border projects, particularly those which meet the criteria of the charitable projects and purposes of a cultural or artistic nature.

**Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured.** Applicants must demonstrate a clear need for, and evidence of the impact of, their work along with their capacity to deliver, govern and sustain the project or initiative.

Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered monthly. The Trust does not maintain a website and there is no formal application form available.  Instead, applicants should submit by email the following:

* A concise description of the proposed project.
* A recent statement of accounts.
* A copy of the constitution.
* Details of tax and legal or charitable status.
* A copy of the latest annual report.
* A list of committee officers.
* Information on other sources of finance.
* Contact address and telephone number.

For further information on how to obtain this fund, please contact the following:

**Trust Administrator**
Esme Mitchell Trust
Cleaver Fulton Rankin Trustees Limited
Cleaver Fulton Rankin
50 Bedford Street
Belfast
BT2 7FW
Tel: 028 9024 3141
Email: trusts@cfrlaw.co.uk

**Family Action – Welfare Grants Programme**

This programme aims to help **prevent an immediate crisis from spiralling and threatening the stability of families and individuals**. A broken washing machine for example would for many of us be a financial burden to replace; for a family with three children and a very low income however it may mean taking out a high-street loan and plunging further debt.Welfare grants are an integral part of our whole family approach to finding solutions for those who need it the most. Coupled with emotional and practical support, grants help us to create a safety net for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our society.

**All applications must be made, on-line, by a suitable referring agency**. Suitable referring agencies include: **statutory agencies or charities that provide health or social care; housing associations; probation services and GPs.** We are only able to accept applications from referring agencies that:

* have knowledge of and are able to assess the needs of the individual or family in need
* have a bank account in its own name and are able to bank and administer grants on our behalf. Payments will only be made to the referring agency unless a prepaid Argos card is requested during the application process. If a prepaid store card is requested, it will be sent directly to the beneficiary

It is vital that the individual or families needing assistance meet the eligibility criteria of Family Action’s welfare grants programme. The average grant is likely to be in the region of **£200 to a maximum of £300 in** most cases.  Grants of up to £600 can be made for women’s holidays (depending on the size of the family).

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/welfare-grants/>

**The Family Fund**

The Family Fund is working towards an inclusive society where families with severely disabled or seriously ill children have choices and the opportunity to enjoy ordinary life. Grants are subject to the funding being available and is awarded at the discretion of the Family Fund. The Fund is not always able to meet the full cost of every item requested. To be eligible, applicants must:

* Live in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales.
* Have permanent legal residency in the UK and have lived in the UK for the last six months, and are eligible to work and apply for public funds.
* Be a parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 years and under who lives at home.
* Have evidence of entitlement to one of the following: Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Income based Jobseeker’s Allowance, Income Support, Incapacity Benefit, Employment Support Allowance, Housing Benefit, Pension Credit.

To meet the Family Fund definition of severe disability, children and young people must have additional complex needs, or have a serious or life-threatening illness. In addition, there must be evidence that the child’s additional needs impact on the family’s choices and their opportunity to enjoy ordinary life, and the degree of planning and support required to meet their needs is much greater than that usually required to meet the needs of children and young people. The child’s condition must be long-term or life-limiting.  By 'long-term' the Fund means lasting or likely to last 12 months or more.

Applicants will first need to register for an online account with Family Fund’s family portal. Once registered, the online account can be used to make and track an application. Applicants who have received a grant from Family Fund may reapply for further funding but must wait 12 months from the date last applied.

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

**The Fat Beehive Foundation – Digital Funding for Small Charities**

Improving your digital presence can be transformational, but it’s really tough to secure funding in this area. The Fat Beehive Foundation exists to change that, offering **small grants of up to £2,500** to charities with a turnover of less than £1 million. Applications considered on a rolling basis with Trustees meeting April, July, October, and January.

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

**The Fore** **(Seed Funding for UK Charity Sector)**

The Fore is the first seed funder for the UK Charity Sector which aims to ensure that anyone with the talent and drive to create social change is connected with the support they need to reach their potential. The Fore **opens up access to finance and skills for high-quality small charities and social enterprises innovating across all sectors**. The Fore’s venture capital-style approach offers a complete package of unrestricted (for any purpose) funding, profession expertise and impact measurement support. Projects to date have ranged from mental health support, preventing environmental damage, reducing education inequality and improving racial justice.

Our Autumn 2023 funding round will open for registrations from 12pm (midday) on Wednesday 12th July, to **12pm (midday) on Wednesday 19th July**.

On Thursday 20th July, all those who submit a registration will be emailed with confirmation of whether they have been allocated a place on the funding round. They will then be invited to submit a full application. We have plenty of [resources on how](https://thefore.org/application-guidelines/) you can strengthen your application.

If you have not heard from us regarding the status of your registration, please double check your spam/junk folders and get in touch with us at info@thefore.org.

* [National fund](https://thefore.org/application-guidelines/) – open to all UK applicants
* [North West](https://thefore.org/news/our-summer-2023-north-west-hub-is-opening-for-applications/)Hub– open to applicants based in Greater Manchester
* [South West](https://thefore.org/news/our-south-west-hub-is-opening-for-applications/)Hub – open to applicants based in Cornwall

If you have missed out on our Autumn registrations, we’ll be announcing our next funding rounds later in the year.

For further information, see: [Applying for Funding - The Fore](https://thefore.org/applying-for-funding/)

**Foyle Foundation – Main and Small Grants Schemes & School Library Scheme**

The Foyle Foundation is an independent grant making trust that distributes grants to UK charities. The Foundation does not support applications from individuals. We welcome applications from across the country and encourage applications from all areas outside London and the South East.

The Foundation supports charities in three main areas:

* Main Grants Scheme, supporting charities whose core work covers [Arts](http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/main-grants-scheme-arts/) and [Learning](http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/main-grants-scheme-learning/)
* [The Foyle School Library Scheme](http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/state-schools.php)
* [Small Grants Scheme](http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/), (£2k - £10k) supporting charities in all fields with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum. With priority given to projects focussing on the **young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community**.

The Trustees of the Foundation are keeping its grant making policy under constant review in the light of social and economic developments in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please refer to our website regularly as we expect to refine our approach, depending on the length and impact of the pandemic as they affect the sectors we support.

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/>

**Garfield Weston Foundation Grants**

The Foundation supports a wide range of charitable activity in areas such the arts, community, education, environment, youth, faith, health, welfare, museums and heritage and offers two levels of funding, which can be used towards capital, revenue or project costs:

* Regular Grants of up to £100,000.
* Major Grants of £100,000 and above. (When awarding major grants, the Foundation typically expects the project and organisation's overall annual income to be in excess of £1 million.)

Typically grants are made for a single year; however, the Trustees may consider a multi-year request for up to three years for previously successful applicants, provided they can demonstrate that a longer term commitment will add value to their organisation’s objectives.

**Match funding is required**. **The Foundation recommends that applicants have around half of their funding identified before applying. A grant is unlikely to be for more than around 10% of the total costs of the budget.** It takes around four months from the time an application is received to notification of a decision. <https://garfieldweston.org/>

**The Gillian Stevenson Charitable Trust**

The Trust offers responsive funding to charitable organisations working with **young people and families in the UK who are in need due to ill health, disability, financial hardship or some other disadvantage.**

There is particular interest in supporting organisations which provide access to activities, experiences, services or facilities that their beneficiaries would otherwise find difficult or impossible to take advantage of. Grants of between **£100 and £5,000 are available**. Match funding is not required as the Trust will consider funding up to 100% of the project costs. To be eligible, applicants must be registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The funding can be used for the following:

* + A one-off purchase of equipment.
	+ A new or one-off project, service or activity.
	+ The continuation of a project, service or activity that already being provided.

Emergency funding to cover running costs of the organisation so that it can continue to function. (Note the funding cannot cover routine running costs).

Applications can be made at any time throughout the year and are considered at quarterly meetings. The first step in the application process is to send an email stating the name of the applicant organisation to info@gillianstevensontrustuk.org Groups will then be sent a link to the application form. Once the completed application form has been submitted, the Trust will inform applicants what to expect in terms of the timeline of the decision-making process.

[www.gillianstevensontrustuk.org](http://www.gillianstevensontrustuk.org)

**Grocers’ Charity – Memorial Grants**

One-off grants of up to £5,000 are available to small UK registered charities for work in the specific areas of: **relief of poverty, children and young people, the disabled, the elderly, health, military, heritage and the arts and environment**.

The online enquiry form may be submitted at any time and applications are usually considered four times a year. Applicants should complete the online eligibility checklist for the relevant area to access the online enquiry form.

<https://grocershall.co.uk/the-charity/memorial-grants/>

[**Growth Impact Fund**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/_tzRCmQO5CjKKxESGDneVM?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)

The Growth Impact Fund is a social investment fund, helping fast growth early-stage social businesses to grow their impact. It is offering between **£50,000** and **£1,500,000** of social investment and supporting **grants up to £20,000**.

For further information, your local contact is: Nuala at nualasmyth@unltd.org.uk

For more info see: [www.growthimpactfund.org.uk](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/GLB2Cnrx1i7qqEMu9pdAzt?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)

**The Halifax Foundation (NI) - Community Grants Programme**

This Programme operates in NI only and supports day to day activities of charities and their new/existing projects which meet social and community needs and/or provide **Education and Training** and which adapting their services to meet the changing needs of communities in these areas. **Our average grant is approximately £4,500.** We may not be able to offer you all of what you need, however we will discuss viability with you.

<https://www.halifaxfoundationni.org/programmes/community-grant-programme>

**Hamish Ogston Foundation**

Grants are available for charities across the UK to deliver **heritage, music, and health projects that promote long-term sustainability and measurable social outcomes.** Successful applicants can expect **a minimum investment of £1.5 million and close cooperation with the Foundation over a number of years**. The total amount awarded is discretionary. Charities that align with the Foundation’s guiding strategy and donation criteria can apply.

Funding will support projects and activities that focus on the following areas:

* **Heritage** – Protecting the heritage of important sites across the UK and preserving structures, their craftsmanship, and their traditions.
* **Music** – Promoting the UK’s choral and organ traditions, including related initiatives and apprenticeships, to preserve their knowledge and culture.
* **Health** – Working towards eliminating the disparities in both access to medical treatment and health awareness amongst the most disadvantaged sections of society.

Funding will be awarded to projects that align with the Foundation’s guiding strategy:

* **Encourage an entrepreneurial mind set** – Secure the long-term sustainability of funded projects and, where appropriate, **promote sustainable apprenticeships and employment.**
* **Maximise the benefit** – Provide a **commercially-minded input** to ensure that no money is wasted.
* **Address the North-South divide** – Help address the economic divide between the South of England and the rest of the UK. **Preference will be given to projects north of the line from the Severn to The Wash.**
* **Easy to measure outcomes** – Have measurable outcomes that are easily monitored to ensure a visible and lasting difference.

There is a two-stage application process and applicants should first submit an outline application providing basic information about the organisation, proposed activities, and costs. The Foundation aims to acknowledge all applications within seven days.

