



## FUNDING and GRANTS INFORMATION

April 2025

Welcome to your April 2025 Funding and Grants information bulletin, please see the **newest opportunities** at the top of the bulletin

### New Funding Opportunities

#### Grants to Promote Wellbeing & Reduce Social Isolation

Charities, community groups, and social enterprises in England can apply for up to £2,500 in seed funding to support sustainable initiatives aimed at reducing social isolation and enhancing the well-being of vulnerable people in their local areas.

The funding is provided by Turning Point, a health and social care organisation, through its Community Innovation Fund. Eligible activities should promote physical activity, foster social connections, teach new skills, encourage volunteering, and practice mindfulness.

Previously funded projects include a community crafting club, a sensory garden, a pottery course, and a storytelling club for men recovering from addiction. Groups can apply through nominations from Turning Point teams in the areas where Turning Point operates.

**Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered in the next funding round in Autumn 2025.**

#### Useful Links:

[Information & Application Form](#)

<https://www.turning-point.co.uk/about-us/community-innovation-fund>

#### Funding to Buy Books for School Libraries

UK schools and early years' settings can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to buy books for their libraries and encourage more children to read for pleasure. The LoveReading4Kids Funding for Schools

Scheme will help schools to provide children with a range of non-curriculum books to improve their reading standards, particularly amongst children experiencing disadvantage or underrepresentation.

**Areas for Consideration will include:**

- Schools with income deprivation or cultural deprivation
- FSM
- IDACI
- Literacy levels
- Schools looking to improve standards

Please note that any grant awarded will be awarded as credit to be spent on [www.lovereadingschools.co.uk](http://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk) or [www.lovereadingschools.co.uk](http://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk) and should be spent within six months of being awarded.

Applications can be submitted at any time, with decisions taking up to three months. **PTAs are not eligible to apply**, the application needs to come directly from the school.

Useful Link: <https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/the-lovereadingschools-funding-for-schools-scheme>

## East Midlands Airport Community Fund Opens for Applications

Communities affected by the operation of East Midlands airport can apply for grants of up to £2,000 for projects that have a long-lasting community, social or environmental benefit. The funding is being made available through the East Midlands Airport Community Fund. For an application to be successful, it must meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Provide help to community groups that are supporting vulnerable people during the Covid-19 outbreak;
- Bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure-time activities;
- Support young people to prepare for employment;
- Offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation;
- Improve awareness of environmental issues and encourage and/or protect wildlife.

**The next closing date for applications is the 7th July 2025.**

Useful Link: <https://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/supporting-the-local-community/>

## Pudsey Next Steps Grants Available for Organisations Serving Marginalised Children

Not-for-profit organisations working to support children and young people from underserved communities in the UK can apply for grants through the BBC Children in Need 'Pudsey Next Steps' programme. The aim of the programme is to address disparities and ensure equitable access to resources for all young people. Eligible applicants include organisations that have not previously received funding from BBC Children in Need, have an annual income of £100,000 or less, are not-for-profit entities working with children and young people aged 18 or under, are based within the communities they serve, and address specific local priorities identified for their nation or region.

Applicants can apply for grants through the Project Costs or Core Costs programmes. The Project Costs stream supports specific, time-limited pieces of work based on defined activities, while the Core Costs stream

provides funding for essential organisational expenses, such as salaries and utilities. Both streams offer grants ranging from £1,000 to £15,000 per year, for up to three years.

**Due to a transition to a new grantmaking system, BBC Children in Need will not accept new Expressions of Interest after 11:59 am on 15th April 2025 until the launch of the new system by the end of September 2025.**

Organisations interested in applying should submit their Expressions of Interest before this deadline.

For comprehensive guidance and application procedures, please visit the BBC Children in Need website (link below)

**Useful Link:** <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/pudsey-next-steps/>

## **Grants of up to £25,000 Per Year for Charities Tackling Adverse Childhood Experiences**

The Leathersellers' Foundation has announced the opening of its ACEs Main Grants Programme 2025, aimed at preventing and addressing the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) across the UK. Eligible charities can apply for unrestricted grants ranging from £20,000 to £25,000 per annum for up to four years.

