



## FUNDING and GRANTS INFORMATION

January – 2024

### Derbyshire County Council - Warm and Welcoming Spaces Grants

Voluntary, community and charity organisations in Derbyshire can apply for a grant to set up warm and welcoming spaces this winter.

Derbyshire County Council have launched a warm and welcoming spaces fund to support organisations to provide a warm refuge for residents and their families struggling to heat their homes.

Organisations can apply for up to £1,000 towards the cost of opening up community venues or to extend their opening hours during the colder months.

The amount of grant funding awarded will be determined following assessment of eligibility criteria, consideration of the amount of hours that the warm and welcoming space will be open (especially at evenings and weekends), and the number of potential beneficiaries.

If you would like to apply for a warm and welcoming spaces grant:

- email [grants@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:grants@derbyshire.gov.uk) for an application form.

Applications will be accepted up to **1 March 2024**, or until the funding allocated to the programme has been fully spent (whichever is sooner).

To qualify for a grant, organisations must pledge to offer a heated space during the winter months, provide seating, offer refreshments such as a warm drink and a biscuit, and be free of charge.

If you are an organisation or charity that's running a warm and welcoming space, register your venue with the **Warm Welcome Spaces Campaign** so residents can find you.

There is more information on the DCC website: [Warm and welcoming spaces - Derbyshire County Council](#)

## **Erewash Voluntary Action CVS – Erewash Small Grant Scheme**

Derbyshire County Council Public Health, Derbyshire County Council Adult Care Services and Erewash Borough Council fund the Erewash Small Grant Scheme.

Community groups and organisations can apply for up to **£1,500**.

The Erewash Small Grant Scheme has three priority themes and applicants must meet at least one of the themes to be eligible to apply. The priority themes include:

- Health Inequalities
- Community Wellness
- Building Resilience

Applications can be made by voluntary or community groups with a constitution, registered charity or charitable incorporated organisation, community interest company or social enterprise and other not for profit organisations.

The grant scheme is not open to statutory organisations including Parish Councils.

For further details about the Erewash Small Grant Scheme including an application form and scheme guidance contact the Development Worker at Erewash Voluntary Action – email: [catriona@erewashcvs.org.uk](mailto:catriona@erewashcvs.org.uk) or Telephone 0115 9466740

If you are thinking of making an application, contact the Development Worker to discuss your ideas.

**Applications can be made at any time there are no deadlines.**

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

## **Erewash Borough Council – Fast Funding Community Grants**

The council has received Shared Prosperity Funding (SPF) from central government, to support its revised Fast Funding Community Grant scheme. Qualifying community organisations, including registered charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises, are invited to apply for a grant of up to £1,500 to deliver a project or activity that will provide benefits for Erewash residents.

All applications must show how their project or activity will achieve one or both of the Fast-Funding Community Grant scheme's outcomes:

- Increased engagement (of at least 10%).
- Increased volunteering (of at least 10%).

For detailed information and advice about how to complete the online application form read the Fast-Funding Community Grant guidance notes.

**Subject to funding remaining available applications can be submitted until 17 March 2024.**

For further information: [Community Grants \(erewash.gov.uk\)](https://www.erewash.gov.uk)

## **EasyFundraising**

[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 easyfundraising – easy as that!

easyfundraising 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](#).

## **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)

## **[Derbyshire County Council Public Health Covid Community Fund 2023-2024](#)**

The COVID-19 Community Fund aims to support voluntary and community sector organisations by providing much needed funding. This allows them to continue to play a key role in the local response to COVID-19 and to improve the health and wellbeing of Derbyshire residents.

The funding is for organisations and projects that meets at least one of the criteria below:

- support to increase COVID-19 vaccination uptake
- protect people most vulnerable to COVID-19
- increase mental health and wellbeing and support individual and community resilience
- promote safer behaviours to reduce future risk of infection
- directly address health inequalities arising from, or made worse, by the pandemic

Constituted organisations and groups can apply for up to £2,000 in funding, and non-constituted organisations and groups up to £250.

If you have previously received a grant from the COVID-19 Community Fund, you are eligible to reapply. However, the second application must not be a duplication of the original request. Organisations could re-submit an application that has previously been rejected if it meets the new criteria.

**The fund closes on 31 March 2024 applicants are advised to apply early.**

Find a copy of the application form on the Derbyshire County Council website:

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/lottery-funding/covid-19-community-fund/covid-19-community-fund.aspx](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/lottery-funding/covid-19-community-fund/covid-19-community-fund.aspx)

## **[Derbyshire County Council Members Community Leadership Scheme](#)**

Each County Councillor usually has £3,860 to give to local groups, this year an additional £3,860 has been allocated bringing their total to £7,720.

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: [Local groups urged to contact their county councillor to support local activities - 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>

## **Department for Culture, Media and Sport - VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme**

Eligible voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in England can now apply for funding to help them reduce their energy costs and improve their energy efficiency. The £25.5 million VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme is part of a package of over £100 million of support being delivered by the government to help frontline delivery organisations with the increased cost of living.

The VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme is being provided by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The scheme is being delivered by a consortium of The VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme is open to voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in England that meet the following criteria:

- Must be a registered VCSE with a charity number
- Must have a turnover of less than £25 million
- Must be based in England
- Must be responsible for the premises they wish to improve

The VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme offers two types of funding:

- Independent energy assessment: Organisations can apply for funding to cover the cost of an independent energy assessment. This assessment will help identify the most effective measures for reducing their energy costs. This part of the scheme is now open for applications and will remain open until August 2024.
- Capital grant: Organisations that have received an energy assessment may be eligible for a capital grant to install the recommended energy efficiency measures in their premises. This part of the scheme will open to applications in January 2024 and grant rounds will also run until August 2024.

The funding can be used to install a range of energy efficiency measures, including:

- LED lighting
- Energy-efficient heating and ventilation
- Insulation
- Smart meters

**The deadline for applications is 31 August 2024.**

For further information: [VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme - Groundwork](#)

## [\*\*Nisa - Heart of the Community Awards\*\*](#)

Nisa's Making a Difference Locally (MADL) charity has launched a new round of their Heart of the Community Awards.

The awards will be supporting food pantries across the UK, with a total of £50,000 in funding available for Nisa retailers to nominate a local group, charity or good cause.

The donations of up to £1,000 per store will help food pantries provide essential food and other supplies to people in need.