<https://www.hamishogstonfoundation.org/>

**The Happiness Fund (health, well-being, inclusion, learning and skills)**

The Happiness Fund is available to enable and support projects which improve **mental health and wellbeing, inclusion, learning and skills development in local communities.**  Ultimately it creates happier people and neighbourhoods.

The fund is intended to support the setting up of new groups and activities, but to be successful, applicants will need to indicate how the activity/group can become self-sustainable or able to attract funding from other sources for the longer term.

The fund will award **£2,500 per quarter. Each project and associated people can only apply once in a funding year.** If your application is not successful for the funding cycle you have applied for your application may be automatically transferred to the following funding cycle. We will contact you if this is the case. If you do not hear from us, you will not have been successful. We’re sorry we cannot reply to everyone. **First come, first served**.

<https://www.laughology.co.uk/no-category/the-happiness-fund-2>

**Happy Days Children’s Charity**

The Happy Days Charity is a national children's charity dedicated to providing holidays, days out, theatre trips, experiences, respite breaks and group activity holidays for disadvantaged young people with special needs. The Charity supports families with children aged 3-17 who have learning difficulties, physical or mental disabilities, acute, chronic or life limiting illnesses, been abused or neglected, witnessed domestic violence, been bereaved or act as carers for a parent or a sibling. **The minimum or maximum grant levels are not specified.** The Charity will also consider applications **for partial funding, joint projects with other agencies, and applications for group residential holidays.** The Charity accepts applications from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, plus from GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers.

Day Trips, Visiting Theatre and Group Activity Holidays

The applicant must represent a group of **young people aged 3-17 with additional needs**. This includes representatives of a special needs school or special needs group, young carers and women's refuges. Only key carers will be funded and additional adults must be self-funded. A group leader and deputy group leader must be nominated.

Family Holiday Breaks and Family Day Trips

**The child or children in need of the holiday (i.e. a two to four night break within the UK) should be between 3 and 17 years old, have special educational needs or have been abused or have a life-limiting condition.** Families must also have a household income of £28,000 or under, this includes all benefits received but not PIP/DLA, Child Benefit or carers allowance.

**Note: Funding is not available for accompanying adults who are not key carers.**

Group Day Trips and Visiting Theatre

Applicants may apply for a day trip to a wide variety of destinations, for example, the seaside, a theme park, the theatre, or for a theatre workshop to visit the applicants' premises. Items that can be funded are tickets/passes and transport costs.

Group Activity Holidays

Applicants may apply for a group activity holiday to a wide variety of destinations such as outdoor activity centres, holiday camps and sailing breaks.

Family Day Trips

Eligible trips include zoos, farm parks, theme parks, the seaside or the theatre.

Family Holiday Breaks

Applicants may apply for a short break family holiday by the seaside or in the countryside, usually in the United Kingdom. Other destinations will be considered according to cost.

Applications may be submitted at any time. Application forms are available to download from the Charity's website.

 <https://www.happydayscharity.org/applications>

**The Hedley Foundation – A Small Grant Giving Charity**

The Foundation makes grants of **up to £5,000** to UK small charities to support activities in the following areas:

* **Youth Support** – projects which raise aspirations or help to realise the full potential of disadvantaged young people. Typically, grants are made to broaden the horizons of young people through sport, adventurous activities, education, the arts, training or sustainable employment. These might include youth engagement initiatives that help counter anti-social behaviours within their communities and activities that help to keep young people away from the Criminal Justice System.
* **Disabled support** - Projects to improve the quality of life of people of all ages with physical and mental disabilities, sensory impairment and learning difficulties.
* **Supporting the Elderly and Terminally Ill** – Projects to help elderly people to maintain a level of independence and projects to support those in the closing stage of life in hospices or hospitals.
* **Miscellaneous support** - Projects to support carers, homeless people, ex-offenders and those about to leave custody.

Trustees meet 4 times a year in January, April, July and October to consider applications.

<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/impact>

**Help the Homeless**

Homeless charities can apply for **capital grants of up to £5,000** for projects that aim to help homeless people return to the community and enable them to rebuild their lives.  Typically, such organisations may operate small or medium-sized residential or training facilities to assist homeless people. To be eligible to apply, the charity must have an annual turnover of under £1million and with ‘unrestricted reserves’ of under six months.

The quarterly deadlines for funding are:**15 March, 15 June, 15 September and 15 December.**

<https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

**Help Musicians – Current Opportunities**

Whether you’re looking to release new music, embark on a music-led collaboration or work on your professional development, opportunities for support are always available.

Unsure where to start? Join us each month to be guided through our support and how to make an application. [Sign up to a Get Set session here](https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities) Current opportunities include:

* Recording and Releasing Music
* MOBO Help Musicians Fund (supporting musicians making Hip Hop, Grime, R&B, Soul, music of African origin, Reggae, Jazz and Gospel
* Develop Your Skills
* Music-Led Creative Collaboration
* Touring and Live
* Ian Fleming Musical Theatre Awards.

<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities>

**The Henry Moore Foundation**

The Foundation welcomes applications or support of exhibitions, exhibition catalogues, commissions, conferences, research, publications and the development of collections through acquisitions, conservation, cataloguing and display. You can apply under:

**New projects and commissions**, **Acquisitions and collections**, and **Research & Development** for grants **up to a maximum of £20,000.**

**Next Deadline: 1 September 2023 (23:00)**

**(There will be further deadlines of: 1 December 2023 and 1 March 2024)**

<https://henry-moore.org/what-we-do/grants-fellowships/#apply-for-a-grant>

**Henry Smith Charity - 2 Funds**

**i) Improving Lives Grants**

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| The Improving Lives grant programme provides grants to charitable organisations that help people when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available. **Grant size is £20-£60k per year towards running costs, salaries, and projects for organisations with an income between £50k-£3m. Open to charities, not-for-profits, and social enterprises.** Applications must address at least one priority. Our priorities are:* Help at a critical moment
* Positive choices
* Accommodation/housing support
* Employment and training
* Financial inclusion, rights and entitlements
* Support networks and family.

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/improving-lives-grants-programme/improving-lives-grants-programme-overview/>**ii) Strengthening Communities**Grants of **£20,000 - £70,000 per year**, for up to three years are available to not-for-profit organisations working at grass roots level to ensure that funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas of the UK, targeting places that are economically marginalised and affected by poverty. The Charity does **not fund more than 50% of projected running costs of an organisation in any individual year**, except for the smallest organisations requesting their first paid staff member. The Charity's three main priorities are as follows:* **Increasing resilience**Empowering people, encouraging integration and personal independence, helping people to recover and move on.
* **Creating opportunities and life chances**Raising aspiration – equipping people with new skills, unlocking and enabling potential, and providing the means to improve life circumstances.
* **Empowering communities**Strengthening and connecting communities and making people feel valued, providing opportunities for social connections and relationships, encouraging participation and inclusion.

There is a two stage application process. Stage 1 application form is available on-line. <https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/strengthening-communities-grants/strengthening-communities-overview/> |
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**Hilden Charitable Fund**

Non-profit groups can now apply to the next grants round from Hilden Charitable Fund which aims to address disadvantage, notably by supporting causes which are unlikely to raise funds from public subscriptions. **Grants will usually be in the range of £5,000 to £7,000 per year for up to two years.** The following groups may apply for funding:

* Registered charities.
* Charitable companies.
* Community Interest Companies.
* Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs).
* Excepted charities.

Applicants should have an average income of less than £250,000 over the past three years, as the funders would **prefer to support smaller organisations**.

**Unrestricted grants of core or project funding are available**. However, to be eligible for unrestricted funding all of an organisation's work must meet the Fund's criteria. Activities must fall into one of two programme areas:

* **Asylum seekers -** for organisations working to provide essential services which help meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees and support their integration into the wider community.
* **Penal Affairs –** for work "through the door" where organisations go into prisons with projects and support to help prisoners (especially women) cope and/or maintain family bonds and to be better able to resettle positively when released.

**Please check the website for application deadlines.**

<https://www.hildencharitablefund.org/>

**Hinrichson Foundation (Music promotion)**

Funding is available to support **organisations and individuals undertaking projects to promote music, particularly contemporary music, in the UK.** There are two levels of funding available:

* One-off **small grants typically between £500 and £2,500 (for new applicants and former beneficiaries).**
* **Larger projects or concert series generally £2,000 and over**.

Multi-year partnerships may be considered. The Foundation prefers to support organisations that are making a contribution themselves to the total costs required.

Funding is not available for the following:

* Projects with a very large over-arching budget or where the budgeting is unclear or largely speculative.
* Applications for which there are existing official schemes of help.
* Assistance in purchasing musical instruments or equipment including the electronic or computer variety.
* Degree courses.
* Retrospective grants.

The Trustees are principally concerned with **providing support for the performance of contemporary music, which may include commissioning of new work, non-commercial recording or even publication.** The Trustees will occasionally provide funds for research projects not being conducted under the aegis of an academic institution.

Information on future funding rounds will be provided when available. **Applications are considered three times each year.** Application forms are available to complete online.

**Dates will appear on the website shortly for the Autumn 2023 round.**

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

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**Hope for Youth Northern Ireland**

Grants of **up to £5,000** are available for cross-community projects that give disadvantaged **young people (aged 11-18)** in NI the opportunity to work together on practical projects that foster teamwork, creativity and personal development, especially within the arts or in the great outdoors. To be eligible, projects must:

* Engage with young people in Northern Ireland, normally aged between 11 and 18 years.
* Foster community integration.
* Focus on outdoor activities, sport, music, dance, drama and the arts.
* Promote personal or team development.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate a cross community emphasis e.g. a focus on improving community integration in regard to cultural, ethnic or religious diversity.

Applications can be submitted throughout the year but the cut-off date for applications for grants to be awarded in the following calendar year is **31 July each year.**

<http://hopeforyouthni.com/>

**The Hospital Saturday Fund**

This charity provides assistance for individuals and registered health charities such as hospitals, hospices, medical organisations who are in need of grants for medical projects, care, research or support of medical training within the UK and RoI. They offer both Standard Grants (£2000/€3000) and Large Grants (£10,000/€13,500). Deadlines run throughout the year – check website for latest dates.

<https://hospitalsaturdayfund.org/>

**Human Resource Professionals Charitable Trust**

Grants of **between £250 and £1,000** are available to UK not-for-profit organisations for projects which **support those entering the workplace or seeking to improve the work prospects or working lives of individuals** in the UK. Funding is intended to meet the following objectives of the Trust:

* Advance education and training in developments in the practice of Human Resources, including methodologies to promote effective workplace culture.
* Support developments in workplace culture and other aspects of people management which improve working lives.
* Facilitate employment or re-entry into the workplace via training or the provision of tools and resources.

Grants should be used to help members of the public to gain employment at the start of their careers or following a career break or to support diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Grants are made on a quarterly basis.

 <https://hrguildtrust.org.uk/index.php>

**Innovation Vouchers – Invest NI**

Innovation Vouchers allow businesses or potential entrepreneurs to work with a public sector knowledge provider e.g. University, College or Institute of Technology (NI and ROI) on an innovation project. **Please note that this programme does not involve the payment of any funds direct to participating businesses**. Typical projects we support include:

* Helping to create or improve products, services or processes
* Access to specialist expertise in new materials
* Tapping into research and scientific expertise.