The ACEs Main Charity Grants Programme is open to UK registered charities or charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) but not Community Interest Companies (CIC) that:

- expect to have an organisational income of £200,000-£2,000,000 in 2025-26
- have as their core focus, the goal to prevent and/ or reduce the impact of ACEs by providing services to children, young people and/ or adults (our definition of ACEs is outlined in 'what we fund' below)
- can demonstrate that the vast majority of people using the service have experienced ACEs/ are supporting people who have experienced ACEs, such as parents and caregivers
- use a trauma-informed approach and evidence-based interventions
- can demonstrate the effectiveness of their approach through evaluation or external research
- can demonstrate that the voice of service users/ experts by experience informs service design and delivery

The Foundation is particularly interested in organisations utilising creative arts, nature, and sport in their approaches, as well as those operating in Northern Ireland. **Expressions of interest need to be submitted by 5pm on the 30 April 2025.** For charities with an income under £200,000, information about the Small Grants Programme is also available.

**Useful Link:** <https://leathersellers.co.uk/grant/charity-main-grants/>

## Grants Available to Support Children and Young People who have Experienced Significant Crises

Grants of up to £2,400 are available to vulnerable children and young people who have experienced significant crises that have impacted on their well-being and education. The funding which is being provided through the Buttle UK Chances for Children grants programme aims to provide tailored support packages that can include essential items and activities to enhance learning and development, such as laptops, books, Wi-Fi access, educational materials, and extra-curricular activities, etc.

Buttle UK is one of the UK's largest grant-giving organisations that supports children and young people in crisis. The programme supports those who have been victims of physical or sexual abuse, emotional abuse or neglect by a parent or caregiver, and those who have witnessed or been direct victims of domestic abuse, etc.

The programme supports children aged 2-18 living with parents or carers and young people up to age 20 living independently, provided they are engaged in at least 12 hours of education or training per week. To be eligible, beneficiaries must be living on a low income, experiencing financial hardship, and have moved beyond the immediate crisis while engaging with support services.

**Applications for the "Chances for Children" grants are accepted on a rolling basis, with no specified closing date.** To apply, eligible professionals should visit Buttle UK's official website to access the application guidelines and submit the necessary documentation. Typically, Buttle UK process applications within three working days, with some cases qualifying for same-day decisions.

### Useful Links:

[Eligibility Guide](#)

<https://buddleuk.org/apply-for-a-grant/chances-for-children-grants/>

## Grants Available to Support the Armed Forces Community

Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations directly supporting the armed forces community can apply for grants to assist serving and former armed forces personnel, operationally qualified seafarers, and their immediate families.

The funding is being made available through the Veterans' Foundation and is designed to fund projects addressing various aspects of social care, including homelessness, employability, financial disadvantage, disability, welfare issues, mental health, and support during old age.

**Small Grants:** Ranging from £500 to £5,000, these are intended for grassroots groups delivering impactful community-based activities. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with organisations permitted to submit one application per quarter. **The next closing date for applications is the 30th June 2025.**

**Standard Grants:** Amounts between £5,001 and £30,000 are available. The next application deadline is 21st July 2025. **Salary Grants:** Offering up to £25,000 per year for up to three years (maximum £75,000)

Priority is given to organisations demonstrating direct involvement in providing support to those in need, particularly those with low to medium incomes. To apply, organisations should complete the relevant eligibility checker available on the Veterans' Foundation website. Detailed guidance for each funding programme is also available online. (link below).

**Useful Link:** <https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

## Funding for Activities to Improve the Lives of the Elderly

Small grants are available to fund projects to improve the lives of the elderly across the UK. Home Instead Charities awards grants for well-being events, activities, or pastimes that prevent social isolation and loneliness among adults over 55.

Eligibility Criteria:

- small grass-roots organisations can apply for funding up to £500
- small local registered charities can apply for funding up to £1,500

Eligible projects may include:

- regular weekly or monthly events and activities such as a weekly cinema club, weekly knit and natter or Thursday lunch club
- a one-off activity such as a day trip or a Christmas lunch
- activities such as yoga or a guest speaker for your group, such as a local historian

Applications will also be considered from groups, associations, and charities that do not directly service the over-50s but the project they require funding for does, e.g., a local school wishes to hold a special afternoon tea for its local care home residents. **Applications can be submitted four times per year; the next application closing date is the 30th April 2025.**

**Useful Link:** <https://www.homeinstead.co.uk/charities/how-we-do-it/apply-for-a-grant/>

## Funding for Respite Breaks for Disabled Children and their Families

Families and groups of children, schools, organisations, and other registered charities can apply for financial assistance from the Adamson Trust for the cost of holidays or respite breaks for disabled children with physical, mental, or emotional impairments.