50 winning causes will be selected by a panel of judges.

To apply for a donation, interested food pantries should visit their nearest Nisa affiliated retailer to discuss a nomination.

For further information: [Nisa's Making a Difference Locally charity supports UK food pantries through Heart of the Community Awards \(nisalocally.co.uk\)](https://nisalocally.co.uk)

## [\*\*Little Lives UK - Children's Community Support Programme\*\*](#)

Organisations within the UK that provide free activities to children who are disadvantaged or disabled can apply for grants of up to £2,200. The funding is being made available through the Little Lives UK Children's Community Support Programme and aims to ensure that every child regardless of their financial circumstances can have access to activities they need to live a happy, healthy and fun childhood.

The programme is open to applications from children's groups and organisations such as play groups, after-school clubs or sports classes, etc. The Children's Community Support Programme is also open to applications from other projects, as long as their primary objective focuses on providing services to disadvantaged and disabled children.

There is no monetary minimum that groups can apply for, and Little Lives UK will additionally support the work of successful applicants through their social media channels and on their website.

**Four or five grants are awarded every month, and the next application deadline is the 31 January 2024.**

For further information: [Children's Community Support Programme - Little Lives UK](#)

## [\*\*Thomas Wall Trust\*\*](#)

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 critical life 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.

The funding is being made available through the Thomas Wall Trust. and to be eligible the 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 £10,000 - £500,000

**The deadline for stage 1 applications is the 29 April 2024. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.**

For further information: [Grants for Registered Charities | Thomas Wall Trust](#)

## **[LandAid - Routes Out of Homelessness Grants Programmes](#)**

LandAid, the UK charity that brings together the property industry, to support charities that work towards ending youth homelessness has re-opened its Routes Out of Homelessness Grant Programmes.

The grants are available to charities and other not-for-profit organisations to create new bedspaces for young people aged 16 to 25 who are or have been homeless.

The Routes Out of Homelessness grants are awarded via three programmes; each designed to create additional bedspaces of different types:

- the Safe Places programme provides short and medium-term bedspaces in volunteer or paid households for emergency housing
- the Capital Grants programme funds bedspaces owned or leased by not-for-profit organisations, including new builds, renovations, and other innovative capital projects
- the Move-on Grants programme assists young people facing barriers in accessing rental accommodation as they move into independent living

The fund is particularly interested in projects that will create bedspaces that:

- are based in the North-East, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland
- are for groups of young people who may be disproportionately at risk of homelessness, such as young people of colour, young refugees and young people identifying as LGBTQ+
- which would be transformational for the charity and/or local area

Partnership applications are welcomed.

The application process is in two stages:



**Applicants will initially have to submit an Expression of Interest. Those organisations successful at this stage will have until the 23 February 2024 to submit a full application.**

For further information: [Routes Out of Homelessness Grant Programmes - LandAid](#)

### **[Music for All - Community Project Funding](#)**

Community groups and individuals in the UK can apply for grants of up to £2,000 or musical instruments to develop sustainable community-based music programmes.

The Music for All - Community Project Funding programme is looking to support different types of projects based on:

- electric guitars and amplifiers
- acoustic guitars
- community projects supporting those with learning and cognitive challenges
- community projects supporting those with degenerative conditions
- projects supporting underprivileged secondary-school aged children

The funding is available to a wide range of organisations including:

- groups operating in caring settings including care homes and hospitals
- community groups
- formal and informal educational settings
- choirs

**The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 1 April 2024.**

For further information: [Funding for Music Projects | Music Grants - Music for All | Music For All](#)

### **[Cadent Foundation - Winter Support Fund](#)**

A new £2 million fund has been launched to provide energy and food support to vulnerable people across the UK during the winter months.

The Cadent Foundation's Winter Support Fund will allow charities offering energy and money guidance, to have rapid access to additional financial resources, helping to make an immediate impact for people needing extra support.

The food and energy vouchers will be available to people who are living in the most vulnerable situations and who Cadent Foundations' current charity partners, including the Trussell Trust and Citizens Advice, are supporting with energy efficiency and money management guidance. Each household will receive up to two vouchers, with the option of also having up to £100 to spend on essential heating and cooking appliances, such as heated blankets, slow cookers and air fryers.

The funding will be distributed through the Foundation's current charity partners, including Citizens Advice, Groundwork UK and Trussell Trust.

**The support will be available between December 2023 and March 2024.**

For further information: [Cadent Foundation | Cadent \(cadentgas.com\)](#)

## **King Charles III Charitable Fund - Small Grants Programme**

The King Charles III Charitable Fund has launched a new Small Grants Programme to support projects that will improve people's lives and build sustainable communities across the UK.

Each year, the fund will allocate grants of up to £5,000 to around 100 community-based organisations, including charities, community interest companies, and parish councils.

The fund aims to support small-scale projects that have the potential to create substantial impacts within their communities, especially those that typically face challenges in accessing larger funding sources.

Grants will be awarded across 6 funding themes:

- environment
- countryside
- social inclusion
- health and wellbeing
- heritage and conservation
- education

**The fund opens to applications on the 8 February 2024 and closes on the 22 February 2024.**

For further information: [Small grants - King Charles III Charitable Fund \(kccf.org.uk\)](#)

## **Rewilding Britain - Rewilding Innovation Fund**

Rewilding Britain, a charity that works to restore nature, has announced that the next funding round of the Rewilding Innovation Fund is now open for applications. The fund provides up to £15,000 to support innovative rewilding projects across Britain.

The Rewilding Innovation Fund will support projects that are part of Rewilding Britain's Rewilding Network and that are working to apply the principles of rewilding to benefit nature, climate and people. Applicants are encouraged to take an innovative approach to land and marine rewilding, which will help develop learning and evidence for others within the Rewilding Network.

Projects must be at least 40 hectares in size and can be either land-based or marine. Marine based projects can be any size.

**The closing date for applications is the 29 February 2024.**

For further information: [Rewilding Innovation Fund | Rewilding Britain](#)

## **[The Leathersellers Company](#)**

The Leathersellers Company is currently seeking applications from small Charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations that are providing vital services for vulnerable people in deprived communities across the UK.

The Small Grants Programme will award grants of up to £5,000 to organisations with an annual income of less than £200,000. Partnerships are encouraged. The number of applications will be capped and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis e.g. the first 45 applications after each round opens will be able to be submitted.

The Committee will meet regularly to ensure charities receive a decision within a month of submitting their application.