All applicants can avail of three vouchers in the next five-year period (one voucher at a time). The first voucher is funded at 100% of the project cost to max £5000 and customers pay the VAT. Please note that some Knowledge Providers may be limited in what they can currently deliver given that they are remote working and may not have access to all facilities and equipment.

Further information:

* [FAQ's - find out what a Voucher can and cannot be used for (PDF)](https://www.investni.com/sites/default/files/2021-09/faqs-july-2021-final.pdf)
* [Application form - Download a sample application form (PDF)](https://www.investni.com/sites/default/files/2020-04/innovation-vouchers-sample-application.pdf)
* [Application guidance - Download the application guidance notes (PDF)](https://www.investni.com/sites/default/files/2021-09/guidance-notes-ivp-july-2021.pdf)
* [Find a Knowledge Provider partner for your project](https://www.investni.com/innovation-vouchers-knowledge-providers)

See: [Innovation Vouchers | Funding to develop & grow | Invest NI](https://www.investni.com/support-for-business/innovation-vouchers)

# **Ironmongers Company Children’s & Young People Grant**

Funding of **up to £10,000** (average grant £4,000) is available to UK registered charities to support projects that provide **opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential.**  Projects must meet all of the following criteria:​

* For children and young people **under the age of 25 who are disadvantaged**
* Consist of **educational activities** that develop learning, motivation and skills
* Have clear aims and objectives to be met within a planned timescale.

The Company is looking for projects that deliver clearly defined **educational benefits** to a specific group of children or young people. Items of equipment will be considered only where a full explanation is given of how they will support this activity. The Company is particularly interested in **enabling primary age children to develop a strong foundation for the future** by e.g. supporting special educational needs, addressing behavioural problems or promoting citizenship, parenting or life skills. Preference will be given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience.​

Deadlines for receipt of **postal application forms** are **31 July** and **15 December** each year.

<https://www.ironmongers.org/helping-charitable-organisations>

**The John Ellerman Foundation**

The Foundation is focussed on 3 themes: **the arts, environment and social action**. **The minimum grant available is £10,000. There is no maximum limit. Most grants are for two or three years.** The Foundation normally supports **core funding** but grants for projects are also available. Please note that demand for funds is high.

Funding is available to charities that are doing work that has a national footprint or a wide reach, such as working in more than one country, region or county. Occasionally organisations that work locally may receive funding if the work has national significance through good potential for replication or being rolled out on a larger scale.

**Organisations should have an income of between £100,000 and £10 million** and be able to demonstrate: Strong governance and management, effectiveness and impact, good use of volunteers, Partnerships - formal collaboration and networking to help the organisation understand the issues it addresses.

Preference is given to smaller niche national charities which shine a light on a particular concern or area of interest. Support is available for **core funding, projects and programmes, such as staff salaries, training and expenses, running costs, monitoring/evaluation, communications and digital innovation.**

The Foundation funds three categories as follows:

**Arts -**Funding is available in the following areas:

* Regional museums and galleries - funding is available to strengthen these institutions, with a focus on using curatorial skills to enhance collections for public benefit.
* The performing arts, mainly theatre, music and dance. Support may be available for other performing art forms if the organisation and its work are exceptional.

In the performing arts, organisations should demonstrate some of the following:

* Organisations with new or original work.
* Track record of producing excellent work.
* Exciting, fresh and imaginative ideas and models of working.
* Integration of emerging talent and artist development into the artistic programme of work (i.e. developing an individual is not the organisation’s main or sole focus).
* An understanding of actual and potential audiences and how the artistic plans relate to them.
* Regional work that is valued and recognised nationally and internationally.

**Environment -** Funding is available in the following two areas:

* **The Ocean:**protection, restoration and sustainable use of the ocean through effectively and equitably managed protected areas; ocean recovery; engaging coastal communities; reducing overfishing and addressing other harmful effects of human activity on, and in the ocean, such as pollution.
* **Land and fresh waters:**building healthier ecosystems in urban or rural environments, through effective and sustainable management including implementing evidence-based interventions conservation and restoration; connecting fragmented habitats; and landscape-scale work to protect and restore places of special significance. Work to reduce or prevent the damaging impacts of human activities, particularly climate change, and air, land and water pollution from chemicals and other pollutants are also funded.

Priority will be given to work in UK waters but consideration will be given to Overseas Territories (on land and sea) from UK-based NGOs with local partners.

**Social Action -** Funding is available in the following areas:

* Improve systems and institutions through policy, advocacy and campaigning:
	+ Building bridges between people and the establishment by creating opportunities for contact and dialogue.
	+ Enabling those with experience to have a voice.
	+ Ensuring professionals/organisations listen and respond.
	+ Campaigning for improving policies, practices and systems.
* Actively involve those with personal experience of the issue tackled:
	+ Bringing together those with direct personal experience of a problem and those who have expertise and insight from working alongside them.
	+ Finding new ways to draw on experiences and skills, engaging them in identifying and working on change.
	+ Priority will be given to proposals that tackle the greatest barriers created by disadvantage, divisions and inequality.

<https://ellerman.org.uk/apply-for-funding>

**John Moores Foundation - Northern Ireland**

Grants are available to small voluntary groups and organisations for projects that aim to break down barriers among people who are experiencing disadvantage. Any groups or organisations conducting legally charitable work in NI are eligible to apply. Groups do not have to be registered charities.

The Foundation aims to enable people who are marginalised, as a result of social, educational, physical, economic, cultural, geographical or other disadvantage, to improve their social conditions and quality of life. The Foundation supports projects that are:

* Trying to build and strengthen communities.
* Working in partnership with others.
* Carrying out trust building initiatives.
* Addressing previously unmet needs.
* Providing advice and support.
* Trying to change attitudes and broaden horizons.

The organisation/project should support: those suffering from poverty and financial crisis, those in poor physical or mental health, Black, Asian and minority ethnic people, refugees, women including girls, children and young people aged 5 to 25, those suffering discrimination, families needing support, homeless people, carers, adults with few or no educational qualifications.

The size of grant varies, although the Foundation prefers to give smaller grants to a larger number of projects. **Applicants should show what other sources of funding have been secured.** The funding can be used to cover core running costs, volunteer out of pocket expenses, education and training costs, venue and travel costs, one-off projects, small items of equipment (if part of a wider project).

Applicants should first contact the John Moores Foundation by phone or email for an application form. The Trustees meet five to six times a year to make decisions on applications. Organisations should allow three to five months for a decision to be made.

<https://www.jmf.org.uk/funding/grants-for-northern-ireland.html>

**Joseph Rank Trust**

The scheme is intended to support organisations which work to either advance the Christian faith or carry out other charitable purposes with consideration of a Christian approach to the practical, educational and spiritual needs of people. The Trust's main areas of interest are as follows:

* **Projects that demonstrate a Christian approach to the practical, educational and spiritual needs of people of all ages.**
* **The adaptation or improvement of church properties (including new build) with a view to providing improved facilities for use by the church and its work in the community in which it is based*.***

**There are no minimum or maximum levels of grant available. Each grant application is considered on its own merits**. The Trust will consider funding one-off grants for capital expenditure and three-year grants for project funding/core costs.

Applicants are required to ensure that they **have other sources of funding or can match any funding the Trust might provide (not applicable for capital grants).**

The Trust considers applications from registered charities, excepted or exempted charities in the UK. Methodist churches can also apply (see the Trust's website for additional instructions for applications on behalf of churches).

The Trust will consider funding one-off grants for capital expenditure and three-year grants for project funding/core costs.

**The Trustees meetings in 2023 are in July and October. There are no application forms and written applications should be submitted in hard copy, not by email. See website for details of application requirements.**

<http://www.ranktrust.org>

**Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust – Ann Rylands Small Donations Programme**

Grants of **up to £1,500** available towards a charity’s core costs or to support a specific project. Applications will be prioritised from charities which offer practical support for:

* **older people**
* **people with disabilities or living with serious illness, or**
* **people facing challenges with mental health, social exclusion, homelessness or other difficulties in their lives.**

All applications must be submitted using the online application form.  In light of COVID-19 applications may be paused and then re-open to facilitate the administration of funding. Not more than one application can be accepted within a period of 12 months. There are no reporting requirements.

<https://julesthorntrust.org.uk/programmes/ann-rylands-small-donations/>

**The Kathleen Graham Trust (Strabane District and Belfast District area)**

The target geographical area of the charity is Strabane District and Belfast District. The Trust considers that a charity is based **where its main office is located or where its principal activity is performed.**

Objectives:

* To support the advancement of Education through financial assistance to enable study at any university, college or institution of higher education.
* To promote the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science for the benefit of the public.
* To promote the advancement of amateur sport, community participation in heathy recreation, including potentially the provision of facilities for such activities.
* To support environmental protection or improvement. This includes the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment for public benefit.
* The advancement of health for public benefit.
* To provide support to young people, who by reason of age, ill-health, disability or financial hardship are held back from improving their quality of life.
* The prevention or relief of poverty by relieving financial hardship, sickness and poor health amongst the whole of the population of our target area.

Do you have a cause or a project that might benefit from funding? Please complete the on-line request form or you can download the request form and email to: michelle@kathleengrahamtrust.org

<https://kathleengrahamtrust.org/about-us/>

**Kellogg’s School Breakfast Club Fund**

Kellogg’s, in partnership with Forever Manchester, is offering grants of **up to £1,000 to schools to help fund breakfast clubs across the UK and ensure that children who need it most receive a morning meal.** Only one grant per school in each academic year is available.

A limited number of grants are available with priority being given to schools that either:

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

<https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en_GB/our-story/feeding-people-in-need/support-for-school-breakfast-clubs/grants-for-schools.html>

**King George VI Youth Awards (NI)**

Grants of **up to £500** are available for youth work projects in NI for **young people aged 14 to 21.** The scheme aims to enable young people, to fulfil their plans, by providing awards for travel, cultural or social activities; awards for sporting activities that are part of a broad based youth work programme; and awards for equipment related to training or youth work provision for young people. Funding is not available for running costs, capital building or salary costs.

Some evidence of fundraising by the group or individual is necessary. Applications are welcome from both groups and individuals. Youth clubs, voluntary youth organisations and groups can also apply. Applicants must be resident in NI. Applications are considered 4 times a year by the Awards Panel.

<http://kgviyouthawards.org.uk/>

**Kingspan Kickstart Sports Fund**

Amateur athletes and sports clubs across the island of Ireland are invited to apply for the Kingspan Kickstart Sports Fund, a fund created to help budding athletes get a financial boost to achieve their goals. The fund will run on a quarterly basis, and offer **up to € 1,000/£850 sterling, per applicant, per year** to help provide financial support for equipment, training, and other necessary resources.

<https://www.kingspangroup.com/en/about/communities/kickstart-sports-fund/>

**Leathersellers’ Charitable Fund – Small Grants Programme** (closed until August 2023)

These are fast-track one-off **grants of up to £5,000 for small projects**, e.g. to cover unexpected expenses. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and the total number capped at 50 per round. To be eligible organisations must be:

* Providing assistance to vulnerable people in their community.
* Be working in geographical areas of high deprivation in the UK.
* Have an annual income under £200,000.