To be eligible, the child must be a resident of the UK and between the ages of 3 and 17. The Trust requires evidence of their disability or illness from a medical or social services professional. Grants from the Trust usually only cover a portion of the holiday expenses.

The next application closing date is the 30th June 2025 for the August meeting.

Useful Links: <https://www.theadamsontrust.co.uk/index.html>

## Grants to Support Animal Welfare Charities

Charities registered in the UK that work to provide sanctuary, rehoming, and rehabilitation for animals both domestically and/or internationally are invited to apply for grants of up to £10,000. Organisations involved with wildlife conservation, the rescue, rehabilitation and (where possible) release of animals are also eligible to apply.

The funding can be used for general running costs or capital purchases. This funding opportunity is provided by the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust, which welcomes repeat applications from charities, subject to funding availability.

Preference is given to smaller animal welfare charities. **The next deadline to apply is the 1st August 2025.**

Useful Links:

[Guidelines](#)

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

## Grants of up to £3,000 for School Science Projects

The Royal Society, the world's oldest scientific institution promoting scientific research and knowledge, has announced that its Partnership grants programme has reopened for applications. The programme awards grants of up to £3,000 to primary and secondary schools to support the teaching of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

These projects must be run at a primary or secondary school or college, collaborating with a professional scientist or engineer. Eligible applicants include any UK primary or secondary school teacher or a practicing scientist/engineer, provided that the students participating in the project are aged between 5 and 18. Applicants are required to establish a partnership before initiating the application.

The scheme also runs a sub-programme, "Tomorrow's Climate Scientists," which specifically funds schools to research climate change and biodiversity issues. The application process for this extension mirrors that of the main scheme. For additional details regarding this extension, please email the Schools Engagement team at [education@royalsociety.org](mailto:education@royalsociety.org)

The Partnership Grants scheme is an annual funding round. There is a two-stage application process. **The next deadline for stage-1 applications is the 30th April 2025.**

Useful Links:

[Eligibility and judging criteria](#)

<https://royalsociety.org/grants/partnership-grants/>

## Funding to Encourage Young People to Study Science Subjects

In response to the much-publicised skills gap in the British engineering industry, the Ironmongers' Foundation wishes to support initiatives that encourage talented young people under the age of 25 to study science subjects at school and go on to pursue STEM-related further education or vocational training; particularly in the area of Materials Science.

The funding is available to registered or exempt charities within the UK, with a preference for urban areas outside London and particularly areas in the north and midlands with a manufacturing presence. Grants are made to registered or exempt charities only. Applications will not be accepted from schools.

Activities must be additional to those funded by the government or other sources, e.g. covered by school budgets. Applications will not be accepted from schools. The Foundation prefers to support smaller projects where it is the sole funder, or its contribution makes a real difference. Most grants are below £10,000.

The Foundation Committee meets three times per year in January, May and September.

**The deadlines for receipt of applications are 1 December, 1 April and 1 August respectively.**

**Useful Link:** [https://www.ironmongers.org/charity\\_stem\\_projects.htm](https://www.ironmongers.org/charity_stem_projects.htm)

## Equipment Grants for Disabled and Disadvantaged Young People

Schools, charities, and not-for-profit organizations in the UK can apply for Wooden Spoon Society Grants to support equipment for mentally, physically, and socially disadvantaged children.

This programme funds capital items only—covering sensory rooms and gardens, playgrounds, outdoor spaces, specialist equipment, and facilities—aiming to improve health and wellbeing. Projects focused on education, health, wellbeing, or disability sports must include a key sport element, preferably rugby, to engage young participants. Grants have no set maximum limit, although applications for under £5,000 are unlikely to be considered. The program does not fund revenue costs like staffing, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Applications can be submitted anytime.**

**Useful Links:**

[Project Criteria](#)

## Funding for Links with Japan

Grants of £2,000 - £9,000 are available to promote and support links between the UK and Japan. The Daiwa Small Grants can cover all fields of activity, including educational and other projects and events. New initiatives are especially encouraged.

**The next closing date for applications is the 30th September 2025.**

**Useful Documents:**

[Online Grant Application Notes](#)

<http://www.dajf.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/daiwa-foundation-small-grants>

## Grants for Churches for the Conservation of Decorative Features and Monuments

The William and Jane Morris Fund provides grants of between £500 and £5,000 to churches, chapels, and other places of worship built before 1896 for small programs of conservation work to decorative features and monuments. **Applications can be submitted at any time until the 31st August 2025.**

To be eligible for funding, the work must be directed by a professional architect or established conservator and completed according to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) principles. Eligible work includes, but is not limited to, stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments, tombs, and wall paintings.