There are 10 application windows throughout the year and each window will close when 45 applications have been received.

**The closing date for applications is 4 April 2024**

For further information: [Small Grants Programme - The Leathersellers' Company](#)

## **[National Churches Trust - Small Grants Programme](#)**

Grants of between £500 and £5,000 (exceptionally up to £10,000) are available to churches across the UK requiring urgent maintenance works and small repairs identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection, Building Survey or Condition Report.

The funding will enable listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, to investigate or address small problems and control building deterioration. This could include improvements to rainwater systems; removing vegetation growth from buildings; replacing gutter systems; addressing lost, damaged or slipped roof tiles; internal repairs to ceilings and walls; and electrical work.

Project costs should be up to £20,000 incl. VAT and awards will never exceed 50% of the costs.

The funding is made available through the National Churches Trust Small Grants Programme.

**The deadline for applications is 29 February 2024.**

For further information: [Small grants | National Churches Trust](#)

## **Grow Wild - Community Grant**

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to community, youth and voluntary groups from across the UK that want to bring local people together to transform an urban space by sowing and growing UK native wildflowers and/or plants.

The funding, which is being made available through the charity Grow Wild, will support activities and costs such as:

- seeds
- plants
- soil
- materials
- events
- workshops
- specialist experts
- contactor costs

Successful groups will receive their Community Grant funding in April and projects need to be completed by the end of October 2024.

Resident's groups, community associations, and health authorities/health boards are also eligible to apply.

**The closing date for applications is 3pm on the 30 January 2024.**

For further information: [Apply to join Grow Wild's Community Programme | Grow Wild | Kew](#)

## **Howdens - Game Changer Programme**

Grassroots football clubs across England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland are invited to apply for a support to upgrade their clubhouse kitchens. The funding is part of the £3 million Game Changer Programme, a joint initiative by Howdens, the FA, the Scottish FA, and the Irish Football Foundation.

The Game Changer Programme aims to transform hundreds of lower league and grassroots clubhouses by improving or replacing existing kitchen facilities. These kitchens will have the potential to become a lifeline for many underfunded football teams, allowing them to host events, food and refreshments that generate valuable funding.

Howdens will be responsible for the supply of the kitchen, which includes cabinets, drawers, hinges, handles, frontals, cabinet trims, worktops, sinks, taps, and appliances. Clubs will be responsible for sourcing and fitting the kitchen with the assistance of a local tradesperson.

Priority will be given to applications that include a nominated fitter who will install the kitchen on a voluntary basis or a professional fitter funded by the club. Applications that provide more detail on the impact a new kitchen would have on their club will also be given preference.

**The closing date for applications is the 31 January 2024.**

For further information: [The Game Changer Programme | Charities | Howdens](#)

## **[Peter Harrison Foundation - Opportunities Through Sport Grant Scheme.](#)**

Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) throughout the United Kingdom can apply to the Peter Harrison Foundation Opportunities Through Sport grant scheme. The aim of the grant scheme is to provide opportunities for sport and physical activity at a grassroots level that enable people who are physically, mentally, socially, or economically disadvantaged to develop personal and life skills to fulfil their potential.

The grants can be used for a variety of purposes, such as funding new sports programmes, improving existing sports facilities, or providing training and support for sports coaches.

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 specialised sporting equipment or facilities required to open opportunities
- Have a high degree of involvement from beneficiaries and those with lived experience
- Have a plan for sustainability and seek to deliver a lasting legacy

The Foundations provide two levels of funding:

- Major grants: between £5,001 and £30,000.
- Small grants: up to £5,000
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Priority will be given to organisations with an annual turnover of up to £500,000.

**The next closing date for applications is 1 April 2024.**

For further information: [Opportunities through sport and physical activity | Peter Harrison Foundation](#)

## **Home Office - Protective Security for Mosques Scheme**

The UK Government is making funding available to reduce the risk and impact of hate crime and terror attacks at Muslim places of worship and their associated faith community centres in England and Wales.

The funding will be made available through the Protective Security for Mosques Scheme for the free installation of protective security, such as:

- CCTV
- secure fencing
- manually operated pedestrian and vehicle gates
- door hardening, locks and mailbox / mail bag
- reinforcing glazed windows
- intruder alarms
- door entry access control
- video intercom systems
- lighting
- security guarding services

To apply for funding, applicants should submit evidence of their vulnerability and experience of hate crime.

**The closing date for applications has now been extended until the 18 February 2024.**

For further information: [Protective security schemes for places of worship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/protective-security-schemes-for-places-of-worship)

## **Charities Aid Foundation – Venturesome**

The Charities Aid Foundation has announced the launch of a new £10 million fund to help charities and social enterprises grow their social impact.

A mixture of unsecured loans and grants will be available to social organisations operating across the UK, including those with international projects. The funds will be unrestricted, allowing organisations to invest in infrastructure and capacity building, which are often not covered by grant funding.

The Foundation aims to increase the size of the fund to £20 million.

Organisations are encouraged to register their interest in the first instance.

The fund will be open for applications on an ongoing basis.

For further information: [Social investment | CAF \(cafonline.org\)](https://www.cafonline.org/)

## UnLtd

Grants plus business support are available to social entrepreneurs that are looking to start or grow an existing social venture. The funding is being made available through the UnLtd the leading provider of support to social entrepreneurs in and around the UK.

The grants are being made available through two funding streams:

- Grants of up to £18,000 to grow an existing social enterprise that has been operating between 1 and 4 years.
- Grants of up to £8,000 for social businesses not yet established or been running under a year.

UnLtd are committed to providing 50% of their awards to Black, Asian and minority ethnic social entrepreneurs, and/or disabled social entrepreneurs.

To be eligible applicants need to be:

- Aged 16 and over
- Living in the United Kingdom
- Willing to participate in a learning experience
- Working to benefit people living in the United Kingdom
- Have a real social impact
- Fulfil a clear need and demand
- Have clear outputs and goals

In addition to the Awards, UnLtd has two focus areas where they think social entrepreneurs can make a big difference. UnLtd has dedicated teams and specialist support available to social entrepreneurs with ideas to help people in the areas of:

- Healthy Aging
- Access to Employment

**The closing date for this funding round is the 31 March 2024.**

For further information: [UnLtd - Awards | Funding and support to grow your impact |](#)

## 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 15 March 2024**

For further information: [Grants for Good - Connecting businesses with high impact small charities | Matthew Good Foundation](#)

### **NatureSave Trust**

Environmental charity, Naturesave Trust, has announced that the September – October funding round is now open for applications. The theme for this funding round will be sustainable food.