The funder is looking for organisations that:

* Are open and transparent about their work and finances.
* Provide good value for money.
* Are working in partnership with others.

<https://leathersellers.co.uk/small-grants-programme/>

**The Leche Trust**

We offer grants in two areas**: performing arts and conservation**. As trustees we meet three times each year and at each meeting have an allocation of around £30,000 for performing arts projects and £30,000 for conservation projects. We will consider offering **grants up to £5,000** but, because of demand, £5,000 grants are exceptional. **The average grant is £2,000.**

Our priorities for **music, theatre and dance** are:

* Excellence in professional performance;
* The production and performance of new work;
* The development of young, professional artists aged 18 or over.

We aim to achieve a broad balance between music, theatre and dance projects, and take into account the number and location of the audiences and/or individuals likely to benefit.

We support the **conservation of historic objects, collections and features of buildings and designed landscapes which are pre-Victorian in date, i.e. pre-1830s**. In the case of **churches, we will consider supporting the conservation of items such as monuments, wall paintings, stained glass, and historic furniture and fittings.**

We prefer to give grants to smaller projects, or specific elements of projects, where our contribution can have a greater impact. Projects may include conservation surveys and preventive measures as well as remedial work, and we will consider grants towards the acquisition of items for collections.

The Trust does not have an application form but **each application to the main grants programme should be accompanied by this single page cover sheet** [here](http://lechetrust.org/documents/Application%20Cover%20Sheet%202018.pdf) which includes your consent to us holding your personal data for the purpose of processing your application [[data privacy]](http://www.lechetrust.org/privacy-policy.htm). Your application, maximum 3,000 words, should include a number of elements which are detailed on the website in the “How To Apply” section. Trustees meet three times a year to review applications.

<http://www.lechetrust.org/funding-guidelines.htm>

**Leeds Building Society Foundation** (closed until 2024)

The Foundationprovides UK registered charities with **small grants of up to £1,000** to support **those in need of a safe and secure home.** Projects should fit with one or more of the following criteria/themes:

* Sustainability
* Health
* Financial stress
* Accessibility
* Education and advice
* Security and refuge.

Application are for capital expenditure only. This means that they fund the purchase of items used to directly help those in need, rather than contributing to a charity's running costs. **We'll only accept small grant applications from UK registered charities with a turnover of less than £1 million.**

To apply for a small grant, please use our [online form.](https://www.leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk/your-society/about-us/foundation/application-form/form/)

Read about our eligibility and scoring criteria in our [grant giving guide.](https://www.leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk/_resources/pdfs/your-society-pdfs/about-us-pdfs/grant-giving-guide.pdf)

The Foundation’s Trustees review the applications every three months.

<https://www.leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk/your-society/about-us/foundation/>

**London Hearts: Defibrillator Grants UK**

London Hearts is helping to fund Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) in communities all over the country. London Hearts can help by providing a grant of £300 to communities who are fundraising for a public access defibrillator in their area. So far they have helped sports clubs, parish councils, not-for-profits and individuals who are fundraising for a defibrillator obtain funding towards the cost of a defibrillator and cabinet, making this lifesaving piece of kit more affordable.
<https://londonhearts.org/defibrillator-grants>

**Lush - Charity Pot Funding**

‘Charity Pot' is a Lush hand and body cream where 10% of all sales (minus local taxes) are distributed as grants, to groups working in the areas of: **Animal Protection, Environment and**

**Human Rights (incl. social justice, peace & equality).** Charity Pot grants:

* range **from £100, up to a maximum of £10,000 per project/application**.  **The average Charity Pot grant is between £2,000 - £4,000.**
* provide targeted funding to small, grassroots groups
* prioritise projects that aim to create long-term change
* are looking for organisations that take on issues that others don't, those that push the boundaries and challenge the mainstream opinion.

**Applications are accepted at any time, h**owever, you should allow at least 3 months from application to when you need the funds.  Applications are assessed on a first-come-first-served basis.
<https://www.lush.com/uk/en/a/charity-pot-funding-guidelines>

**The Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust**

The Margaret Dobson Further Education Trust focus is support of organisations for young adults with learning disability, after leaving school, with the aim or giving them practical skills to prepare them to be able to lead independent lives. Grants can only be made to institutions or organisations who are registered Charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations or Community Interest Companies. The Trust is not large and grants of up to £5,000 are given.

<https://www.margaretdobsontrust.org/>

**Marsh Charitable Trust**

The Trust aims to support small registered charities through **long-term core funding** in an attempt to assist these organisations to maintain their current and ongoing activities. It also runs an award programme for individuals and groups committed to social, cultural and environmental causes (see website). Grants range from **£300 to £2,000 with new applications at the lower end of this scale**. Funding is available for various running costs, such as volunteer expenses, training days or equipment maintenance and other core costs for the following fields:

**Arts & Heritage, Education & training, Environmental Causes & Animal welfare,**

**Healthcare** and **Social Welfare**.

All applications should be made in writing (no standard application form) and sent by post. Applications are processed on an ongoing basis and are usually administered within two months of receipt but may take longer at the current time.

<https://www.marshcharitabletrust.org/>

**Matthew Good Foundation – Grants for Good**

Grants for Good invites local charities, voluntary groups or social enterprises that have an average annual income of less than £50,000 to apply to them for funding. **Every three months, the Foundation will share £10,000 between 5 shortlisted projects that have a positive impact on communities, people or the environment**.

Funding is awarded in April, July, October, and January, with an application deadline of the 15th of the month before.

**Next deadline: 15 September 2023**

<https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/apply-2/>

**McCarthy Stone Foundation (Over 65s) – Core Cost/Project Funding**

**Core Cost Funding**

The Foundation awards unrestricted core funding to grassroots charitable organisations who have people over 65 at the heart of their work. **Unrestricted funding is only available to registered charities and community groups.** Organisations who can demonstrate strong alignment with our charitable aims are invited to apply for unrestricted funding, **currently up to £7,500**.

We know that many small organisations don’t have the resources for complex or extensive grant applications and monitoring, so we will do our best to work with you to make the process simple, transparent and fair. We will also work with you to help report on the impact the grant will have. You can also find out more in our Grant Making Policy that covers the processes and criteria in greater depth: <https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-policies/>

**Project Funding**

We also invite application for Project Funding. This funding is open to registered charities, community groups and community interest companies limited by guarantee. This funding is to support a new or existing programme dedicated to supporting people over 65 within an organisation. It can also be used towards community green space or building projects although it cannot be applied retrospectively. We encourage all organisations submitting an application for project funding to do so on a cost-recovery basis. You can find our more here:

<https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/cost-recovery-for-small-charities/>

For advice on either of the above funds, please get in touch using this form: <https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/contact/>

<https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/>

**Migrant Help Community Hubs Scheme**

This funding aims to **support new and existing community hubs and drop-in services that increases 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 grants are available:

* **Small bridging grants of up to £2,000**
	+ To help with things like short-term running costs whilst seeking further funding or to provide essential needs that cannot be met elsewhere. This may include essentials like covering unexpected increases in bills / venue hire, activity costs, material items or for costs of training and advertising.
* **Sustainability and start up grants of up to £5,000**
	+ To help start a new hub in an area of high need or to invest in an existing hub, creating sustainability, such as equipment, training for staff and volunteers, support in advertising opportunities or identifying partners, hosting launch days and community events etc.

The funding can be used for:

* **Capital costs** such as equipment, furniture and materials, etc.
* **Revenue costs** such as staff wages, venue hire costs.

There are no deadlines for applications; however, when the maximum funding available for each year has been distributed, the applications will close until the following round in the next year. **The year runs from 1 April to 31 March the following calendar year.**

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be assessed on a bi-monthly basis with deadlines to submit applications for each round with the following application windows:

* 1 June to **31 July 2023** with a decision by 31 August 2023
* 1 August to **30 September 2023** with a decision by 31 October 2023
* 1 October to **30 November 2023** with a decision by 31 December 2023
* 1 December to **31 January 2024** with a decision by 29 February 2024.

Only one application per organisation can be made in any single funding round. An application form and guidelines are available on request by sending an email to Migrant Help.

<https://www.migranthelpuk.org/>

**The Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity**

The MSE Charity is dedicated to supporting UK voluntary groups **deliver financial life skills, which make a lasting impact on the way people think, behave & manage their money.** **Grants of up to £7,500 are available for project cost recovery (but not core funding).**

### We prefer to fund small to medium-sized non-profit organisations with a constitution for example registered Charities, CICs, Credit Unions, excluding statutory organisations. Organisations should have an annual income under £750,000 and have less than six months free reserves.

The remaining funding rounds are as follows in 2023/24:

* **Life Changing Transitions (Bereavement, Redundancy, Retirement, Relationship Breakdown, Homelessness, Offenders, Resettlement)**

**Applications accepted from 4th to 29th September 2023.** Decision meeting: 7 Nov 23

* **Living with Long Term Challenges (Dementia, Autism, Learning Difficulties, Disabilities, Caring Responsibilities, Mental Illness, Brain Injury, Stroke)**

**Applications accepted from 2nd to 31st January 2024.** Decision meeting: 5 March 2024

* **Building and Developing Resistance (Mental Health, WellBeing, Cook for Less, Training Others, Independent Living Skills, Peer Mentoring)**

**Applications accepted from 2nd to 27th Sept 2024.** Decision meeting: 6 November 2024.

Each round will focus on delivering financial life skills projects to organisations who assist and support defined groups. <https://www.msecharity.com/what-we-fund>

**National Churches Trust – Small, Medium and Large Grants**

The National Churches Trust (NCT) supports church and chapel buildings open for worship throughout the UK. It funds urgent repairs and modernisation, provides expert advice on church maintenance and on how churches can continue to serve local communities and promote church heritage and tourism. The NCT has launched the first grant of its new grants programme in line with the Trust's new strategy for 2019-2023. The funding is for projects which can demonstrate how they meet the outcome in line with the new strategy:

* Preserving heritage.
* Promoting sustainability.
* Inspiring support.

**Small grants** support small but urgent maintenance and repair issues or help fund small investigative works. These will continue to provide funding of up to £5,000 but the maximum project costs will increase from £10,000 to £20,000 making it possible for more projects to be eligible for funding and quicker decisions. Decisions on applications will be considered on a bi-monthly rolling basis i.e. decisions will be made in April, June, August and in October.

**Medium grants** fund small repair work or the development of projects such as preparing for a major project or preparing to approach a major grant funder. These will continue to provide grants of up to £10,000 but the project costs will change to between £20,000 and £80,000. Projects of under £20,000 are eligible for our Small grants and those above £80,000 for our Large grants.

The first time you can apply will be in March 2023 with a deadline in May, and with decisions on funding announced in July 2023. There will be another decision round in December. In 2024 we expect to have three application rounds.

**Large Grants** are intended **to support structural repairs and maintenance** issues.

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available.

Grants of between £40,000 and £50,000 are extremely limited.