**Some examples of previous grants include:**

- £1,000 to St Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas for the conservation of wall paintings.
- £750 to Holy Trinity Church, St Austell to restore a monument to Joseph Sawle.
- £1,600 to The Lye and Wollescote Chapels, Dudley for the repair of a weather van.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please visit the William and Jane Morris Fund website for more information (link below).

**Useful Link:** <https://www.sal.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/our-grant-programmes/>

## Historic England Launches Heritage at Risk Capital Fund

Historic England has launched the Heritage at Risk Capital Fund, a special one-year initiative with a budget of £15 million aimed at preserving England's most vulnerable historic sites. This fund seeks to provide grants to heritage assets listed on the Heritage at Risk Register, facilitating urgent conservation work to prevent further deterioration.

Eligible applicants, including charitable and not-for-profit organisations, private owners, and local authorities responsible for at-risk heritage sites, can apply for grants. The funding supports activities such as structural repairs, conservation of significant architectural features, and project development work that enables future restoration or improved management.

The fund is currently open for expressions of interest, with a submission deadline of 30th April 2025. Please email Historic England at [harcapitalfund@historicengland.org.uk](mailto:harcapitalfund@historicengland.org.uk) – an expression of interest form.

**Full applications will need to be submitted by the 30th May 2025.**

**Useful Link:** <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/grants/our-grant-schemes/heritage-at-risk-capital-fund/>

## Help the Homeless

Small homeless charities can apply for capital grants of up to £5,000 to help individuals rebuild their lives. Eligible applicants must be registered charities with an annual turnover below £500,000 and less than six



months of unrestricted reserves. Typically, funding is awarded to organisations running residential or training facilities designed to provide homeless people with direct support and pathways to independence.

This funding is made available by Help the Homeless, a grant-giving trust founded in 1975 to assist people off the streets and into healthier, more independent lives.

**The next application deadline is 15 June 2025.**

**Useful Links:** [Previously funded projects](#)

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

## Previously Shared, Still Live

### AB Charitable Trust

UK-registered charities that work towards combating abuse and violations of human rights can apply for grants of usually between £10,000 and £30,000 through the A B Charitable Trust. The A B Charitable Trust (ABCT) was set up in 1990 and supports unpopular causes that champion human dignity and focus on small and medium-sized charities working close to the ground.

Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support:

- migrants and refugees
- criminal justice and penal reform
- human rights, particularly access to justice

The Trust generally makes one-off grants to charities registered and working in the UK with annual incomes of between £150,000 and £1.5m that do not have substantial investments or surpluses.

Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range £10,000 to £30,000. ABCT does not normally fund charities with large national or international links.

**The next closing date for applications is 25 April 2025** 

For further information: [The A B Charitable Trust, an independent grant-making organisation](#)

### Warburton Community Grant Scheme – Social Issues Facing Communities

Charitable organisations can now apply for up to £400 in funding for projects that directly impact families and solve significant social issues in communities across England, Scotland, and Wales.

The Warburtons Community Grant scheme will support a range of activities which improve Health, Place or Skills for families in their community:

- Health: supporting families to care for each other and lead healthier lives
- Place: supporting families to flourish in communities that are safer, greener and more inclusive

- Skills: supporting families to gain useful skills for life and work

Funding is administered by the Charities Aid Foundation and can be used to cover specific costs that will benefit the cause (e.g. buying equipment to support an employability project). Applications are considered every quarter.

**The next closing date for applications is the 5th of May 2025.**

**Useful Links:** [Guidance](#)

**Link:** <https://www.warburtons.co.uk/goodstuff/financial-giving/#:~:text=Warburtons%20Community%20Grants%20provides%20small,for%20families%20in%20the%20community>

## Thomas Wall Trust– Increase Employment Opportunities

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to support projects that equip people (18 or older in order) from disadvantaged groups with the communication skills necessary to gain employment. Priority will be given to projects that target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups facing major hurdles to employment, especially women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a UK charity that has been registered with the Charity Commission for at least 3 years
- Be a project or running costs for a charity that equips people (aged 18 and over) with the skills ready for employment
- Have an annual turnover of between £25,000 - £500,000

Beneficiaries must gain at least one accredited vocational qualification during delivery or within two months of project completion.

