



FUNDING and GRANTS INFORMATION

July 2023

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, other not for profit and parish councils.

The grant scheme is not open to statutory organisations.

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 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>

EasyFundraising – Erewash Community Groups

Erewash Voluntary Action knows how difficult it is for community groups, voluntary organisations and good causes in Erewash to access funding, that is why we have partnered with [easyfundraising](#), the online fundraising platform that turns online shopping into free donations for good causes.

Every online purchase can mean more; more supplies, more support, and more opportunities for the members who rely on you. Easy by name and nature, easyfundraising works with over 6,000 everyday online retailers such as Amazon, eBay, Argos, M&S, Sainsbury's, Aldi and Iceland who will donate to your organisation to say 'thank you' for shopping with them.

[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 £2,000 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

[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

[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](#)

[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 \(bhcfoundation.org.uk\)](https://www.barchestercharitablefoundation.org.uk)

National Lottery Community Fund - The UK Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) has announced the launch of the UK Fund, a new grant scheme that will provide funding for organisations that want to help communities come together and make the UK a better-connected society.

The fund is open to UK-based registered charities, community interest companies, charitable incorporated organisations, community benefit societies, co-operative societies, constituted voluntary or community organisations, statutory bodies, companies limited by guarantee, and partnerships of organisations.

Grants of £500,000 to £5 million are available, and projects can run for up to 10 years.

The fund is looking to support projects that:

- Strengthen relationships between people whose experiences of life have not been the same.
- Create connections between online and offline worlds.
- Help to ensure that people from all backgrounds can shape the future of their communities.

The funding can be used for:

- staff costs, including sessional workers
- development work (testing new ways of working, staff training and development, developing governance, tech or IT upgrades and purchases, sharing learning)
- transport
- utilities and running costs
- volunteer expenses
- learning and evaluation
- equipment
- capital costs (we can consider funding capital costs but do not expect these costs to be a significant amount of the proposed budget)
- costs associated with delivering your project in other languages – for example, in Welsh.

Projects must demonstrate that they have the potential to benefit communities across the UK, scale their impact, and focus on equity.

There is no deadline and applications can be submitted at any time.

The UK Fund is one of the first significant commitments as part of the NLCF's new strategy, "It starts with community." The fund is part of the NLCF's vision to help communities come together and create a more connected and equitable society.

For further information: [The UK Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.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)

Arts Council England - Developing your Creative Practice

Arts Council England has announced that its Developing your Creative Practice programme has re-opened for applications.

Arts Council England is looking for exciting, ambitious proposals that allow applicants to take that important next step in the way they make their work. Applicants are encouraged to consider their long-term needs and proposals can cover creative research and development or building skills through international exchange. Examples might include:

- building new networks for future development/presentation of work
- creating new work
- experimenting with new collaborators or partners
- international travel to explore other practice or work with mentors
- professional development activities

- research and development time to explore practice and take risks
- taking time to reflect on the impact of Covid-19 on your practice and practical steps to support your work to be more sustainable in the future

This fund is only open to individuals over the age of 18 years who:

- Are living and working in England
- Have three years' creative practice experience outside a formal education context
- Are working in Arts Council England's supported disciplines i.e., they will be dancers, choreographers, writers, translators, producers, publishers, editors, musicians, conductors, composers, actors, directors, designers, artists, craft makers, and curators.

Organisations can not apply.

Awards of £2,000 - £12,000 are made through quarterly funding rounds. Funded project activities can last up to one year.

The closing date for applications is 12 midday 10th August 2023.

For further information or to check eligibility contact Arts Council England by email enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk or phone 0161 934 4317.

For further information: [Developing your Creative Practice | Arts Council England](#)

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](#)

HM Revenue and Customs

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has announced £5.5 million in grant funding for voluntary and community sector organisations (VCSs) to help them provide free, independent, multi-channel support to people who need extra help understanding and complying with their tax obligations and claiming their entitlements.

The funding is part of a three-year programme that will run from April 2024 to March 2027. It is part of HMRC's strategic aim to "help people understand and comply with

their tax obligations" and to "ensure that everyone pays the right amount of tax at the right time".

The grant funding of between £30,000 and £600,000 per year is available to VCSs that meet the following eligibility criteria:

- They must be registered charities, voluntary and community sector organisations, social enterprises, mutuals, or co-operatives.
- They must have a track record of providing advice and support on tax matters.
- They must be able to demonstrate that they will use the funding to provide services to people who need extra help with their tax.