In previous years **the average grant has been around £15,000. At least 50% match funding is required to be sourced by the applicant.**

The Trust has a very limited amount of funding available and can only offer grants to a small proportion of applicants. Priority for funding is for **urgent structural repairs (costed at more than £80,000 including VAT**), but the Trust will consider projects for **the installation of kitchens and accessible toilets (costed at more than £30,000 including VAT).**

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants>

**National Deaf Children’s Society – Make A Change Fund**

Groups of young deaf people **aged between 8 and 25 years** can apply for funding to create new and exciting projects that improve their lives and make positive changes for themselves and other young deaf people. **Grants of up to £1,000** are available to support young deaf people who wish to deliver projects and activities that benefit their lives.

Through the Fund, young deaf people can bring their own ideas to life, such as improving their local area, addressing an issue they and other young deaf people may face, or pushing for greater inclusion. Creative projects involving art, drama, music, film etc, and projects that tie their ideas in with school projects or youth group activities will also be considered.

Previously funded projects have included:

* A sign language club to help deaf and hearing classmates communicate with each other.
* Improve deaf awareness at local leisure centres.
* Providing deaf awareness tips with bus drivers and emergency services staff.

Groups can be a mixture of deaf and hearing young people. A youth worker or an organisation such as a school or youth group must be involved to support and manage the funds.

There is a two stage application process. Stage 1 involves completing an Expression of Interest form. See online for more details.

[Make a Change Fund (ndcs.org.uk)](https://www.ndcs.org.uk/our-services/services-for-families/apply-for-a-grant/make-a-change-fund/)

**National Garden Scheme – Community Garden Awards**

Grants are available to amateur gardeners from community groups or CICs in England, Wales and Northern Ireland **to create a garden or similar project with horticultural focus for the benefit of their local community. Grant size: £500 to £5,000**. Opens mid-October each year.

Annual deadline: **31 January**

<https://ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/community-garden-grants/>

**Nationwide Building Society – Community Grants**

Charities, Community Land Trusts and housing co-operatives who are making positive changes and have a great housing solution can apply for grants of between **£10,000 and £60,000.**

**Your project will need to support one of our three aims:**

* helping people into a home,
* preventing them from losing their home or
* supporting them to thrive at home.

Nationwide will fund between 50% and 100% of the total project cost e.g. groups applying for a £60k project should apply for a minimum of £30k.

We’ll look at all applications and give a shortlist to our Community Board members, who’ll discuss and vote on which projects receive funding in their local area. **Take the eligibility quiz** [here](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/e6igCVPARfpQOxcGrQJIj?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)

**Next Deadline: 26 May 2023 (13:00)**

[www.nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk](http://www.nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk)

**NatureSave Trust**

Each year the Trust donates a percentage of their income generated from Naturesave Insurance and uses these funds to support environmental and conservation projects across the UK. Check website for opening dates for applications and the focus of new projects.

[https://www.naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/Kdp6CYvW8iLDOY7F0WWV4n?domain=u3134542.ct.sendgrid.net)

**Nineveh Charitable Trust (UK)**

UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that **promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research**. Whilst the Trust does not specify a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would **suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years**. Previous projects supported include Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and St Joseph's Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion.

[https://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/ujmcCPZ7LtK0MgwTzVrm8F?domain=u3134542.ct.sendgrid.net)

**Ofcom Community Radio Fund**

The Community Radio Fund is managed by Ofcom with funding from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). **Grants are available to support the core costs of running Ofcom-licensed community radio stations in the UK that are currently broadcasting.** Community Radio is a tier of very local, not-for-profit (or not profit distributing) radio, run by local people, for local people about local issues.

In addition, Community Digital Sound Programme (“C-DSP”) stations will be eligible for grants, alongside existing analogue community radio stations, if the station is broadcasting on a digital radio multiplex at the date of their application.

The total amount available in 2023/24 is £404,020 (which includes an underspend from the previous year). **There is no set level of funding.** In the last round, the **grants awarded ranged from £1,500 up to £24,570 for individual positions, with an average of £14,789. Grants will be made as a single lump sum and must be spent within 14 months.**

Licensees that hold a Community Digital Sound Programme (C-DSP) licence are eligible to apply for the Fund if the station is broadcasting on a digital radio multiplex at the date of their application. Grants can only be made to Ofcom-licensed community radio stations in the UK, broadcasting on AM, FM, or via a C-DSP licence on a digital radio multiplex.

Applicant stations must be on air as at the date of their application for their application to be considered by the Panel. Payment can only be made to stations that have launched.

For analogue community radio stations, there should be a minimum of fifteen months remaining on the licence from the closing date for applications. If there are less than fifteen months remaining on the licence, the licensee must have submitted an extension application to Ofcom by the closing date. C-DSP licences do not have an end date.

The funding can support **the core costs** of running Ofcom licensed community radio stations including:

* Management
* Fundraising to support the station (eg, grants, commercial funding)
* Administration
* Financial management and reporting
* Community outreach
* Volunteer organisation and support.

**There are normally two funding rounds per year**. Check the website for deadlines, guidance notes and application forms.

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund>

**Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Access and Participation Fund for Arts**

The Foundation aims to ensure that a wider and more diverse group of people have access to quality artistic practice both as audiences and participants. Funding is available to support organisations test, implement and develop more effective approaches to widening access to and deepening participation in the arts. The emphasis is on addressing inequalities of opportunity and the systemic issues that put up barriers to participation in the arts.

Grants of between £30,000 and £400,000 are available for activity lasting between 12 months and 4 years with an option to extend for a further period. Please note most grants are in the £60,000 to £250,000 range. There is a two stage application process and support if available with this if required.

[Access and Participation Fund](https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/access-and-participation-fund/)

**Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Arts-Based Learning Fund**

This Fund supports work which enables pupils in formal education settings, particularly those experiencing systemic inequality or disadvantage, to thrive through engagement with high quality, arts-based learning. Arts-based learning here means learning experiences which incorporate arts-based content, and/or use arts-based approaches to secure access to or to enhance engagement with the curriculum. Formal education settings may include Early Years, Primary, Secondary, Alternative Provision and Higher Education.

Grants of between £30,000 and £400,000 are available, the majority of which are between £150,000 and £250,000 over two to three years. Please see the website for more details about the criteria for applications. There is a two or three step application process. Pre-application access support and a bursary of up to £500 is available to help you apply, if appropriate. You can book an optional Enquiry Call with the Arts-Based Learning Team to discuss your proposal. <https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/arts-based-learning-fund/>

**Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Shared Ground Fund (Migrants)**

Grants of between £30,000 to £400,000 (most grants will be in the £60,000 to £250,000 range) are available for projects that ensure that **young migrants in the greatest need can overcome the barriers that affect their ability to thrive, and to support work that will help communities experiencing high levels of migration become stronger and more connected.** A pre-application bursary of up to £500 is available along with Access Support. This Fund supports organisations working towards the following long-term objectives:

* **Influencing migration system reform**: helping to build a policy and legal framework based on the principles of fairness, accessibility, due process, efficiency and respect for human rights.
* **Improving access to support services**, to ensure systemic exclusion which forces individuals into poverty is addressed and the needs of people who migrate are met, so that they have the longer-term support they need to settle, integrate and thrive in the UK.
* **Strengthening civic participation** so that people who have migrated to the UK have a stronger voice and are represented and meaningfully involved in the structures and services that affect their lives.
* **Informing public understanding** and countering the polarisation of migration and integration narratives.

Not-for-profit organisations working in the UK are eligible to apply so long as the funding is exclusively used for activities that support PHF's charitable objectives and have public benefit. Please read the guidelines carefully before applying. There is a 2 stage application process.

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/shared-ground-fund/>

**Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Youth Fund (complex transitions to adulthood)**

**Grants of up to £150,000 (spread over three years with a maximum funding of £50,000 per year)** are available for organisations whose main purpose is working with **and for young people (aged 14-25) who face complex transitions to adulthood.** PHF expects to make around 25 awards per year. Priority will be given to work that takes place outside of London, and work which is committed to anti-racism and applying an intersectional lens to inequity. The Youth Fund’s purpose is to support organisations to:

* Sustain, grow or prepare to grow the organisation’s impact.
* Improve, consolidate and spread practices which empower young people to shape their lives and lead change (sometimes called asset-based approaches).
* Support and champion people with lived experience in the leadership and operational delivery of this work, particularly people who are most affected by systemic oppression and or discrimination.

Core funding is available for organisations that:

* Seek to sustain, prepare to grow, or grow impact with and for young people.
* Put young people at the centre in terms of power, voice and agency – as part of an [asset-based approach](https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/youth-fund/#asset-based-approaches), starting with recognising and building on young people’s strengths and potential.
* Aim to achieve wide impact for young people (for example, going beyond direct delivery and focusing on systemic or structural change).
* Are committed to continuous improvement in [asset-based approaches](https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/youth-fund/#asset-based-approaches) to working with and for young people.
* Support young people who are facing complex transitions, challenges and barriers to accessing support and opportunities. Particularly young people who are socially excluded or marginalised; whose experiences can be hidden or less well known; and whose voices are often erased or ignored.

**The Foundation’s Grants Managers will be holding an online Q&A session on Thursday 13 July (10:30 -11:30 am).**[**Registration**](https://phf-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vJ0YqpEbRgeKg-r20kUlTg#/registration)**is required.**

There is a three-stage application process. Stage 1 is via the online application form. Successful applicants will then be invited for an interview and those who are successful at this stage will be put forward to the Foundation's grants panel for a final decision. The Foundation aims to reach a final decision on applications within four months of receipt.

For further information, see: <https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/youth-fund/>

**Peter Harrison Foundation – Opportunities Through Sport Programme**

Grants are available to UK charities running sports projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and develop personal and life skills. Applications accepted from charities and CASCs throughout the UK.  The Trustees welcome applications for physical activity initiatives that:

* + Provide a focus for skills development and confidence building
	+ Have a strong training and/or educational theme
	+ Provide sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people
	+ Have a high degree of involvement from beneficiaries and those with lived experience
	+ Have a plan for sustainability.

We will consider applications for capital, revenue or project funding. Initial applications can be made at any time. There is a two-stage process. **Applicants should first submit an enquiry using the online form.** Selected entries will then be invited to complete a full application. Full applications are considered quarterly. The application deadlines for the trustees' meetings each year are: 1 January – for spring meeting, 1 April – for summer meeting; 1 July - for autumn meeting and 1 October – for winter meeting.

[https://peterharrisonfoundation.org/grant-prcontraceptive implantogrammes/how-apply](https://peterharrisonfoundation.org/grant-programmes/how-apply)

**The Pilgrim Trust**

The Pilgrim Trust runs two grant programmes (click on links below for details):

* [**Preservation and Scholarship**](https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/grants/preservation-and-scholarship/) – aims to preserve the fabric of historically important buildings and to conserve significant collections and artefacts. We want present and future generations to enjoy the rich and diverse heritage found throughout the UK.

[**Young Women’s Mental Health**](https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/grants/young-women-and-mental-health/)- Our new £5million funding programme over the next 5 years (2021-2026) aims to improve the mental health of young women (16-25) in the UK. This fund will support access for young women to high quality, age and gender informed mental health services. Applications for 2023 for this fund are now closed.