The deadline for stage 1 applications is the **5th of May 2025**. Applicants who are successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

**Deadline:05-05-2025**

[Application Hints and Tips](#)

**Link:** <https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities-2/>

## Screwfix Foundation

The Screwfix Foundation has re-opened for applications from charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain, and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need due to financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress, or other disadvantages throughout the UK.

Grants in the region of £5,000 are available for a variety of projects, such as:

- Improved energy-efficient lighting & heating
- Installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc.
- Installation of a sensory room
- General painting & decorating

- Improving the safety and security of a building

Applications are reviewed every quarter and **the next deadline for applications is the 10th of May 2025.**

**Useful Links:**

[Grants Awarded](#)

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

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

## FCC Community Foundation

Registered Charities, churches, Parish Councils, Local Authorities and CASC registered sports clubs can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 for the provision, maintenance or improvement of community facilities.

This can include:

- Village Halls and Community Centres
- Public Play Areas
- Publicly available Multi use games areas
- Skate parks and BMX tracks
- Sport and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access
- Churches – community spaces only
- Nature Reserves
- Public gardens, parks, country parks and woodlands with at least dawn to dusk access
- Museums

The funding is being made available through the FCC Community Action Fund and is available to projects located within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment site. Recent changes to its funding policy mean that the FCC Community Foundation will now accept applications for renewable energy projects based at community buildings, including solar panels. Applications for non-substantial extensions such as porches, storage areas and toilets/kitchens will in some circumstances will now also be accepted.

All grants require applicants to secure a contributing third party (CTP) payment. This is a very specific payment required to be paid to the landfill operator and should not be confused with match funding.

**The next closing date for applications is 5pm on 14 May 2025** 

For further information: [FCC Community Action Fund / FCC \(fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk\)](https://www.fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk)

## Toy Trust – Funding to Support Disabled & Disadvantaged Children

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to small UK-registered children's 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.
- supports children through awful experiences.
- encourages achievement through adversity.
- purchases vital equipment, provides care.
- bolsters existing initiatives.

- initiates brand new projects.
- and satisfies basic needs.

Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply. **The next deadline to apply is mid-June 2025 for the July meeting of Trustees.**

**Link:** <https://www.toytrust.co.uk/apply/>

## D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

Grants are available for UK registered charities seeking to enhance and improve people's lives through the advancement of the arts, health and medical welfare, and the environment. The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust typically awards grants of between £500 and £6,000 for projects and core costs, with a preference for small-scale, locally based initiatives.

The types of services provided to communities could include:

- **Arts:** Promoting access to the arts, providing performance development opportunities for early-career artists, and supporting charities that engage young people on the fringes of society through music and drama projects
- **Environment:** Conserving the countryside, encouraging voluntary work and active involvement in hands-on activities, particularly those that benefit young people, and supporting rural crafts and skills in heritage conservation
- **Medical Welfare:** Supporting charities that alleviate the suffering of adults and children with medical conditions, providing music and art therapy to improve quality of life, and providing breaks for carers without regular support

There are three grant-making meetings held annually which take place in March, July, and November. Projects should have a start date of at least three months after the meeting date.

**The next deadline for applications is June 2025** 

For further information: [How to apply – The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust \(doylycartecharitabletrust.org\)](https://www.doylycartecharitabletrust.org)

## National Churches Trust – Large Grants Programme

Listed and unlisted Christian places of worship needing major, urgent structural repairs can apply for grants of up to £50,000.

The funding will cover up to 50% of larger, more complex projects costing over £80,000 incl. VAT. Funding is also available for projects costing more than £30,000 incl. VAT that improve facilities such as kitchens and accessible toilets, etc, to enable increased community use.

Priority will be given to architecturally and historically significant buildings. There is a two-stage application process.

**The deadline for stage one applications is midnight on the 1st July 2025.** Applicants will be informed of the stage 2 deadline if they are successful at stage 1.

**Useful Links:** [Guidance Notes](#)

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

## Cycling UK – Big Bike Revival Programme

Local volunteer led-groups, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £3,500 to deliver cycling events to get people back on their bikes this summer. The Big Bike Revival Programme will support organisations across England to deliver a summer programme of activity that will encourage people who do not currently cycle regularly (once every two weeks or less) to consider either starting or returning to cycling.