The funding can be used to support a range of activities, including:

- Helping people to comply with their tax affairs
- Supporting customers with complex needs (including those referred from HMRC's Extra-Support Team)
- Supporting people to be able to use digital ways of accessing HMRC's services

The fund will be open for applications from 24 July to 21 August 2023. Applications can be made online at the HMRC website.

For further information: [Grant funding application April 2024 to March 2027 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

7Stars Foundation

Funding is available to registered charities across the UK working with children and young people aged under 16 to address issues such as abuse, addiction, young carers, and homelessness. The funding which is being made available through the 7Stars Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,500 for registered charities in the UK with an annual turnover of less than £1.5 million.

Funding is offered across the following streams:

Project grants of up to £2,500 to cover the costs of projects that:

- Enable young people to have the best start in life and aim high
- Have a direct impact and respond to a need in an immediate manner
- Are hosted in geographical areas of deprivation and socioeconomic disadvantage
- Respond to one or more of the funding priorities of 7Stars Foundation
- Address a lack of provision (due to a lack of funding from alternative sources)
- Provide immediate support, not just in the short-term but with long-term benefits too
- Shine Bright grants of up to £1,500 for registered charities to purchase items and resources to protect and support the children they serve through the cost-of-living crisis.

- Direct grants to individuals affected by the Foundation's themes, supported by outreach, social or care workers, or legal professionals. Applications must be submitted by the supporting professional/organisation.

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For Child Carer projects, preference will be given to projects offering long-term impact and/or sustainable support (such as mentoring or outreach programmes) over recreational trips.

The deadline for applications is the 31 August 2023.

For further information: [Apply – the7stars foundation : the7stars foundation](#)

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust

Grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 are available through the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust for initiatives that support charities in the UK working in agriculture and rural development. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives that:

- Advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to agriculture
- Advance the education of young people within rural areas
- Relieve poverty within rural areas
- Promote the benefit and social welfare of inhabitants of rural communities by associating together with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure
- Promote research into agriculture associated activities
- Advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to insurance provided that the charity may also promote, facilitate and support any such other purposes as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales.

The Trust focuses on providing funding to larger initiatives, which would have a significant impact on the rural community.

The next closing date for applications is the 27 October 2023.

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

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](#)

[Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund - Veterans' Mobility Fund](#)

The Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund has announced a new, highly specialist grant programme - the Veterans' Mobility Fund.

This Fund will award a single, five-year grant of £2,520,000 to an experienced charity who will act as a Lead Organisation, providing onwards grants to veterans with physical disabilities via an externally delegated grant scheme.

The Lead Organisation will be responsible for designing and running a mobility grant scheme, accessible for veterans in the UK and representing good value for money. It is expected that the grant scheme will be co-designed with veterans, and the successful applicant will need to work together with the NHS to ensure they are not duplicating any provision that is already available.

The grant scheme will need to be fair and equitable, it is expected that the Lead Organisation will properly manage the awards they make, including monitoring and measuring the impact of the grants.

Overall, the Trust want veterans to be able to access high-quality support, ensuring the proposed mobility equipment solution for them meets their needs and enables them to engage in activities that are important to them.

The Trust is especially keen for the Veterans' Mobility Fund to support working age veterans and the mobility issue they are experiencing should have a clear link to their military Service. The Lead Organisation will need to show that they can deliver

an innovative project that will truly enhance the lives of veterans with disabilities, ensuring better future access to the support they might need.

Rather than cash grants, the Lead Organisation will provide in-kind awards - items including highly specialised prosthetics, mobility aids and orthotics such as splints and braces, which are not usually available either through the

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 14 August 2023.

For further information: [Veterans' Mobility Fund : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

Lloyds Bank Foundation - Local Collaborations Programme

Lloyds Bank Foundation has launched the Local Collaborations Programme, a grant initiative designed to support small charities leading collaborations aimed at driving local or regional change. This programme specifically targets three critical areas:

- improving the functionality of the social security system for those facing the greatest challenges,
- ensuring access to suitable accommodation for individuals dealing with complex issues,
- enhancing support and services for asylum seekers and refugees.
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Small local charities can make a substantial difference in communities and this programme aims to enhance their work by promoting partnerships with other charities, grassroots organisations, community groups, and local entities to support those facing formidable barriers and challenges.