<https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>

**The Pixel Fund (Mental Health & Well-Being for the under 26s)**

The Pixel Fund is offering grants of between **£2,500 and £5,000** for small to medium-sized registered UK-based **charities to deliver a wide range of projects that improve the mental health and well-being of children and young people aged 26 and under.**

The trustees have a strong preference for organisations with an annual income of less than £10 million with priority for organisations with an annual income of less than £2 million. **Typically, no single grant will be worth more than 5% of an organisation’s annual income.**

There is a multi-stage application process, wherein an organisation must contact The Pixel Fund to discuss their proposal and complete a due diligence form before being invited to complete a full application. <https://www.pixelfund.org.uk/>

**Power NI Brighter Communities Fund (for equipment and activities)**

A fund for **charitable, sports and community organisations in Northern Ireland for equipment purchases or projects and activities** that enhance their offering within their local community is accepting applications. The funding will help them implement innovative and creative projects which will change and improve their local community for the better.

Grants of **up to £1,000** are available through the funding programme. Applicants must:

* Be a community organisation based in Northern Ireland.
* Not have any political links.
* Use the funds within 6-8 weeks of receiving them.
* Agree to all PR and marketing activity following the journey of spending their grant.

Funding will be awarded only to tangible projects and cannot be used for overall running costs or overheads. Applications are ongoing and can be made at any time.

<https://powerni.co.uk/brightercommunities/>

**Prince of Wales’ Charitable Fund**

This small grant programme awards **single or multi-layer grants** to a **maximum value of £5,000 and £15,000 respectively** are available for UK registered non-profit organisations supporting grass-roots projects in diverse and deprived communities. The funder is keen to support projects/activities and organisations that are committed to embedding **equality, diversity and inclusion principles or aim to support diverse communities**. Grants are for community projects that fall within the PWCF's core funding themes:

* **Heritage and conservation**
* **Education**
* **Health and wellbeing**
* **Social inclusion**
* **Environment**
* **Countryside** see:  [**The Prince's Countryside Fund (PCF)**](https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/)

Online applications are accepted at any time and are considered by the Small Grant Committee in **February, May, July and October**. Applications submitted one month before the small grant committee meeting will be considered at the next meeting.

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

**Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust Awards for Craftspeople**

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) offers **scholarships of up to £18,000** for the training and education of talented craftspeople. We want to sustain vital skills in traditional and contemporary crafts and contribute to excellence in the British craft industry.

The next application round will be open **10 July - 14 August 2023**.

We will be running an online session - How to Apply for a Scholarship - on **Wednesday 12 July, 1pm-2pm**. To register for the session please click [**here**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkduihrD4pGtY0nnivFlBiCbubIWMI1tn6).

<https://www.qest.org.uk/apply/scholarships/>

**The Radcliffe Trust (Heritage & Crafts; Music)**

Grants of generally between **£2,500 to £7,500** are available for:

**Music**

The Trust supports classical music performance and training, especially chamber music, composition and music education. Particular interests within music education are music for children and adults with special needs, youth orchestras and projects at secondary and higher levels, including academic research. The Trustees respond to applications and also initiate their own projects.

**Heritage & Crafts**

The Trust supports the development and practice of the skills, knowledge and experience that underpin the UK’s heritage and crafts sector. This includes support for emerging craftspeople of high quality, craft and conservation projects and training, projects demonstrating creative outcomes by designer-makers, projects with potential for capacity building within the sector, and some special needs projects focusing on the therapeutic benefits of skills development.

The Trustees will consider making occasional grants in other areas of cultural creativity related to their concerns for heritage and crafts, including theatre, performance, and literature, especially where projects can be shown to contribute to the promotion and development of high-level skills among early career practitioners and disadvantaged groups.

Funding is ongoing. Applications should be submitted for both schemes by:

* **31 January** each year for consideration at the **June** meeting of the Trustees; and
* **31July** each year for consideration at the **December** meeting of the Trustees.

<https://theradcliffetrust.org/>

**The Rank Foundation – Pebble Grants (charity and church fundraising)**

Pebbles is our small funding stream for **UK registered charities and recognised churches** which are raising money for projects where the total cost is less than £150,000. This money can be spent on **short breaks**(such as an annual respite break or holiday for disadvantaged young people), **equipment**(such as white goods), or **capital costs**(building work or refurbishment).

Pebble grant applications are processed on a rolling basis. It can take up to 3 months for a decision and payment to be made. Grants are awarded on a discretionary basis; the Rank Foundation’s contribution ranges **from £250 up to and including £4,000**, depending on the total cost of the project. Applicants must have arranged one third of their costs.

<https://rankfoundation.com/pebble-grants/>

**Rayne Foundation**

Grants of between **£10,000 and £20,000 for up to three years** are available to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations. Rayne Foundation’s open grants programme is focused exclusively on the following four areas of special interest:

* Young people’s improved mental health
* Arts as a tool to achieve social change
* Improved quality of life for carers and for older people
* Better opportunities for refugees and asylum seekers

The funding is intended to support salaries and project costs (including a reasonable contribution to overheads or on-costs). Core costs may be considered (see website). There is a two stage application process.

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

**The Richard Overall Trust (Disability)**

The Richard Overall Trust was set up in 2001 in memory of 20 year-old Richard Overall who had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The Trust is run by his friends and family.

Discretionary grants are available to advance the physical education of severely disabled young people and groups to allow their participation in or attendance at sporting events with the aim of improving their quality of life. Grants are also made for the research into the cause and alleviation and care of such disabilities. Match funding is not required. Individuals, groups, family and carers who are UK citizens are eligible. Applicants are advised to contact the Trust to confirm that exclusions do not apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time. For further information, please e-mail: therichardoveralltrust@gmail.com or telephone: 01420 511375.

**The Robert McAlpine Foundation Grants**

The Foundation was established by the family of Sir Robert McAlpine and gives grants to support small charities situated throughout the UK that fall within specific categories - namely **children, youth, the elderly, social and medical research.**

The Trustees meet **annually in November** to approve grants.  **An application must be received no later than 31 August in order for it to be considered for inclusion in the next meeting.**

<https://www.robertmcalpinefoundation.org/how-to-apply>

**The R S Brownless Charitable Trust**

The R S Brownless Charitable Trust aims to support charities throughout the UK undertaking general charitable purposes. The Trustees’ have expressed a particular interest in supporting projects within the following areas: **Long-term and terminal illness; Disability; and Disadvantage.** Grants are usually one-off, ranging between £100 and £2,000. For more information and how to apply please contact: Mrs P M A Nicolai, Trustee
c/o The R S Brownless Charitable Trust, Hennerton Holt, Wargrave, Reading, RG10 8PD.

Telephone: 0118 940 4029

**The Royal Society: Tomorrow’s Climate Scientists Programme**

This Programme give students across the UK the opportunity to take action to address **climate and biodiversity issues. Grants of up to £3,000 are available to UK primary or secondary schools to run a STEM investigation project for students aged between 5 and 18.** There needs to be two project partners to the scheme with the lead applicant being a school and the second partner being a STEM professional from academia or industry. Funding should predominantly be used to buy equipment.

[https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants/tomorrows-climate-scientists/](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/4pABC2vxMipkJZjFnQjupS?domain=u3134542.ct.sendgrid.net)

**Schroder Charity Trust**

Grants of £5,000 are available for UK charities supporting work under the following categories:

* Arts, culture and heritage.
* Education, training and employment.
* Environment and conservation.
* Health and wellbeing.
* Strengthening communities.

The Trustees are particularly interested in applications which can demonstrate the following:

* Building strong communities and an understanding on how to engage with intended beneficiaries.
* Replicable and sustainable work, rather than one off events.
* Value for money.
* Maximising the use of volunteers.
* Support of older people.
* Support for marginalised/vulnerable younger people.
* The use of helplines and information support services.
* Sustainability of funding i.e. the charity will not be solely reliant on a grant from the Schroder Charity Trust for their work.

Grants can be used to cover both core costs and specific project costs, but not large capital appeals. Applications are accepted at any time. There are two grant rounds each year. Applicants should be aware that decisions can take up to nine months.

<https://schrodercharitytrust.org/homepage>

**Scops Arts Trust**

Grants of **up to £30,000** are available to UK registered charities, social enterprises, community groups and other third sector organisations for high quality projects that **provide opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to access, participate in and enjoy the arts, particularly the performing arts (music, drama, opera and dance).**

Most grants are considerably less than the maximum £30,000 multi annual grants and only a small number of grants are made available each year. Organisations should first take the Eligibility Quiz on the Trust’s website. If they fulfil the criteria, they will be invited to make a Stage 1 application via email. A Stage 2 shortlist will then be drawn up and selected applicants will be invited to complete a Stage 2 online application form.

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

**Screwfix Foundation**

The Screwfix Foundation currently offers local registered charities and not for profit organisations **funding of up to £5,000 for** projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities for those in need throughout the UK.

All applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December. Successful applications will be contacted by post, email or phone to arrange the next step. Unsuccessful applicants will be contacted within one month of the review meeting. Once you have received your outcome, should you wish to reapply, please do so after **12 months**.

<https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/>

**Sea-Changers Grants Programmes (marine conservation)**

Sea-Changers welcome applications from a wide variety of groups and entities for one-off grants towards tackling marine conservation. Small grants of up to £500 are available at any time. Main Grants of between £500 and £2,500 have two application rounds per year with deadlines of 31 March and 30 September.

<https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/how-to-apply>

**7 Stars Foundation – two grants**

* [**Shine Bright Funding**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/4K7GCkZ81tO6ZExHJ28DE7?domain=nicva.us2.list-manage.com) - Grants of **up to £1,500** are awarded to purchase educational and art materials; toys; books; and emotional support items **for young people aged 16 and under** who have been challenged by **abuse; addiction; homelessness; or those who are child carers.** Please note, they are only able to fund charitable organisations.
* [**Project Funding**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/KTRHCl5x1T25DrQF19ozv9?domain=nicva.us2.list-manage.com) - Project grants awarded **up to £2,500 to support young people aged 16 years and under** responding to one or more of the 7 stars priorities: **abuse, addiction, homelessness and child carers.**

Funding is intended to cover the costs of projects which:

* Enable young people to have the best start in life and aim high.
* Have a direct impact and respond to a need in an immediate manner.
* Are hosted in geographical areas of deprivation and socioeconomic disadvantage.
* Respond to one or more of the funding priorities of the7stars foundation.
* Address a lack of provision (due to a lack of funding from alternative sources).
* Provide immediate support, not just in the short-term but with long-term benefits too.

Next deadlines: **1 October 2023** and **1 November 2023**. Applications can be submitted at any time ahead of the deadline for each round. You will be notified mid-month of any successful funding decisions applicable to you. <https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply>

**Sodexo: Stop Hunger Foundation**

In the UK and Ireland, the Stop Hunger Foundation is a grant giving organisation helping charities tackle hunger and malnutrition, promote healthy lifestyles, and develop life skills such as cooking.

For further information on how the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation can support your cause/s relating to the above, please complete the contact form on their webpage.