### **This includes people experiencing:**

- social, economic and health deprivation
- people from diverse backgrounds
- those facing complex challenges

### **The programme supports three types of events:**

- Learn to fix events – offers basic services to repair cycles and provides essential checks to ensure cycles are safe to ride
- Learn to ride sessions – offers instruction, training or skills for adults to learn to maintain or repair their cycle or learn cycle skills to help them feel safer when cycling
- Ride events – offers led rides for adults to practise cycling locally

The funding can be spent on anything that supports the delivery of events such as staffing, promotional costs, equipment, consumables and volunteer transport.

**The closing date for applications is the 14th July 2025.**

**Useful Links:** [FAQs](#)

**Link:** <https://www.cyclinguk.org/bigbikerevival/delivery-partners>

## The Ironmongers Company – Supporting Disadvantaged Children and Young People

The Ironmongers' Company want to support projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential. Grants are only given to registered charities and 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, motivational and skills.
- Have clear aims and objectives to be met within a [planned timescale.
- Are within the UK.

Projects must deliver clearly defined educational benefits to a specific group of children or young people. Grants range from a few hundred pounds to around £10,000. The average grant awarded is £4,000. Grants must be spent within 12 months from the date of award.

**The next deadline for applications is 31 July 2025** 

For further information: [Charities | Ironmongers' Company](#)

## Severn Trent Water – Community Fund

Local charities, volunteer and community groups, schools, colleges, and local authorities or parish councils within the Severn Trent Water region can apply for grants ranging from £2,000 to £100,000 to support new community projects. These grants are provided through the New Projects Funding stream of the Severn Trent Community Fund, which focuses on three key elements of community wellbeing:

- **People:** Projects that promote healthier lifestyles and skills development.
- **Place:** Initiatives that contribute to creating better living environments for communities.
- **Environment:** Endeavours that improve access to and promote a healthier natural environment, including water preservation.

**£2,000 to £20,000:** For projects lasting up to 24 months. Both registered and non-registered community organizations can apply. Match funding is encouraged but not required. **The next application deadline is 31st August 2025.**

**£20,000 to £100,000:** For projects lasting up to 24 months. Applicants must be registered with the Charity Commission or Companies House. Match funding is encouraged but not required. **The next application deadline is 31st July 2025.**

**Useful Links:** [Application Hints and Tips](#)

**Link:** <https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/severn-trent-community-fund/>

## THE BAILY THOMAS – General Grants Programme

UK charities, parent-teacher Associations, and schools can apply for grants to help children and adults suffering severe learning difficulties, including autism.

The funding is being made available through the Baily Thomas General grants programme and can be used to purchase equipment, support capital works, and cover project and core costs.

**Previous grants have been used to support:**

- capital building/renovation/refurbishment works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools
- employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture
- play schemes and play therapy schemes
- day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs
- support for families, including respite schemes
- independent living schemes
- support in the community schemes
- Snoezelen rooms

The Fund does not currently accept appeals from Community Interest Companies.

The next deadline for applications seeking funding over £9,000 is the **1st of August 2025.**

Applications for £9,000 and below can be submitted at any time.

**Link:** <https://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants/general-programme>

## Woodland Trust – Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups (UK)

Hundreds of thousands of trees are being given away to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. Schools, nurseries, colleges, universities, outdoor learning centres, and other groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts and guides from across the UK are among the organisations eligible to apply for up to 420 saplings to improve their local environment.

Tree packs available include:

- hedge,
- copse,
- wild harvest,
- year-round colour,
- working wood,
- wild wood,
- wildlife,
- urban trees.

Applications can be made for up to four separate tree packs as long as the total does not exceed 420 trees. The Woodland Trust are currently taking applications for tree packs to be delivered in November 2025.

**Applications are open until 31 August 2025**

**Useful Links:** [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

**Link:** [https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwvpv2TBhDoARIsALBnVnl4mX3ME2YPKMkKZu\\_I0kl5ujcVNuUrw9IhbLoocKo68CjWepkrLXQaAhtJEALw\\_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwvpv2TBhDoARIsALBnVnl4mX3ME2YPKMkKZu_I0kl5ujcVNuUrw9IhbLoocKo68CjWepkrLXQaAhtJEALw_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds)

## Friends of the Elderly – Grants for Older People on Low Incomes

Small grants of up to £400 (£500 for couples) are available to support vulnerable older people living on low incomes in England and Wales. Grants can be used to cover essential expenses such as purchasing a new fridge, paying unexpected bills, food, clothing, or covering gas and electricity costs.