The Trust will be looking to support community projects working to reduce food waste and food insecurity. Organisations eligible to apply include charities, social enterprises and grassroots community organisations.

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.

In previous funding rounds, the Trust has awarded grants of between £500 to £2,500.

**The closing date for applications is the 29 February 2024.**

For further information: [The Naturesave Trust - Naturesave](#)

### **Vision Foundation - Vision Fund**

Grants of up to £30,000 are available to sight loss organisations and other specialist organisations supporting blind and partially sighted people through the latest funding round of the Vision Foundation's Vision Fund.

This round focuses on projects designed to reduce levels of loneliness and/or isolation experienced by blind and partially sighted people throughout the UK.

Projects should aim to:

- reduce loneliness and isolation for people living in rural areas
- increase people's confidence in engaging in activities that reduce loneliness and isolation and improve well-being, e.g. cultural, physical and work-related activities
- equip people with practical and sustainable tools and skills that reduce anxiety about interacting in person or online, e.g. digital or interpersonal skills



- support people to build and maintain healthy personal relationships that reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation
- address specific challenges faced by underserved groups, e.g. the queer community, black or Asian communities and people with multiple disabilities or learning differences
- focus on the ways that challenging life events can increase loneliness and isolation for blind and partially sighted people, e.g. relationship breakdown, bereavement or experiencing domestic violence and abuse

The Foundation is particularly keen to support organisations who demonstrate a strong commitment to involving experts by experience, i.e. blind and partially sighted people or people at particular risk of sight loss, in their work.

Partnership bids are welcomed.

**The closing date for applications is the 22 January 2024.**

For further information: [Apply for funding – Vision Foundation](#)

### ***GambleAware - Improving Outcomes for women and minority communities affected by gambling harm***

GambleAware, the leading charity working to keep people safe from gambling harm, is making £4.8 million in funding available to registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations for projects aimed at reducing the inequalities which exist relating to gambling harm for women and people from minority religious and ethnic communities.

Two funding levels are available for projects lasting up to two years:

- up to £150,000 for small organisations or new ideas
- up to £300,000 for larger organisations or for more established project

The types of projects that could be supported include:

- tailored support for women or people from minority communities
- investing in women and minority community-led organisations trusted organisations
- interventions to reduce barriers to access support
- projects which focus on reducing stigma and shame, enabling people to recognise their gambling harm and take steps to seek treatment or support
- sensitised gender or cultural competency workforce training
- network building mobilising communities who can campaign and influence change
- strengthening and sharing good practice within the current system to improve access and outcomes

Partnership applications are encouraged, as well as applications from smaller and/or lived experience led organisations.

**The GambleAware - Improving Outcomes for Women and Minority Communities Affected by Gambling Harm funding programme closes to applications at 5pm on the 31 January 2024.**

For further information: [Commissioning & Grant-making - GambleAware \(begambleaware.org\)](https://begambleaware.org)

## **MSE Charity**

The MSE Charity, which supports the development of financial skills for adults facing life-altering transitions, has announced the reopening of its next funding round

Established in 2006 by MoneySavingExpert.com founder Martin Lewis, the MSE Charity is a UK-based organisation dedicated to providing grants to not for profit organisations that implement financial literacy programmes. Since its inception, the charity has awarded over £1 million in grants to organisations across the UK.

This funding round will prioritise projects that empower adults impacted by life-changing transitions, including dementia, autism, learning difficulties, disabilities, caring responsibilities, mental illness, brain injuries, and stroke.

Grants of up to £7,500 will be available to qualified non-profit organisations with an annual income of up to £750,000 and less than six months of free reserves.

**The funding round will close once 40 applications have been accepted or by Friday, February 16, 2024, whichever comes first.**

For further information: [How to Apply \(msecharity.com\)](https://msecharity.com)

## **Henry Smith Charity - Holiday Grants**

Schools, youth groups, not for profit organisations and charities can apply for grants of £500 to £2,750 to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of disabled or disadvantaged children (aged 13 or under).

Priority will be given to applications coming from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK. Funded by the Henry Smith Charity, grants can cover up to two-thirds of the cost of a holiday or trip lasting one to seven days.

**Applications will be considered until 19 March 2024 for trips taking place between the 15 January and the 30 April 2024.**

For further information: [Holiday Grants for Children - The Henry Smith Charity](https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children)

## **Scops Art Trust**

Scops Art Trust is offering grants of up to £30,000 to registered charities, and other constituted, not-for-profit organisations across the UK, to deliver projects and activities that help people to understand, participate in, and enjoy the arts, particularly the performing arts (music, drama, opera, and dance).

In 2024, the Trustees have decided to move towards a more focused grants-making process, focusing on a particular area of performing arts in each grant round.

For the first trustee meeting of 2024, the Trust is interested in supporting applications for music performances at local arts festivals and applications for children's music education projects. Most grants will be awarded for specific projects, but the Trust will also contribute towards the core costs of smaller organisations where a grant could make an impact. Priority will be given to small-to-medium-sized organisations. Both one-off and multi-year grants will be considered.

There is a two-stage application process, wherein groups must complete an eligibility check before being invited to submit a Stage 1 application. Selected applicants will then be invited to complete a Stage 2 online application form.

**The deadline for applications is 23 January 2024**

For further information: [Scops Arts Trust - Grant Funding for the Arts](#)

## **Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund**

Grants are available for community groups, charities, community interest companies, schools, and other organisations to support tree-planting projects across the United Kingdom.

The following award categories are available:

- Main grants for projects between £2,500 and £5,000.
- Large grants for projects between £5,000 and £15,000.
- Flagship grants for projects over £15,000.

Flagship Grants will be awarded in limited numbers to projects that deliver a significant impact across the Tree Council's programme priorities.

For further information: [Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund - The Tree Council](#)

## **NFU Mutual Charitable Trust**

Charities supporting rural development, in particular, the education of young people and the relief of poverty within rural areas can apply for funding through the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust.

The focus of the funding is on providing financial support to larger initiatives, which would have a significant impact on rural communities. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas.