Grant applications are open to collaborations seeking £100,000 in funding over a two-year period, with the possibility of extending for an additional year and an extra £50,000.

It is important to note that the grant funding cannot be utilised for direct service delivery but is exclusively designated to support partnerships focused on local and regional influence.

The closing date for grant applications is 5 pm on 22 September 2023.

For further information: [Apply for funding under our local collaborations programme \(lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

Adamson Trust

Families, as well as 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 in the UK, between the ages of 3 and 17, and 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 closing date for applications is the 30 September 2023.

For further information: [The Adamson Trust - Disabled childrens holiday charity](#)

Hubbub and Virgin Media O2 - Time After Time Fund

Hubbub and Virgin Media O2 have announced a new £500,000 Time After Time fund to support innovative solutions that address the digital divide and reduce electronic waste. This grant fund aims to connect the 1.5 million digitally disconnected households in the UK, who have limited access to devices or the internet, while promoting circularity in technology.

The fund seeks to bridge this gap by supporting innovative approaches to digital inclusion that make use of e-waste such as unused smartphones, tablets and laptops, etc. The goal of the fund is to ensure that technology can be utilised by those who need it, time after time.

The fund will provide grants of between £25,000 and £100,000 to support various projects. These projects can include research initiatives, campaigns for device redistribution, repair projects to increase device availability, or projects addressing the root causes of these problems.

Funding is expected to support 6-8 projects of varying grant sizes. The focus will be on digital inclusion projects utilising smartphones, tablets, and laptops.

Projects must demonstrate measurable impact and leave a lasting legacy. All learnings and results from funded projects will be openly shared to allow others to build upon and amplify the impact, while respecting intellectual property and patents.

The deadline for expressing interest in the funding opportunity is Friday October 20 2023.

For further information: [About — Time after time e-waste fund \(timeaftertimefund.org.uk\)](#)

Defibrillator Fund

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is inviting community organisations from across England to bid for funding for an automated external defibrillator (AED) for their area.

The £1 million fund which is not yet open for applications is expected to provide around 1,000 new defibrillators in community spaces across England.

Local community organisations, such as sports clubs, local theatres, community halls, etc., may register their interest now.

To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate that defibrillators will be placed in areas where they are most needed, such as places with high footfall, vulnerable people, rural areas or due to the nature of activity at the site.

For further information: [Bids invited for £1 million defibrillator fund - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bids-invited-for-1-million-defibrillator-fund)
(www.gov.uk)

Skidders Charitable Fund

UK registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations working in the areas of local heritage and the performing and visual arts are invited to apply for funding through the Skidders' Charity Foundation grants programme.

Eligible organisations can apply for capital grants of up to £1,000 (e.g. equipment, capital building works, etc) for arts and heritage projects.

Trustees may also consider funding towards one-off anniversary events that are not part of core activities.

The deadline for applications is 15 September 2023

For further information: [Skidders' Charity Foundation - The Skidders' Company - The Skidders' Company](https://www.skidders.com/charity-foundation)

The Kings Fund

The GSK IMPACT Awards provide funding, training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. The awards are funded by GSK and managed in partnership with The King's Fund. They are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income of between £150,000 and £3 million.

Up to 15 awards will be made, ranging from £4,000 to £50,000. In addition, the training and development is valued at a further £9,500. Organisations will also receive help with press and publicity and be given a set of promotional materials. The GSK IMPACT Awards are judged by a prestigious panel of judges and provide national recognition for the winning charities.

The deadline for Stage 1 applications is 5.00pm on Friday 1 September 2023.

For further information: [GSK IMPACT Awards | The King's Fund \(kingsfund.org.uk\)](https://kingsfund.org.uk)

The GSK Health Inequalities programme is open to registered charities that are at least one year old, located and working in the UK, with a total annual income of between £20,000 and £150,000. Up to 15 charities will receive up to £10,000 in unrestricted funding and access to training and development valued at £2,700.

Health inequalities are avoidable and systematic differences that include access to care, quality and experience of care, life expectancy, and wider factors such as environment and housing. The alarming scale of these inequalities was exposed during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The closing date for GSK Health Inequalities Programme is Monday 14 August 2023.