Friends of the Elderly currently have four grant streams open for older people who are of/over state pension age, have savings of less than £4,000 (£5,000 for couples) and who do not fit the criteria for other funders:

- Home Essentials to help with the cost of replacing everyday items, small home repairs and mobility adaptations;
- Digital Connection to help older people get online;
- Financial Support to help with unexpected bills;
- Essential Living Costs including clothing, food, medicines and books.

Applications must be made via a third-party Referral Agent such as charities, local authorities, religious organisations, housing associations, community organisations, Information, Advice and Guidance providers and social services representatives, etc.

**Applications can be made at any time.**

**Useful Links:**

[Guidance notes for referral agents and professionals](#)

[Information for older people needing a grant](#)

[Frequently asked questions](#)

## [Finding a referral agent](#)

**Link:** <https://www.fote.org.uk/our-charity-work/grants-2/>

### **Barchester Charitable Foundation – Tackling Loneliness Amongst Older people and Adults with a Disability**

Small community groups, local charities and individuals can apply for grants of between £100 and £2,500 for equipment and to support projects that tackle loneliness amongst older people (65+) and adults with a disability (18+). The funding, which is being made available through Barchester's Charitable Foundation, supports actions that combat loneliness by connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community.

The types of activities supported can include

- Activity projects
- Equipment and materials for use by members
- Member transport
- Day trips, outings and group holidays in the UK

The Foundation also makes grants of between £100 and £1,000 to help individuals, but please note that all applications for named individuals must be completed by a third party who knows the individual in a professional or community-based capacity, such as general practitioners, occupational therapists, nurses, social workers, or charity or support group representatives.

The grants can help individuals with:

- Manual and powered wheelchairs
- Mobility scooters
- Specialised trikes / e-bikes / bikes
- Car adaptations

**There are no deadlines, and applications can be submitted at any time. The fund will close once all funding has been awarded**

**Link:** <https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/>

### **The Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme**

The Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme has reopened for applications. The programme offers grants of up to £1,000 to primary and secondary schools in the UK to set up Breakfast clubs for those children (up to the age of 13) in most need.

To qualify for the programme:

- The breakfast club must be based in a school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland
- A limited number of grants are available so priority will be given to schools that have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding

**Or**



- Schools based in areas classified as being in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation can find out if this applies to their school by following the instructions, which you can find [here](#).
- Additionally, if your school has received breakfast club funding from Gregg's or Magic Breakfast within the current academic year, your club will not be considered a priority for support.
- Only one grant per school in each academic year is available.
- Applications from fee paying schools cannot be accepted.

**Schools can apply for an award at any date and will hear within one month if they have been successful.**

For any queries, please contact Forever Manchester on 0044 161 214 0940 or e-mail [kelloogs@forevermanchester.com](mailto:kelloogs@forevermanchester.com)

**Link:**<https://forevermanchester.com/funding/kelloggs-breakfast-club-programme/>

## Erewash Small Grant Scheme

The Erewash Small Grant Scheme is funded by Derbyshire County Council Public Health and Erewash Borough Council.

The scheme has three priority themes and **applicants must meet at least one of the themes to be eligible to apply. The three themes include:**

- Health Inequalities
- Community Wellness
- Building Resilience

**Applications can be made from the following groups:**

- Voluntary or community groups with a constitution
- Registered charities or charitable incorporated organisation
- Community interest company or social enterprise
- Other not-for-profit organisations

Statutory organisations and Parish Councils are not eligible to apply to this grant scheme.

The Erewash Small Grant Scheme provides funding up to £1,500. Applications may be made at any time, there are no deadlines.

**Information for applicants and application forms can be found here:** [Erewash Small Grants \(erewashvoluntaryaction.org.uk\)](http://erewashvoluntaryaction.org.uk)

## Community Energy Resilience Grant.

- ARE YOU A LOCAL COMMUNITY OR VOLUNTARY GROUP?
- ARE YOUR ENERGY BILLS TOO HIGH?
- ARE YOU LOOKING TO REDUCE COSTS AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT?

You may be eligible for our Community Energy Resilience Grant.

Erewash Borough Council has a small pot of grant funding for local community and voluntary groups who own or long-term lease the premises they operate from. This funding is for energy-saving improvements to the building - such as solar panels or heat pumps - that will reduce carbon emissions and lower bills.

**To check your organisation's eligibility and to apply please email:**

[economicdevelopment@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:economicdevelopment@erewash.gov.uk)

This grant scheme is funded by the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

## Foundation Derbyshire

Foundation Derbyshire is proud to be Derbyshire's local funder, who has been offering a wide variety of grants to community and voluntary groups working across Derby and Derbyshire for over 25 years. Grants up to £2,500 are available, which can be used to support core running costs, equipment, resources or new ideas.