**The next closing date for applications is the 24 May 2024.**

For further information: [NFU Mutual Charitable Trust: What do we do | NFU Mutual](#)

### **[Mansfield Building Society](#)**

The Charitable Trust exists to benefit people in our Heartland (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire) by providing funding to charitable organisations, whose aim is to support groups of individuals who are under served by society and/or are looking to improve the sustainability of our environment.

We are committed to supporting programmes and projects that leave a long-term legacy for the community in which we operate.

The Charitable Trust is independent of the Society and its policies, direction and donations are determined by a board of trustees which comprises three independent members and two Society employees.

The Trust will not usually fund individuals, party political activities, promotion of religious causes, animal charities, commercial enterprises or day to day running costs of a charity.

If you currently work or volunteer for a registered charity in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, email in the first instance with details of your charity and the project you would like us to support, and we will let you know how to apply.

For further information: [Mansfield Building Society - Our Charitable Trust \(mansfieldbs.co.uk\)](#)

## [Funding Reminders](#)

### [National Archives - Engagement Grants Programme](#)

This year the grants will be themed around the concept of “Place”, with grants of up to £5,000 available for projects that will engage with new and existing audiences in the places and communities where archives are located.

The funding is available to museums and other public bodies, registered charities and not for profit organisations that hold collections in England and Wales. Eligible costs include:

- exhibitions
- events
- online or digital engagement
- materials
- staff time
- travel and subsistence
- materials or software

**The closing date for applications is the 26 January 2024.**

For further information: [Engagement Grants - Archives sector \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

### [Ford Britain Trust](#)

Registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, and schools/PTAs can apply for grants of up to £3,000 for projects that are of benefit to their local community.

The funding is made available by the Ford Britain Trust to support a range of projects focusing education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities.

Applications will be considered from all UK locations. However, organisations based in Essex (including East London), Bridgend) including South Wales), Southampton, Daventry, Manchester and Liverpool - areas close to Ford locations – will be given priority.

Funding will support capital projects such as refurbishments, or expenditure on items such as furniture, equipment or computers.

There are two types of grants to apply for:

- Small grants for amounts up to £250. The small grants programme is **currently closed**.
- Large grants for amounts over £250 and up to a maximum of £3000.

**The deadline for applications to the large grants programme is the 31 January 2024.**

For further information: [The Ford Britain Trust | Ford UK](#)

## **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 deadline for applications is 28 February 2024.**

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

## **Grow Wild - Community Grant**

Grants of up to £2,000 will soon be available community, youth and voluntary groups from across the UK that want to bring local people together to transform an urban space by sowing and growing UK native wildflowers and/or plants.

The funding, which is being made available through the charity Grow Wild, will support activities and costs such as:

- seeds
- plants
- soil
- materials
- events
- workshops
- specialist experts
- contactor costs

Successful groups will receive their Community Grant funding in April and projects need to be completed by the end of October 2024.

Resident's groups, community associations, and health authorities/health boards are also eligible to apply.

**The closing date for applications will be the 30 January 2024.**

For further information: [Apply to join Grow Wild's Community Programme | Grow Wild | Kew](#)

## **Central England Co-operative - Community Dividend Fund**

The Central England Co-operative has re-opened its Community Dividend Fund to support good causes, groups and charities in central England.

Groups can apply for grants of between £100 and £3,000. The grants are available to members of Central England Co-operative for projects that aim to develop and improve communities by supporting access to food; health and wellbeing; inclusion of vulnerable, excluded, or hard to reach groups; and the environment.

Grants are available to full members of Central England Co-op including Derbyshire.

**The next deadline for applications is the 26 January 2024.**

For further information: [Community | Central Co-op \(centralcoop.co.uk\)](#)

## **The Seven Friends Foundation**

The Seven Friends Foundation provides small grants up to £3,000 to organisations that fulfil their charitable aims:

- To support and promote causes that are ignored, unpopular or face widespread stigma
  - Create stronger local communities that include those who have previously been excluded or marginalised
  - Improve skills, infrastructure, sustainability and collaboration within the third sector.
- The foundation will support small organisations, typically meaning those with an average annual income of under £300,000.

Grants are available to both registered charities and other organisations which are not charities but which seek funding for charitable work, however, these organisations may be asked to provide additional evidence.

The foundation will support organisations working anywhere within the UK but has a preference for those located in areas of deprivation.

The types of causes and groups that may receive funding include:

- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Migrant communities
- Offenders and ex-offenders
- People experiencing violence or abuse.

**The deadline for applications is 1 February 2024**

For further information: [Seven Friends Foundation | Registered Charity](#)

### **Kelly Family Charitable Trust**

Registered charities whose activities support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members can apply for grants of up to £5,000 (but trustees will consider requests for higher amounts) through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust.

The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. The Trust is happy to support requests for core funding as well as project-based grants, and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established.

The three areas of activity that the charity wishes to support are:

- Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, e.g. practical family support, relationship counselling, mediation.
- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit.
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment.

The trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered.



**The closing date for applications is 1 March 2024**

For further information: [Kelly Family Charitable Trust - Home \(kfct.org.uk\)](https://www.kfct.org.uk)

### **Golsoncott Foundation**

Arts organisations across the UK can apply for grants of up to £3,000 to deliver projects that demonstrate and deliver excellence in the arts.

The funding is made available by the Golsoncott Foundation, an arts-funding trust whose objective is to promote, maintain, improve and advance the education of the public in the arts, particularly the fine arts and music.

Priority is given to applications from arts organisations whose *raison d'être* is the art form itself, and its perfection or excellence in performance.

The trustees meet four times a year.

**The deadline for the next meeting is the 10 February 2024.**

For further information: [The Golsoncott Foundation | Supporting Excellence](#)

### **National Churches Trust - Gateway (Medium) Grant Programme**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, across the UK towards project development and investigative work up to RIBA planning stage 1, to support churches preparing for a major project, and in developing their project to the point at which they can approach a major grant funder. Grants will never exceed 50% of the net project costs for this phase.

The National Churches Trust's Medium Grants Programme is also now able to offer grants of up to £10,000 for urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects costing between £20,000 and £80,000. Grants will never exceed 50% of the net project costs.

**The deadline for applications is midnight on the 16 April 2024.**

For further information: [Medium grants | National Churches Trust](#)

### **Lloyds Bank Foundation – Specialist Small Charities**

This programme is for small, local, specialist charities supporting people facing complex issues. We support charities that help people overcome complex issues that do not have simple solutions, issues like homelessness, domestic abuse and addiction. These make life much harder for people; deepening trauma, impacting health and wellbeing, leading to poverty and destitution, and preventing people from being able to fulfil their potential.