For further information: [GSK Health Inequalities programme | The King's Fund \(kingsfund.org.uk\)](https://kingsfund.org.uk)

[Friends of the Elderly](#)

Grants up to £500 for vulnerable older people living on low incomes in England and Wales. For individuals and couples who are of or over the state pension age, have savings of less than £5,000, and do not meet the criteria for other funders. Grants for essentials, including digital connection

For further information: [Grants For Older People | Grants for the Elderly | Friends of the Elderly \(fote.org.uk\)](https://fote.org.uk)

[Protective Security Schemes for Places of Worship](#)

In 2023 and 2024, the Home Office is continuing to provide protective security measures to places of worship in England and Wales under two schemes:

- Places of Worship Protective Security Funding Scheme
- Protective Security for Mosques Scheme

The schemes provide funding for places of worship and associated faith community centres that are vulnerable to hate crime. These schemes aim to reduce hate crime happening at places of worship so that people can feel safe to attend worship and practise their religion freely.

Through these schemes, vulnerable places of worship can apply for physical protective security measures, such as CCTV, secure fencing, and intruder alarms.

Applicants to the Protective Security for Mosques Scheme are also able to apply for security guarding services.

The Home Office is holding three online engagement events to promote the launch of the two schemes. Each event will provide you with an introduction to both schemes, details on how to apply and an opportunity for Q&A.

Please select a date from the list of online engagement events below. You will be directed to a registration page on MS Teams, and upon completion, receive a link to your chosen online webinar.

- [Thursday, 20 Jul 2023 15:00 - 16:30 BST](#)
- [Tuesday, 25 Jul 2023 18:00 - 19:30 BST \(In association with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime \(MOPAC\)\)](#)
- [Thursday, 27 Jul 2023 11:00 - 12:30 BST](#)

The application process is open from 21 June 2023 until 15 August 2023

For further information: [Protective security schemes for places of worship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All England](#)

The National Lottery has announced that this year, funding will also be available through the Awards for All England scheme to help communities celebrate important national events such as the Coronation of His Majesty the King, the Eurovision Song Contest and the 75th anniversary of Windrush.

Awards for All will also continue to make grants of between £300 and £10,000 for up to one year to local community and voluntary organisations for existing or new projects, events, and activities that aim to build strong relationships, improve community spaces, support personal potential, and assist with challenges caused by the cost-of-living crisis and the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

For further information: [National Lottery Awards for All England | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](#)

Hedley Foundation

The Hedley Foundation is inviting applications from small-to-mid-size registered charities helping to improve the quality of life of people in the UK, particularly those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable.

The Foundation typically makes around 250 awards of up to £5,000 each year for initiatives that benefit the lives of young people, disabled people, elderly people, the terminally ill and otherwise disadvantaged people and their carers. Occasional larger sums are given to charities where high impact can be achieved.

Applications should be received at least 6 weeks before the next review meeting on the 8 November 2023.

For further information: [The Hedley Foundation - A Grant Giving Charity](#)

Barclays - Community Football Fund

Barclays, in partnership with Sported - a UK wide charity promoting fairness and equity for young people through grassroots sport and physical activity - has launched a new fund to make playing football more accessible at grassroots level and deliver football to under-represented young people.

Through the Barclays Community Football Fund, 5,550 community groups across the UK wishing to start offering football or expand their existing provision, will receive grants of up to £500 and additional support to develop inclusive football activities.

The fund will primarily support girls and young people in deprived or underrepresented areas through local organisations to reduce inequalities in the participation of sport and physical activity. This includes culturally diverse communities, young people with disabilities, and young people from the LGBTQ+ community.

Applications can be made at any time up until the 31 December 2024.

For further information: [Apply to the Barclays Community Football Fund 2023 | Sported](#)

Idlewild Trust

The Idlewild Trust supports charities that improve opportunities for young professionals working in the arts, particularly at an early stage in their careers; and supporting the conservation of important works of art and objects that are being lost through the lack of funds to look after these works.

The Trust awards around £108,000 each year in grants.

The closing date for applications is 5 September 2023.

For further information: [Idlewild Trust | Idlewild Trust](#)

[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.

Grants are awarded twice a year.

The next closing date for applications is the 1 September 2023.

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

[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 through the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust.

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.