[Grants | STOP HUNGER (stop-hunger.org)](https://uk.stop-hunger.org/home/contact-grants.html)

**Strategic Legal Fund for migrants**

The SLF supports **strategic legal work in the UK which benefits asylum seekers, refugees and migrants**. This includes but is not restricted to **potential cases in the areas of: Immigration, Asylum and asylum support, Human rights, Education, Housing, Welfare benefits, Discrimination, Access to justice and Community care.**

The maximum grant for any one application is £30,000, however, groups are encouraged to apply for lesser amounts. **The average grant size is around £12,000**. The maximum grant length is 12 months, though most grants are for six months or less. Depending on the amount of grants being awarded, around two to three grants are awarded on a bimonthly basis.

Applications will be considered from:

* Not-for-profit organisations that provide specialist level legal advice to people discriminated or disadvantaged by their migration status.
* Firms of solicitors that provide specialist level legal advice to people discriminated or disadvantaged by their migration status. Firms need to demonstrate that the funded work does not include any element of profit and there is a pro bono element included.

**The funding will cover 'any reasonable revenue costs' that are incurred to undertake proposed pre-litigation research or to prepare third party intervention. This includes temporary staffing, freeing up or extending existing staff hours, volunteer expenses, travel and subcontracting with other voluntary and community organisations.**

**Applicants should check the list of previous SLF grants to make sure their proposal does not duplicate any existing work.**

There are usually **six closing dates** for applications during the year, roughly every two months. **The next deadline is 17 July 2023**.

Applicants are 'strongly encouraged' to discuss their proposal with the SLF Project Manager before submitting their application form.

<http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/about/>

**The Swire Charitable Trust**

The Trust has three main discretionary grant-making programmes – **Opportunity, Heritage, and Environment** – and we have specific aims underpinning each one of these, as well as overarching priorities to help guide us in our grant making. Details of these can be found [here](http://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/our-work/).

The Swire Charitable Trust is governed by a board of six trustees who meet regularly to consider eligible funding requests and award grants.

<https://www.swirecharitabletrust.org.uk/our-work/>

**Tesco Stronger Start Grants (UK)**

Tesco Stronger Starts supports thousands of local community projects and good causes across the UK. The scheme is **open to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people**. Examples of eligible applications with **a focus on food security, children and young people** could be:

* A school providing pupils with food for breakfast clubs or snacks throughout the day.
* A school wanting to buy equipment for outdoor or indoor activities.
* A school wanting to develop a food growing area.
* A school supporting an after school club.
* A voluntary organisation working with families to run a food bank.
* An organisation addressing holiday hunger.
* A healthy eating project that supports families to cook healthy meals on a budget.
* A Brownie or Scout group needing funding for new play equipment or activities.

If you are a Tesco colleague or customer, you can also[nominate](https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/nominate/)[a cause that you’d like to see supported.](https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/nominate/) Tesco colleagues in each store will help select those needing a little help in your local area and when our customers are given a blue token, in any of our Tesco stores at the checkout, they can vote for their favourite charity to receive a grant.

<https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

**Thomas Wall Trust – Grants for Individuals (Vocational Training)**

Individual grants of **up to £1,500** are available to support motivated adults living in the UK to undertake **accredited vocational training up to Level 3** **AND/OR costs associated with studying** including: child care, travel and mobility costs and accessible study materials. We do contribute towards funding specialist equipment but rarely at the maximum grant amount. Individuals may re-apply if their course lasts for more than a year. For this, we would expect to see evidence of successful progress. **Please see the website for eligibility criteria including income thresholds**. We prioritise:

* Little or no past experience
* Lack of school qualifications
* Courses that aren’t eligible for a 19+ Advanced Learner Loan
* Applications that demonstrate a realistic plan to seek employment
* Courses that provide support and advice into employment.

The grants programme is normally open all year round and is awarded on a first come first served basis. We aim to process each application within 8 weeks. Please make sure you and your referee are able to respond to e-mails to avoid delay.

For more information, see: <https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-individuals/>

**Thomas Wall Trust – Grants for Registered Charities**

The Trust offers grants **up to £5,000 to specific projects or core activities** that develop these **critical life skills for people from disadvantaged groups**. The Trust believes that communication skills are critical capabilities for people who want to improve their employment prospects, self-confidence, resilience, and life chances. The Trust recognises that communication is underpinned by a set of key features and skills such as empathy, listening, emotional intelligence, confidence, and clarity, amongst others. We are an inclusive charity, welcoming proposals which target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups demonstrably facing major hurdles to employment, especially: women, people with physical, mental or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers.

There is a 2 stage application process. For Stage 1, complete the online Expression of Interest form. If successful, you will be invited to Stage 2 and asked to submit a Project Plan using the template available for download from the website.

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

**The Toy Trust**

Grants of **up to £5,000** are available to registered charities **to fund equipment and services** to support **disabled and disadvantaged children under the age of 13** across the UK.

The Toy Trust fund helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering; support children through awful experiences; encourage achievement through adversity; purchase vital equipment; provide care; bolster existing initiatives; initiate brand new projects; and satisfy basic needs. Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply. Funding decisions are made at quarterly meetings. Check website for deadlines.
[https://www.toytrust.co.uk/apply/](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/pGQVCoQV1CrBnLZC11BRdS?domain=u3134542.ct.sendgrid.net)

**Trusthouse Charitable Foundation – Small Grants and Major Grants**

The Foundation offers two categories of grant to UK charitable organisations carrying out work addressing the challenges of local communities in areas of extreme deprivation. The following list gives examples of projects they fund, but they are always interested to hear about different projects which provide appropriate solutions to local problems: **community services, community centres, alternative education, counselling, family support services, youth services, substance misuse recovery.**

The Foundation prefers to fund front line organisations working directly with people in need and are unlikely to support campaigning, organisational development or capacity building. Consideration will be given to new work which is a logical extension of existing work, but do not support work which represents a significant shift away from existing core aims and experience. The two categories of grants are as follows:

* **Small grants of £2,000 - £10,000** for core costs, salaries, running and project costs relating to **Community Support Projects**;
* **Major grants of £10,000 and £100,000 for Organisations with a Family Support focus** for core costs, salaries, running and project costs.

**Please check the IMD deprivation rank of your organisation’s postcode as you will need this information to know whether you are eligible. Please see the**[**FAQs**](https://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants/frequently-asked-questions)**for directions on how to do this.**

<https://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants>

**UK Community Play Fund**

The £145,000 UK Community Play Fund, supported by the LEGO Foundation as part of its Build a World of Play campaign, will enable communities across the UK to start proven learning through play projects.

The new fund, which will be administered by non-profit community engagement platform ChangeX, will support up to 60 teams across the UK to start new community projects.
Groups can choose from a carefully-curated portfolio of 14 proven play ideas that have already had a positive impact in other communities around the world.

Find out more and apply: [**https://bit.ly/UKCommunityPlayFund**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/Oo4kC32QNfpp4oDhg2arTl?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)

**Ulster Garden Villages (NI) (Matchfunding)**

Ulster Garden Villages Limited aim to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of people in NI.  OurCommon Fund is the bedrock of our grant-making and we continue **to support a wide range of charitable activities.**

The assisted charities must demonstrate a clear need and evidence of the impact of their work along with their capacity to deliver, govern and sustain the initiative. Our grants are conditional on the applicants successfully using our funding to leverage funds from other sources. The main objectives to which funds may be allocated are:

**Health, Disadvantaged sections of our society, Young people, Culture and heritage, and Environment.**

Information on our Grant-making can be found in the [**Annual Report and Financial Statements**](https://ulstergardenvillages.co.uk/sites/default/files/UGV%20Annual%20Report%202019%20proof%202.pdf). The Report contains a detailed list of projects supported and shows the breadth of charitable activities that have been recently supported.

Meetings are held quarterly to consider Grant Applications. The closing dates for Applications can be found in the ‘News’ section of the website. For any queries, please e-mail: admin@ulstergardenvillages.do.uk

For further information, see: <https://ulstergardenvillages.co.uk/>

**Ulster-Scots Agency: Financial Assistance Scheme /Partnership Funding**

* **Application for Financial Assistance Scheme for Voluntary and Community Groups**

[Download Application Form](https://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/fs/doc/2014-grant-forms/FAS_Other_Application_form_-_Voluntary_and_Community_Groups_%28Uploaded_27-10-11%29.doc) and [Guidance Notes](https://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/fs/doc/2014-grant-forms/FAS_Other__Guidance_Notes_-_Voluntary_%26_Community_Groups_%282011%29.doc)

Applications for Financial Assistance Scheme funding is open all year but needs to be submitted at least 3 calendar months prior to the start date of your event/project.

* **Partnership funding**

[Download Application Form and Guidance Notes](https://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/fs/doc/2014-grant-forms/Partnership_Funding_Application_Form__%26_Guidance_Notes_%28Revised_scheme_Aug_09%29.doc)

Applications for Partnership funding is open all year but needs to be submitted at least 2 calendar months prior to the start date of your event/project.

 <https://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/>

**UnLtd Awards (for social entrepreneurs)**

The funding is intended to support social entrepreneurs by helping them nurture their social ventures and grow their impact. The following levels of funding and support are available:

* **Start Up**- for social entrepreneurs with an idea or who are in the early stages of development.
	+ **Funding of between £500 and £8,000 to support essential start-up costs** (except wages).
	+ Support from an UnLtd Social Entrepreneur Support Manager.
	+ Access to UnLtd Connect, a network of skilled experts for advice and mentors.
* **Scaling Up** - for social entrepreneurs to grow their existing social venture to help it make a bigger difference.
	+ **Funding of up to £18,000 to support wages and living costs.**
	+ 12 months' mentoring and tailored support from an UnLtd Social Entrepreneur Support Manager, providing advice on operations and growth strategies.
	+ Expert advice including access to workshops and masterclasses.
	+ Connections to investors, corporate partners and other successful entrepreneurs, helping the social entrepreneur to develop their networks.

Applications will be accepted from social entrepreneurs aged 16 and over who are living in the UK and who are the founder of the social business. The social entrepreneur must:

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

The social venture must:

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

UnLtd is committed to **50% of its awards going to Black, Asian and minority ethnic social entrepreneurs, and/or disabled social entrepreneurs across its funding programmes**.

Applications are assessed on a quarterly basis. The deadlines for applications are:

* **30 September 2023**
* **31 December 2023**
* **31 March 2024**
* **30 June 2024.**

 <https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards>

**Versus Arthritis – Inspiring Active Communities**

Grants of **between £1,000 and £5,000** are available for local community groups and organisations to support activities that increase the availability of exercise opportunities for people with musculoskeletal conditions, including arthritis, in Northern Ireland (NI), Scotland and Wales. The fund has been set up to support projects which:

* Help aid recovery from Covid-19 and reduce the long-term impact.
* Reduce the widening of the inequalities in sport and physical activity for people with musculoskeletal conditions.
* Support specific activities to increase availability of exercise opportunities in local communities across NI, Scotland and Wales.

All grants must be spent within six months of award. Applicant organisations must be working with people with MSK conditions like arthritis. Applications may be made at any time while funding remains available.