Small, local, specialist charities play a unique role in helping people rebuild their lives. Their size, connection to their communities and deep understanding of the issues people face makes small charities best placed to reach, engage and support people. That is why we support small charities with an annual income between £25,000 to £500,000 where the main focus of your charity is to provide support for one of the eight themes outlined below:

- Addiction
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Care Leavers
- Domestic Abuse
- Homelessness
- Offending
- Sexual abuse and exploitation
- Trafficking and modern slavery

We want to ensure that the charities we support can thrive beyond the lifetime of our funding. That is why we combine an unrestricted grant of £75,000 with a breadth of tailored support aimed at helping to strengthen charities and build the knowledge, skills and capabilities of staff and trustees.

**The closing date is 25 January 2024**

For further information: [Funding from Lloyds Bank Foundation](#)

### **[LoveReading4Kids - Funding for Schools Scheme](#)**

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

Any grant awarded will be made in the form of credit to be spent within six months on the LoveReading4Kids online bookstore.

**Applications can be submitted at any time, with decisions taking up to three months.**

For further information: <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/the-lovereadings4kids-funding-for-schools-scheme>

### **The Elephant Trust**

The Trust offers grants to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects. It aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by a lack of funds. The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts.

Priority is given to artists and small organisations and galleries making or producing new work or exhibitions. The Trust normally awards grants of up to £2,000, but larger grants of up to £5,000 may be considered.

**The deadline for applications is 21 January 2024**

For further information: [The Elephant Trust](#)

### **Delamere Dairy Foundation**

Grants of £250 - £5,000 are available for local projects that help strengthen communities across England, Scotland and Wales.

The Delamere Dairy Foundation will provide support for charities, community groups, social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations delivering projects that fit the objectives of the Foundation:

- The advancement of agriculture and of environmental protection
- The advancement in life of young people by developing their capabilities so that they may mature as contributory members of society
- The relief of financial hardship
- The advancement of education
- The relief of sickness

**The next closing date is the 29 February 2024.**

For further information: <https://delameredairyfoundation.org.uk/>

### **Charles Hayward Foundation**

UK registered charities and not-for-profit organisations seeking financial assistance for their projects can apply for funding from the Charles Hayward Foundation. The foundation offers two types of grants: main grants and small grants.

The main grant applications are considered four times a year – in February, May, July, and November – offering a structured timeline for applicants. The small grants, on the other hand, are reviewed on a rolling basis, providing more flexibility for those in need of quicker funding solutions. However, it is important to note that the small grant programme is currently closed to new applications and is set to reopen in January 2024 with revised guidelines and funding priorities.

The grants provided by the Foundation are designed to support projects across various sectors, including:

- heritage and conservation,
- criminal justice,
- older people,
- overseas aid.

**The next deadline for the main grants programme for both UK and overseas projects is the 2 February 2024.**

For further information: <http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/>

## **Canoe Foundation**

The Canoe Foundation provides grants of between £500 to £10,000 to promote new or improved access points for canoe trails on to moving water, estuaries, canals and reservoirs.

The projects supported include:

- Launch and landing platforms, steps or ramps.
- Improvements to pathways and accessible routes to the water's edge.
- Signage and information that promotes positive behaviour (Countryside Code, "Check, Clean, Dry", take your litter home etc).
- Designated or additional parking for water users.
- Works to address erosion and create more sustainable access points.
- Projects that actively engage water users in helping protect/enhance the waterway environment
- Projects that can benefit more than one user group.
- Projects that benefit all paddlers, rather than private member facilities

Applications are welcomed from:

- Paddling clubs
- Community groups
- Parish Councils
- Local Authorities
- Anyone in the UK with an active interest in improving access to water and protecting the environment
- Organisations or partnerships with local paddlesport groups who will continue to support the use of the facilities on an ongoing basis

**The closing date for applications is 31 January 2024**

For further information: [Funding Applications | Apply for Canoe Foundation funding](#)

## **Allan Lane Foundation - Young People's Programme**

The Allan Lane Foundation is offering grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 to charities and not-for-profit organisations working with young people aged 12-21 who are socially excluded or marginalised, and who may have experienced significant issues within their lives.

The grants can be used to support a range of activities, including core costs, project work, and capital expenditure.

The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting organisations that focus their work on:

- Young people within the criminal justice system or those at risk of offending
- Looked after children or care leavers
- Those with significant mental health concerns or complex needs
- Young people who have been traumatised by challenging family backgrounds, neglect, violence or abuse
- Those that have fallen through the gaps in care and/or education
- Those already affected by, or vulnerable to, exploitation
- Whose experiences could seriously impact their transition into adulthood

To maximise the impact of its grants, the Foundation will only fund smaller organisations. Organisations that work across a local area, such as a village, estate, or town, must have an annual income of less than £100,000 to be eligible. Organisations that work across the entire UK must have an annual income of less than £250,000 to be eligible.

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

For further information: [The Allen Lane Foundation | Young People's Programme](#)

## **Foyle Foundation - Small Grants Scheme**

Grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 are available to support small, grassroots and local charities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community across the UK.

The funding, which is being made available through Foyle Foundation's Small Grants Scheme, can be used to cover projects, core costs, building projects, or essential equipment to enable ongoing service provision for charities with a turnover of less

than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services.

Competition for funding is expected to be strong.

**There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.**

For further information: [Small Grants Scheme - \(foylefoundation.org.uk\)](http://foylefoundation.org.uk)

## **Happy Days Children's Charity**

The Happy Days Children's Charity is inviting applications for funding towards trips, respite breaks and group activity holidays for disadvantaged children and young people with additional needs.

The charity awards funding for different types of activities to support families with children aged 3-17 who have a disability, a special need or have been abused.

Grants are available for the following activities:

- Family Day Trips - eligible trips include zoos, farm parks, theme parks, the seaside or the theatre
- Family Holiday Breaks - 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.
- Group Day Trips and Visiting Theatre - 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 - a group activity holiday to a wide variety of destinations such as outdoor activity centres, holiday camps and sailing breaks
- Applications for family activities are accepted from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers.

Applications for group activities are accepted from organisations such as SEN schools and groups, young carers and women's refuges.