In the past the maximum grant awarded has been £35,000

The next deadline to apply is the 1 September 2023.

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

Avviva - Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund

Avviva, in partnership with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), is making £1 million in funding available to support community groups across the UK to protect and restore nature in their local area. This can include a wide range of projects from creating community gardens and replanting wildflower meadows, to protecting local wildlife and promoting community connection to nature.

The Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund is a crowdfunding initiative that will give £2 for every £1 raised by each project. The matching applies to each individual donation up to £250, with a total of £5,000 in match funding available per community project.

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 Isles Community Fund | Save Our Wild Isles](#)

Masonic Charitable Foundation Reopens for Applications to Support Life Chances for Children

Following a pause in application assessment, the Masonic Charitable Foundation has reopened. The fund is open to registered charities.

There are two levels of grant funding available:

- Small, unrestricted grants of £1,000 to £15,000 for charities with an income below £500,000.
- Large project grants of £10,000 to £60,000 for charities with an income exceeding £500,000.

All grants can be over one, two or three years.

The Children and Young People stream is intended to support disadvantaged young people to overcome the challenges they face through education, individual interventions and encouraging healthy behaviours.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

For further information: [Children and Young People - The Masonic Charitable Foundation \(mcf.org.uk\)](#)

[Funding Reminders](#)

[East Midlands Airport Community Fund](#)

An area map is available so applicants can identify if they are eligible to apply. The fund is to bring lasting benefit to those areas most affected by the East Midlands Airports operation.

The maximum grant available is £2,000.

The next deadline for applications is 23 August 2023.

For further information: [Charitable Giving | East Midlands Airport](#)

[Cycling UK – Big Bike Revival Programme](#)

Cycling UK is inviting volunteer led-groups, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations to deliver cycling events in an effort to get people back on their bikes.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to support organisations across England to deliver the Big Bike Revival Programme in the form of local events until the end of September 2023.

The aim is to encourage people who do not currently cycle to consider either starting or returning to cycling, especially people experiencing social, economic and health deprivation, people from diverse backgrounds, and those facing multiple challenges.

The funding, which is made available by the Department for Transport, could be spent on equipment to expand delivery, venue hire for learning events, or instructors to lead bike rides.

The deadline for applications is 31 July 2023

For further information: [Big Bike Revival 2023 | Cycling UK](#)

[Help the Homeless](#)

Help the Homeless makes grants of up to £5,000 to small charitable organisations (with a turnover of less than £500,000) whose aim is to help homeless people return to the community and enabling them to rebuild their lives.

Typically, such organisations may operate residential or training facilities to assist homeless people.

The grants are available for capital costs

The closing date for the next round of funding is the 15 September 2023.

For further information: [Applying for Funding — Help the Homeless \(help-the-homeless.org.uk\)](https://help-the-homeless.org.uk)

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Transformational Grants Programme

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has re-opened its Transformational Grants Programme. The aim of the programme is to bring about systemic change for Armed Forces communities by delivering sustainable new approaches to addressing unmet needs amongst Armed Forces Communities in the UK.

The Trust expects to award a small number of grants of up to £300,000 towards innovative projects lasting up to five years. Projects will need to deliver permanent and significant improvements for people who have specific needs that are having a significant impact on their lives, but who cannot access specialist services because they are not available or accessible.

Charities that are not Armed Forces specific can apply but will be expected to show that they will work in partnership with Armed Forces organisations.

The funding is being made available to registered charities through the Transformational Grants programme, which closes for expressions of interest is 5pm on the 14 August 2023.

For further information: [Transformational Grants programme \(covenantfund.org.uk\)](https://covenantfund.org.uk)

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales

Small and local charities in England and Wales led by and working with d/deaf and disabled people experiencing poverty can apply for a three-year unrestricted grant of up to £75,000. The funding is being made available through the Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales.

To be eligible applicants will need to be led by the communities they serve; provide advice and/or advocacy on social security; deliver services that meet the individual needs of the Disabled people they support; and have an annual income of between £25,000 and £500,000.

The application deadline is the 31 August 2023.

For further information: [Apply for our d/Deaf and Disabled People's organisations Programme \(lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk\)](https://lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk)

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

To help tackle homelessness in the UK, LandAid is making funding available to enable 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 Grant Programmes are designed to create additional bedspaces and consists of three core grant programmes:

- 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.