 <https://www.versusarthritis.org/active_communities>

**Victoria Homes Trust (NI)**

Grants of between **£500 and £2,500** are available for voluntary projects that assist the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people in Northern Ireland under 21 years of age. Examples of eligible areas include: alcohol and drugs abuse; homelessness; and counselling for those in need of guidance, advice and support. The main objectives of the Trust are:

* To help and educate young people of both sexes under the age of 21.
* To develop their physical, mental, spiritual and moral capacities so that they grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.
* To assist in the training of young people to enable them to maintain themselves at the termination of their education and training.
* To assist other non-statutory bodies in carrying out any of the above objectives.

Applications are invited from registered charities, voluntary organisations and groups in NI. Preference is given to applications from charities and voluntary organisations with a track record of handling grants and loans. Only in exceptional circumstances are grants made to individuals.

The Trust has a preference for supporting short-term projects where visible benefits and outcomes are expected over a period of 3-12 months. This means that the Trust is less likely to assist with projects that involve the improvement of lands or buildings.

<https://www.victoriahomestrust.com/>

**Victoria Wood Foundation**

The Victoria Wood Foundation was set up following the death of comedian Victoria Wood in 2016. The Trustees are her former friends and they are interested in supporting areas that would have interested her, namely **the arts, in all forms**.

No minimum or maximum grant amount is specified. Arts organisations and groups in the UK are welcome to apply for grants to cover costs associated with eligible arts projects. The Trustees normally meet twice a year, in **July and December**. Applications should be received at least two weeks before the following meeting. Applications should be made in writing via the contact form on the website. <https://victoriawoodfoundation.org.uk/>

**Weavers’ Company Benevolent Fund**

The Fund's principal aim is to support **people in trouble, particularly young offenders and ex-offenders, and other disadvantaged young people particularly those at risk of criminal involvement**. Organisations must normally be registered charities or in the process of applying for registration. The Company will consider funding up to £15,000 per annum. Applications are considered three times per year. See website for more details.

<https://www.weavers.org.uk/charity/charitable-grants/>

**Wingate Foundation**

Discretionary grants are available to UK registered charitable organisations active in the following categories**: i) Jewish life and learning, ii) performing arts (excluding music), iii) music and iv) medical research travel grants.** Grants are intended to support activity which creates a significant impact on individuals and/or communities, and leaves a lasting legacy. No minimum or maximum level of grant is specified other than medical research travel grants, which are for up to £1,000.

<https://wingate.org.uk/>

**The Wolfson Foundation: Funding for Places**

The Wolfson Foundation awards grants to support and promote excellence in the fields of **science and medicine, the arts and humanities, education and health and disability.** Charities and organisations with charitable status (or equivalent) can apply for grants to **fund capital projects, such as buildings or refurbishment and equipment**. **Capital projects that offer training, education and employment are also applicable.** The Foundation does not specify a maximum amount that organisations can apply for and operates a two stage process. Those applicants successful in Stage 1 will be invited to progress onto the second.

Continuous rolling programme with two funding rounds each year as follows:

**Round 1**

**Open to Stage 1 applications:** 20 November
**Stage 1 application deadline:** **5 January
Stage 2 application deadline:** 1 March (by invitation only)
**Funding decision:**June

**Round 2**

**Open to Stage 1 applications:** 14 May
**Stage 1 application deadline:** **1 July**
**Stage 2 application deadline:** 1 September (by invitation only)
**Funding decision:** December

If a deadline date falls during a weekend, applications that arrive by 9am on the following Monday will be accepted.

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/>

**Wooden Spoon Charity (disadvantaged/disabled children)**

Grants are available for UK organisations with a legal status that are working to support disadvantaged and disabled children. Wooden Spoon is the children's charity of the sport of rugby. Their funding is for projects that **enhance the quality of life of children and young people under 25 who are mentally, socially or physically disadvantaged**. **Projects must normally be of a capital nature, with a reasonably long-term prospective lifetime.** There is neither a minimum nor maximum grant level. However, it is unlikely that a project of a physical nature that is under £5,000 will have sufficient substance and scale to qualify.

**Applicants are encouraged to contribute a percentage of the funds required.** The funding is for projects that address the following areas: **health and wellbeing, sensory rooms and gardens, specialist equipment and facilities, playgrounds and outdoor activities and education projects.** Projects must:

* Enhance and support the lives of children and young people (under the age of 25) who are disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially.
* Work directly with children and young people and have a positive influence on their lives as a result of the activities or service provided.
* Benefit those located in the UK or Ireland.
* Support a group.

<https://woodenspoon.org.uk/>

**Woodward Charitable Trust – General Small Grants**

Small grants of **up to £3,000** available. The Trustees look to fund projects that help families and young people and that are aiming to improve the life chances of the beneficiaries; and projects that promote community cohesion and the development of skills that will change the outlook and outcomes for the users. Organisations that promote volunteering and involve both past and present users in their operations or management are encouraged. **They only consider applications for** **core costs** and are looking for organisations which aim to achieve a positive impact in at least one of the following areas:

* **Children and young people** who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in anti-social behaviour and projects to help those who have been in the care system. This also covers gang violence and knife crime, education and mentoring as well as projects that work to raise self-esteem and employment opportunities and encourage an active involvement in and contribution towards the local community;
* **Disadvantaged families,**this covers parenting support and guidance, mental health, food poverty, refuges and domestic violence projects and would also include projects that benefit travellers, ethnic minorities and refugee families;
* **Prisoners and ex-offenders**and specifically projects that maintain and develop contact with prisoners’ families and help with the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders after their release.

General grants are usually allocated following Trustees’ meetings in February/March and October/November each year but you need to apply around four months in advance of the meetings. **Next deadline: 28 July 2023**

<http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general_applications/>

**Woodroffe Benton Foundation**

Grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available to smaller UK registered charities or educational institutions to support projects that provide: relief from hardship, care for the sick and elderly, conserve and improve the environment and conservation, promote education and youth development, promote human and physical wellbeing and help those in need as a result of disaster or as a consequence of social and economic circumstances.

Online applications are considered at the Trustees meetings in January, May and September. C**heck website for latest deadline.** [woodroffebenton.org.uk/](https://www.woodroffebenton.org.uk/)

**LOAN FUNDS**

**Community Finance Ireland: All Ireland Recovery Loan Fund**

Community Finance Ireland has launched a £/€10 million All-Island Recovery Loan Fund. The fund will offer flexible loans of **£10,000-£250,000 (NI)** and **€10,000 to €500,000 (RoI)** to community sector organisations including faith-based groups, sports clubs and social enterprise. The flexible nature of the fund with the added value of a one-to-one relationship with a dedicated client manager who knows the sector and the local area, makes it a great option for communities exploring how they can become more attractive locations for people to live and work.

Short term bridging loans are available to facilitate retrospective drawing of grant support (interest only, plus grant upon redemption). Longer term loans with bespoke repayment schedules are also available. The term range is from 1 month to 180 months. The interest rate is a maximum 6.25%\*, calculated on a reducing balance - the lowest maximum rate across the island. There is no arrangement fee - the only bridging product available across the entire island to offer this. **No security is required** on bridging loans. Most term loans are also unsecured. No Personal Guarantees are required. There is no Early Repayment penalty. It takes 48 hours for any loan request of up to £/€200k once we have all of your final information and up to 4-6 weeks for loan request in excess of £/€200k.

If you need to chat before applying online, click [here](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/j9BPCW7LVuR497HrpJ1C?domain=communityfinanceireland.us19.list-manage.com) and we will arrange a follow up call with either Phelim, Peter, Emmett, Barry or Anne depending on where you and your team are located.

<https://communityfinanceireland.com/options>

**Community Finance Ireland – All Ireland Sports Flexible Loan Fund**

Community Finance Ireland has launched a £5 million fund aimed at sports clubs throughout the island of Ireland. The new fund will make **flexible loans of £10,000-£500,000 available to sports organisations** seeking to make a change in their local community whether that is to renovate changing or training facilities for their players and participants, or to improve local infrastructure that makes their club grounds more accessible for the local community.

Short term bridging loans are available to facilitate retrospective drawing of grant support (interest only, plus grant upon redemption) and longer term loans with bespoke repayment schedules. The loan range is £10k – £500k (NI) and €10k – €500k (RoI).The term range is 1 month – 180 months. The interest rate is Maximum 6.25%\*, calculated on a reducing balance.\*The lowest maximum rate across the island. There is no arrangement fee - the only bridging product available across the entire island to do so. No security on bridging loans. Most of our term loans are also unsecured. No Personal Guarantees are required.

No early repayment penalty. Decision takes 48 hours for any loan request of up to £/€200k once we have all of your final information. Up to 4-6 weeks for loan request in excess of £/€200k.

<https://communityfinanceireland.com/community-finance-ireland-launch-new-5m-all-island-sports-fund-in-anticipation-of-increased-demand-from-sports-clubs/>

**Co-operative and Community Finance (UK)**

Loans of between £10,000 and £75,000are available to support UK social enterprises, co-operative and employee-owned businesses which are economically viable to enable people to own and democratically control the businesses in which they work, or which operate in their local community.  This is achieved by the provision of finance and financial services to enterprises which practise or support the principles of cooperation; common ownership; employee, community or social ownership; equal opportunity and workplace democracy; and sustainable development. There is no set lending term; as far as is possible, loans will be tailored to the needs of the business and the capacity to make repayments.  The maximum term is usually ten years. Loans may be used for match funding public or private grants. Each enterprise must be able to demonstrate the ability to pay interest and repay the capital on any agreed loan finance.

Applications are welcome from:

* those starting a social enterprise, co-operative or employee-owned business;
* those who are seeking to expand a social enterprise, co-operative or employee-owned business;
* those wishing to take over an existing business and convert it to a co-operative or social enterprise.  This may be where a *business* would otherwise close, be sold to a third party, or become a privatised public utility.

To apply, send an application form to be sent with two copies of a business plan (see details required on website). Decisions made at meetings of the Trustees. <https://coopfinance.coop/>

**The StartUp Loans Scheme**

These loans are funded by the UK Government and will be administered by appointed regional distribution partners who will provide ongoing business mentoring. Nationally, the programme is overseen by the British Business Bank. The programme is designed to go some way to help solve the problem of supporting people who have a feasible business idea but no access to finance. The programme aims to equip enterprising individuals with the tools needed to make their businesses a success. Successful applicants will receive **a low-cost unsecured loan, business mentoring and a range of business products.** **The average loan is around £7,200, although loans of up to £25,000 are available.**

The programme’s eligibility support businesses that have been **trading for up to three years**. Previously the scheme supported firms trading up to two years. Businesses can apply immediately under the new criteria. A **new second loan is also available to businesses operating for up to five years, providing eligible businesses between three and five years with Government-backed finance to support their expansion.** Start Up Loans provide **a fixed interest rate of 6%, as well as mentoring, support and funding** to aspiring business owners across the UK, providing support to those who might find it difficult to secure loans from traditional lenders.

See: [FAQs](https://search.mygrantfinder.co.uk/Scheme/OpenLink/GRUKBP3%21S38446?uri=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.startuploans.co.uk%2Ffaqs%2F) and <https://www.startuploans.co.uk/>

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