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

For further information: [Happy Days Children's Charity UK - Apply for Funding \(happydayscharity.org\)](http://happydayscharity.org)

## [National Lottery Grants for Heritage](#)

Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations and private owners of heritage across the UK for projects connecting people and communities to UK heritage.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis, the National Heritage Fund will prioritise heritage projects that:

- promote inclusion and involve a wider range of people.
- boost the local economy.
- encourage skills development and job creation.
- support wellbeing: create better places to live, work and visit.
- and improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage.

All projects must also consider long-term environmental sustainability.

The Heritage Fund has launched its new 10-year strategy, , [Heritage 2033](#) and applications under this programme will be accepted until December 2023.

For further information: [National Lottery Grants for Heritage – £3,000 to £10,000 | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

## [Social Investment Business - Cost of Living Fund](#)

The Cost-of-Living Fund (COLF) is a new funding opportunity launched by the SIB Group to help organisations address the cost-of-living crisis. The COLF operates alongside the Recovery Loan Fund (RLF) which provides loans of between £150,000 and £1.5 million to UK charities and social enterprises based in England, Wales and Scotland.

The COLF provides non repayable grants ranging from £40,00 to £150,000 to organisations that already assist people impacted by the cost-of-living crisis and can be used for a variety of purposes, including fixed asset purchase, hiring new employees, and marketing.

Grants are provided only in conjunction with an RLF loan.

To apply for a COLF grant or loan, organisations must meet certain eligibility criteria, including being a registered charity or social enterprise and having a minimum turnover of £400,00

**Applications are open now and close on 31st January 2024.**

For further information: [Funding | Social Investment Business \(sibgroup.org.uk\)](#)

## **British Gas - Energy Support Fund**

Funding is being made available to help financially vulnerable people who are struggling to pay their energy bills.

The British Gas Energy Support Fund has been set up in response to the increasing cost of living and rising inflation to help eligible British Gas customers with fuel debt of £250 to £1,500 to pay their energy bills over the coming months.

To be eligible, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Are a British Gas credit or pre-payment meter customer living in England, Scotland, or Wales
- Have not received a grant from the British Gas Energy Trust within the last 12 months
- Are seeking a grant to clear an outstanding debt on a current or open gas, electricity or dual fuel energy account in their name or be a member of that household, the energy account must relate to the main residence
- Have electric and/or gas debt between £250 – £1,500
- Must be in or facing Fuel Poverty
- Have received help from a money advice or guidance agency

Grants over £1,500 will be considered in exceptional circumstances.

**The fund will remain open until all funding has been awarded.**

For further information: [British Gas Energy Support Fund](#)

## **Aviva - Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund**

Aviva, in partnership with the RSPB and WWF, is making £1 million available to support community groups and schools in deprived areas of the UK to protect and restore nature in their local area.

The Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund is a crowdfunding initiative that will give £2 for every £1 raised by each project. Community groups can apply for an initial £500 to kick-start their project and up to £15,000 in match funding.

To apply for the Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund, projects need to be focused on taking action for nature in one of the following three ways:

1. Nature restoration – activity that boosts local biodiversity, by protecting or restoring habitats, creating space for nature, connecting green spaces and/or addressing activities that directly impact biodiversity.
2. Nature connectedness and pro-environmental behaviours – action that supports greater connection to nature and promotes pro-environmental behaviours at the community level that will benefit nature.



3. Community cohesion and connection – nature positive activity that encourages collaboration in the local community, by connecting people of diverse backgrounds, generations, and abilities to nature and one another  
A wide range of nature projects can be supported, from creating community gardens and replanting wildlife meadows, to protecting wildlife and promoting community connection to nature.

**Applications can be made at any time until all funding has been allocated.**

For further information: [Save Our Wild Wild Isles Community Fund launches | WWF](#)

### **Barchester Charitable Foundation**

Small community groups, local charities and individuals can apply for grants of between £100 and £2,000 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 the 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 £600 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 and social workers or charity or support group representatives.

The grants can help individuals with:

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

**There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.**

For further information: [Homepage | Barchester Charitable Foundation \(bhcfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

### **Tesco - Tesco Stronger Starts Programme**

Tesco is introducing a £5 million grant programme to give children across the UK a stronger start in life. The grants will help schools and children's groups provide nutritious food and healthy activities that support young people's physical health and

mental wellbeing, such as breakfast clubs or snacks, and equipment for healthy activities.

Priority is given to projects that provide food and support to young people.

Every three months, three local good causes/ projects are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK. Grants will be awarded depending on the number of votes their project receives.

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.

The Tesco Stronger Starts Programme is managed by Groundwork across the UK.

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

For further information: [Tesco Stronger Starts \(tescocommunitygrants.org.uk\)](https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk)

## **Cosaraf Charitable Foundation - Hardship Grants**

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to charities, housing associations, schools and social services providing support for individuals and families across the UK who are in financial need.

The Cosaraf Charitable Foundation's Hardship Grants will support individuals and families who have exhausted all other sources of funding and are struggling with everyday costs, such as basic living expenses, household items and utilities, work- or education-related expenses, or rent arrears.

Priority will be given to:

- the most financially excluded people
- families over individuals
- those with caring responsibilities
- items that will make the most difference to the individual/family's long-term future

Other than in exceptional cases, Hardship Grants will only be made available for:

- Household items (white goods and occasionally other items i.e., sofas, wardrobes etc.)
- Basic Living Expenses (Utilities or food)
- Work- or education-related expenses (interview clothes, school uniforms, laptops)
- Rent arrears and Council tax arrears, but only where there is a clear and obvious risk of homelessness (for rent arrears involving a social landlord please outline what support has already been offered to your tenant)
- Contribution to immigration-related costs, where the current immigration status directly causes financial hardship to the applicant

**Applications can be made at any time and are assessed every six weeks.**

For further information: [Hardship Grants - COSARAF](#)

## **BlueSpark Foundation**

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to BlueSpark Foundation to support the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other projects.

BlueSpark is particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people. In most cases, grants will be made on a relatively small scale.

The Foundation makes grants of up to £5,000. The majority of grants awarded however, are below £2,000.

The funding available can be for physical assets (such as iPads, sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions) or for services or facilities (such as sports coaching or music or drama tuition) or simply for the provision of experiences (such as theatre visits). These examples are intended to be illustrative and not restrictive as to the funding which BlueSpark may provide to support projects.

**Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis at approximately 8-week intervals.**

For further information: [Home - Blue Spark Foundation](#)

## **Sport England - Small Grants Programme**

Sport England has widened its Small Grants programme to provide support for projects that deliver environmental benefits for local communities.

The programme will not only provide funding to encourage greater participation in sport and physical activity, but it will also award grants of up to £15,000 for projects that benefit the environment.

This could include:

- Reducing energy use by installing energy meters or measures to improve insulation/ventilation to help reduce your energy usage; automatic controls to switch lights and electrical equipment off; using LED bulbs; or staging lower impact events and competitions.
- Encouraging responsible travel. This could include encouraging people to walk or cycle where possible and providing safe cycle/scooter/buggy storage options; promoting accessible and safe public transport routes and lift sharing; and using local community assets to minimise travel.
- Reducing waste and resource efficiency. This could include encouraging people to repair, recycle or re-use sports equipment or starting a kit and equipment donation scheme; offering more environmentally sustainable food and drinks packaging; reducing use of single-use plastics, for example by providing water-refill stations at your venue and encouraging participants to bring reusable bottles.

Eligible organisation that can apply include voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, schools and local authorities.

**The closing date for applications is the 31 March 2024.**

For further information: [Small Grants Programme | Sport England](#)

## **[Trusthouse Charitable Foundation - Small Grants Programme](#)**

Charities and not for profit organisations in the UK can apply for small grants of up to £10,000 to address urban and rural deprivation in the UK. The funding is being made available through the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation's small grants programme.

To be eligible for a grant, eligible organisations must have an annual income of less than £250,000. They must also be able to demonstrate a clear need for funding and how the grant will be used to make a difference. In addition the applicants postcode must be located within the following areas on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation:

- For projects located in an urban area, the applicant must be in the bottom 15% most deprived areas
- For projects located in a rural area, the applicant must be in the bottom 50% most deprived areas
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The funding is available to support project/salary/core running costs.

Applicants need to match fund 50% of the project costs.

**Applications for the small grants scheme can be submitted at any time.**

For further information: [Small Grants | Trusthouse Charitable Foundation](#)

## **[Henry Smith Charity - Strengthening Communities Programme](#)**

Grants of between £20,000 and £70,000 per year for up to three years are available to community-led charities and not-for-profit organisations working to support communities in the most deprived areas of the UK.

The Henry Smith Charity's Strengthening Communities programme focuses on supporting the running costs of organisations working at grass-roots level, to ensure that funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas.

The Charity is looking to fund established organisations with a track record of delivering services directly to beneficiaries and want to fund work that enables:

- People from across the community to participate in activities that improve connectedness, opportunities and wellbeing
- People who are excluded, vulnerable or facing other forms of hardship to have access to community-based services that support positive lasting change
- A stronger, active, more engaged community

Funding could be used to increase existing service provision, take on a new staff member, improve sustainability or cover small capital costs.

**Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made within 6 months.**

For further information: [Strengthening Communities Grants from The Henry Smith Charity](#)

## **[BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme](#)**

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing.

All applications must be made by a registered referrer.

Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs. The referrer's organisation should also be able to administer and supervise the grant on our behalf.

Family Fund Business Services has to work within specific criteria whilst aiming to provide a flexible grant programme to assist those most in need. Please read our guidelines before applying.

For Further Information: [BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme - Family Fund Business Services \(familyfundservices.co.uk\)](https://www.familyfundservices.co.uk)

## **BBC Children in Need - Project Grants**

As part of its new grant-making strategy, BBC Children in Need is awarding grants of up to £40,000 per year for up to three years to support the projects costs of registered charities and not-for-profit organisations (including Special Schools) working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years or under living in the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

The funding will support the delivery of a specific piece of work (project) and could be spent on project staff costs, trips and outings, volunteer expenses and/or moveable equipment.

Groups requesting £15,000 or less will receive a quicker decision.

Expressions of interest should be submitted in the first instance.

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

For further information: [Project Costs Funding Stream - BBC Children in Need](#)

## **Groundwork - One Stop Community Partnership Programme**

Groundwork is working with One Stop Stores Ltd to administer the One Stop Community Partnership programme. Successful applicants will receive an initial grant of up to £1,000 and begin a partnership with their local One Stop store. This programme is designed to support community groups or organisations operating within two miles of a One Stop store and which are tackling food poverty; supporting the vulnerable; supporting the elderly; supporting low-income families; and running youth sports teams.

**Applications can be made at any time and applicants are encouraged to visit their local One Stop store for more information.**

For further information: [England-only grants - Groundwork](#)

## **Tesco Community Grants Programme**

The Tesco Community Grants Programme will use the money raised from the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores across England, Wales and Scotland to pay for a large number of local projects.

Tesco Community Grants fund thousands of local community projects across the UK, helping to fight holiday hunger, tackle mental health, support young people, host community events and much more. Since 2016 the scheme has supported over 40,000 community groups with more than £90 million in grants.

Tesco Community Grants is open to charities and community organisations to apply for a grant of up to £1,500.

Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.

**This grant is open to applications. Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For further information: [Tesco Community Grants](#)

## **Animal Defence Trust**

The Animal Defence Trust makes grants to approved charities working in animal welfare in the United Kingdom and occasionally elsewhere. Grants are available to animal charities who care for animals which have undergone suffering and cruelty before rescue. Applications for grants are welcome from registered charities.

All applications must be made via post. The Animal Defence Trust does not accept electronic copies.

Grants are given for capital projects or animal protection projects, although applications for running costs may be considered where finances are restricted.

**Grant applications must be made by 31 March in the relevant year.**

For further information: [The Animal Defence Trust](#)

## **The Clothworkers Foundation**

Awards grants to charities and other not for profit organisations (including special schools) to support capital projects that support disadvantaged sections of the community. This can include the purchase or renovation of buildings and the purchase of equipment and vehicles.

To be eligible the projects must fit within one or more of the Foundation's specified programme areas. This includes

- alcohol & substance misuse

- disadvantaged minority communities
- disadvantaged young people
- domestic & sexual abuse
- homelessness
- domestic and sexual abuse
- older people

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

For further information: [What We Fund | The Clothworkers' Foundation \(clothworkersfoundation.org.uk\)](https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk)

## **B and Q Foundation**

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.**

For further information: [Apply For a Grant | B&Q Foundation \(bqfoundation.org.uk\)](https://www.bqfoundation.org.uk)

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