Partnership applications are welcomed.

The deadline for full applications is the 4 September 2023.

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

[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](#)

[Toy Trust](#)

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

The Toy Trust fund:

- helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering
- 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 15 August 2023 for the September meeting of Trustees.

For further information: [How To Apply - Toy Trust](#)

[Wolfson Foundation - Hospice Care Home Training Programme](#)

Hospice UK has announced that the Wolfson Foundation Hospice Care Home Training Programme has re-opened for applications.

The Hospice Care Home Training programme consists of courses and study days, focused specifically on dementia care for people approaching the end of life, run by a hospice (or group of hospices). Courses would be for local care home staff in order to raise the level of dementia care, knowledge and skills in the hospice's own area of operation.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available per course to a hospice to run a training course at free or heavily discounted cost to care home staff. The aim being to make education and training as inexpensive and widely available as possible to care home staff. The total funding available is £50,000.

The programme aims to encourage greater collaboration and interchange of ideas amongst staff in hospices and in care homes. As such, the funding may not be used to subsidise in-house training.

The funding can be used towards:

- Teaching Costs
- Travel Costs
- Administrative Costs
- Venue Hire / Training Facilities

- Catering Costs

Funding will be allocated on a first come, first served basis until the budget is fully allocated.

For further information: [Wolfson Foundation Hospice Care Home Training Programme | Hospice 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 critical life skills necessary for 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 18 September 2023. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

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

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 by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress or other disadvantage throughout the UK.

Grants in the region of £5,000 are available for all kinds of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities.

Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

The next closing date for applications is the 10 August 2023.

For further information: [Screwfix Foundation | Help | Screwfix](#)

[**The Fat Beehive Foundation – Digital Funding for Small Charities**](#)

Improving your digital presence can be transformational, but it is really tough to secure funding in this area. The Fat Beehive Foundation exists to change that, offering small grants of up to £2,500 to charities with a turnover of less than £400,000.

The first step for prospective applicants is to check eligibility via the eligibility quiz and then, if appropriate, apply online.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis considering eligible grants at quarterly trustee meetings (April, July, October and January) and will notify successful applicants shortly after.

For further information: [The Fat Beehive Foundation](#)

[**Rees Jeffries Road Fund**](#)

Funding is available to organisations and individuals for research, education, and community projects that aim to improve and enhance road design, engineering, and aesthetics, with a focus on improving the experience of road users.

The funding is being made available through the Rees Jeffries Road Fund and can include things like traffic engineering and transport planning courses, and research projects to improve the highway network and roadside environments, such as parks and open spaces.

Trustees favour proposals that have national, rather than local, significance and those which involve other funding partners. They welcome proposals and ideas for innovative topics and projects.

There are no specific minimum or maximum grant amounts listed, but most grants awarded in the past have been between £5,000 and £30,000.

Applications for funding must be submitted by the 18 August 2023.

For further information: [Applying For Funds from RJRF - Rees Jeffreys Road Fund](#)

[**Magic Little Grants**](#)

After successfully distributing £500 grants to 2,650 charitable organisations in 2022, we are incredibly excited to announce that 2023 is going to be even bigger

With a simple 20-minute application process for a £500 grant and an outcome within six weeks, the Magic Little Grants fund reduces the work required for grass-roots organisations to access the funding they need to launch or strengthen their services.

The following criteria apply:

- Organisations must either be in their first year of operation or have an annual income under £250,000.
- Funding can be used to launch new projects, support existing ones, or cover core costs associated with ongoing work
- Organisations and the projects for which they apply must be located within England, Scotland, or Wales.

Schools are eligible to apply if they are a registered charity.
Groups may only apply once in 2023 for a grant.

- Applicants may apply for funding for projects under one of the following themes: Providing support to improve mental health.
- Enabling participation in physical activity.
- Enabling participation in the arts.
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty.
- Supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality.
- Improving biodiversity and responding to the climate emergency.

Improving green spaces and increasing access to the outdoors.

Applications are now open and will be until 31 October 2023

For further information: [Magic Little Grants | Localgiving](#)

[The UK Youth Fund in Partnership with Pears Foundation](#)

This new fund is a three-year unrestricted grant programme aimed at mitigating the devastating impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on the youth sector.