Foundation Derbyshire is a registered Charity and independent grant maker. Foundation Derbyshire promotes and encourages local philanthropy, with funds set up by local philanthropists, families, individuals and businesses who want to put back into Derbyshire.

If you would like to apply for a grant, contact Foundation Derbyshire first. The grants team will offer advice and support, and talk you through our timeframes, fund matching service and give hints and tips.

**No closing dates, apply whenever you are ready. **

For further information: <http://www.foundationderbyshire.org/>

Contact the grants team 01773 525860 or email: [hello@foundationderbyshire.org](mailto:hello@foundationderbyshire.org)

## Easy Fundraising

[Free to sign-up and free to use](#), it is a fantastic opportunity to benefit from an additional funding stream from something you, your team, volunteers, and supporters are already doing anyway.

Three steps to getting off to a great start:

- [Set up a free easyfundraising page for your organisation](#) – this only takes a couple of minutes.
- Share your page with everyone associated with your organisation, so they can start supporting you every time they shop online.
- Every three months, receive a payment from Easy fundraising – easy as that!

Easy fundraising will give you lots of support to help you get up and running and raising as much as possible. You can even have a free 1-2-1 call with one of the team for a demo of the site, advice and fundraising.

Don't miss out on free funding; [register your organisation today](#).

## Derbyshire County Council Community Leadership Scheme

All 64 of our councillors get funding through the members' Community Leadership Scheme to give to communities and organisations in their area.

Groups seeking funding should contact their local county councillor to explain the nature of the project, amount sought, what other funding is available and how it will benefit the community.

For further information: [Community Leadership Scheme - Derbyshire County Council](#)

## National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All England

Voluntary, community organisations and Schools, etc across the UK can now apply for grants of up to £20,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All programme. This represents a significant increase from the previous maximum grant size of £10,000. Projects can last for up to two years.

The funding boost is intended to support organisations in delivering new or existing community led activities. Eligible projects must achieve at least one of the following objectives:

- Bring people together to build strong relationships within and across communities
- Improve places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help individuals reach their potential by providing early support
- Assist individuals, communities, and organisations facing difficulties due to the cost-of-living crisis

### Organisations eligible to apply include:

- Constituted voluntary or community organisations
- Constituted groups or clubs
- Registered charities
- Charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs)
- Not-for-profit companies
- Community interest companies (CICs)
- Schools (provided the project benefits and involves the surrounding communities)
- Statutory bodies (including local authorities, town, parish, and community councils)
- Community benefit societies

The application deadline is 16 weeks before the start of the project or activities.

**Applications can be submitted at any time. **

For further information: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k>

## Cooperative Bank - Customer Donation Fund

Organisations such as Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies, Co-operatives and Credit Unions; etc. that have a Community Directplus account can apply for funding of up to £1,000 from the Customer Donation Fund.

Since 2003 the Co-operative Bank Donation Fund has donated over £1,000,000 to over 1,100 local good causes. The money can be used to support special projects and fundraising activities; and all Community Directplus account holders are eligible to apply.

**Applications are currently open **

For further information: [Customer Donation Fund | Community Banking | The Co-operative Bank](#)

## The Matthew Good Foundation

The Matthew Good Foundation has opened the next round of its Grants for Good Fund. The aim is to support small charities, not-for-profit groups and social entrepreneurs who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community or the environment.

The Fund will share £15,000 between five shortlisted projects every three months, which will be voted for by John Good Group employees. The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £5,000, second place £3,500, third place £2,500 with fourth and fifth place both receiving £2,000.

As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation wants to hear from people with innovative ideas that need some funding to get their projects up and running.

To be eligible, applicants will have to have had an income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.

Funding is awarded every three months and **the next deadline for the next funding round is the 15th June 2025.**

**Link:** <https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/>

## Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

Charities registered in the UK and working to offer sanctuary, rehoming and rehabilitation to animals in the UK and/or internationally can apply for grants of up to £35,000. Organisations involved with the conservation of wildlife, the rescue, rehabilitation and (where possible) release of animals are also eligible to apply.

The funding supports general running costs or capital purchases. The Trust encourages repeat applications from charities when further financial support might be given if funds allow.

**Applications are currently open** ✓

For further information: [Home - Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust](#)