The UK Youth Fund in partnership with Pears Foundation will provide targeted funding to youth organisations delivering high quality youth work to ensure doors stay open, bills get paid and youth workers receive the salaries they deserve. This will help to ensure young people continue to be supported at this most difficult of times by the youth organisations and youth workers on whom they have come to depend.

The Cost-of-Living grant programme is open to youth organisations based and delivering high quality youthwork in the UK, with an annual turnover of £500,000 or less. The grant programme will offer 3-year unrestricted grants of approximately 10% of current turnover of applicant organisations to reflect the current rate of inflation. However, applicants will have an opportunity to explain why they might need funding above and beyond this.

We are looking to identify and support youth organisations delivering high quality youth provision whose work is being hindered, curtailed or cut back due to rising core costs or a need to address unprecedented demand.

The application process is now open – and will stay open whilst funds remain to be distributed.

For further information: [The UK Youth fund in partnership with Pears Foundation - UK Youth](#)

[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 \(familyfundservices.co.uk\)](#)

[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](#)

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)

Funding News

National Lottery Heritage Fund - Heritage 2033

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has announced plans to invest £3.6 billion in heritage projects over the next decade. The funding will be used to

- save heritage,
- protect the environment,
- increase inclusion and participation,
- improve the sustainability of heritage organisations.

The strategy was introduced in response to the growing need to protect and preserve the UK's heritage. The UK's heritage is facing a number of challenges, including climate change, neglect, and vandalism. The funding will help to address these challenges and ensure that the UK's heritage is preserved for future generations.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund will continue their current approach of offering funding through its open funding programmes – from small grants up to multi-million-pound projects – for all types of heritage. Most funding decisions will continue to be delegated to their six area and nation committees and operational staff across the UK. This will enable differences in heritage character in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to benefit from local expertise.

The grants will be available to a wide range of organisations, including charities, community groups, and local authorities.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund will introduce new strategic interventions with the aim of:

- Proactively tackling long-standing heritage issues at a large scale.
- Supporting projects that boost pride in place and connection to heritage.
- Strengthening their focus on heritage at the heart of places, nature and the environment.
- Enabling a coordinated cross-territory approach that will strengthen delivery.
- Allowing the Fund to respond to emerging opportunities and emergencies at speed and at a national level.
- Supporting projects and addressing heritage gaps where proposals are not coming through into our open programmes.
- Accelerating new ideas and interventions where a deliberate approach is needed.

The Fund will regularly review our strategic interventions through three-year delivery plans. The first of a series of delivery plans will be announced in the Summer 2023.

For further information: [Heritage 2033 – our 10-year strategy | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

National Lottery Community Fund - New Strategy

The National Lottery Community Fund has unveiled its new strategy which says a focus going forward will be on four key missions where it wants its funding to make the biggest impact:

- Doubling the amount and term of funding available through their Awards for All. Increasing funding from £10K to £20K for up to 2 years of activity. This will come into effect this Autumn.
- £15 million for a new programme to connect communities as the funder seeks to tackle some of the UK's big social issues.
- Increasing the amount of funding for climate action to a total investment this year to £35 million.
- New strategy 'It starts with community' will underpin efforts to distribute at least £4 billion of National Lottery funding by 2030.

There will be more announcements to come about new funding opportunities and programmes as The National Lottery Community Fund starts to work through the detailed delivery.

They will:

Support communities to connect by:

- creating accessible, welcoming places, both physical and virtual, for people to meet
- initiating engaging and inclusive activities that support connections within and between groups of people
- enabling people from all backgrounds to shape the future of their communities.
- cultivating an increased sense of belonging

They will invest in communities that foster wellbeing and good physical and mental health.

Support environmentally sustainable communities that:

- reduce carbon emissions and negative environmental impact
- create positive environmental impacts
- establish equality of access to the natural environment
- improve the quality of natural spaces.

Enable children and young people to thrive by:

- creating opportunities for children and young people from all backgrounds to enjoy community experiences
- helping children and young people shape the decisions that affect them and their communities

- providing children and young people access to safe spaces to play, participate, socialise and get support.

Enable people to live healthier lives by:

- helping reduce health inequalities
- increasing opportunities for community participation to shape better health services
- taking a preventative approach to health.

For further information: [The National Lottery Community Fund Strategy 2023 – 2030](#)
[| The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](#)

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