



FUNDING and GRANTS INFORMATION

December – 2023

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** 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. **From 1 August 2023 this includes 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 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://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

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. an 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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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 10 January 2024.

For further information: [Home - Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare 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.

The closing date for applications is 1 March 2024

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

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](#)

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.

The deadline is 31 March 2024

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

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 \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](https://nationalarchives.gov.uk/engagement-grants-archives-sector/)

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](https://www.forduk.com/ford-britain-trust/)

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 \(fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Veterans' Career Development Fund

UK charities, community interest companies and universities can apply for funding for projects that help Veterans and their families.

UK charities, community interest companies and universities can apply for funding for projects that help Veterans, and their families secure stable long-term employment.

Under the Veterans' Career Development Fund, organisations can apply for grants of up to £70,000 over two years for projects that provide Veterans and their families with the qualifications and training they need to access meaningful employment.

Applications are encouraged for projects that support Veterans who are facing particular barriers. This might include:

- those who are not involved in education or have limited qualifications
- women Veterans
- LGBT+ Veterans
- early Service leavers
- Veterans with health challenges
- Veterans from minority ethnic communities
- those aged 50+ looking to re-enter the workforce
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Collaborative projects are encouraged.

The funding is delivered by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust on behalf of the Office for Veterans' Affairs.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 8 January 2024.

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

Garfield Weston Foundation and Pilotlight

Do you lead a charity working in the fields of Community, Environment, Welfare, or Youth? Are you based in the North or Midlands of England, or Wales? Do you have at least one paid full-time member of staff in a leadership position and an income of less than £5 million per year? Then you could be eligible for a package of support including an unrestricted grant, worth just over £22,000.

This help for charities is more vital than ever as the cost-of-living crisis escalates. Through the Weston Charity Awards, unrestricted grants of £6,500 are available for up to 22 ambitious charities. The cash contributions are available to instigate strategic change and accelerate innovative growth despite current challenges.

Winning applicants also gain free access to the Pilotlight 360 programme - a ten-month package of leadership coaching worth an estimated £16,000.

Alongside grants, award winners receive an unrivalled package of leadership mentoring from four senior professionals across diverse private and public sector organisations. These empathetic "Pilotlighters" offer in-depth expert coaching on everything from creative operational efficiencies to sustainable long-term business strategies that take an organisation to the next level.

The deadline for applications is 10 January 2024.

For further information: [Apply now \(pilotlight.org.uk\)](https://pilotlight.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](#)

Centre for Better Ageing - Micro Grants

Community groups and local voluntary sector organisations can apply for funding to take part in the Centre for Ageing Better's new annual Action Day to tackle ageism.

Groups can choose to mark the day as they would like, using the theme "see and be seen" as inspiration, to improve the way ageing is represented in society.

Activities could include:

- art exhibitions
- poetry competitions
- fashion shows
- film viewings
- coffee mornings
- pub quizzes

Grants of up to £500 are available, with up to £150 in additional funding to cover anything needed to make the event or activity more accessible.

Applications will be accepted from organisations who are part of the UK Network of Age-friendly Communities until the 10 January 2024.

The fund may close early if a large number of applications are received.

For further information: [Ageism Action Day: Micro-grants for Age-friendly Communities | Centre for Ageing Better \(ageing-better.org.uk\)](#)

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 \(centralcoop.co.uk\)](#)

Three Guineas Trust

Not-for-profit organisations providing legal advice and representation for disabled people across the UK can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to increase the capacity of their services.

The Three Guineas Trust will award a total of £1.5 million in funding to support organisations to increase their capacity to deliver advice and advocacy for disabled people on:

- benefits and debt
- housing and homelessness
- community care
- personal liberty
- equal access to goods and services

Grants can run for 1-3 years, and there are no restrictions on what resources the funding can be used to pay for.

Local networks of organisations can apply.

The deadline for applications is 12 January 2024.

For further information: [Access to legal advice for disabled people | Three Guineas Trust](#)

Funding Reminders

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](#)

John Ellerman Foundation – Museums and Galleries Fund

The Museums and Galleries Fund aims to help strengthen museums and galleries in the UK, celebrating the unique assets that our regions possess and their benefit to us nationally. We want to help organisations enhance and sustain curatorial development to attract a broader and more diverse public. We have earmarked 10 per cent of our overall grants budget for the 2024/25 financial year to be awarded through the Fund, with final decisions made in May 2024 for this round.

We generally expect to make five or six grants for periods of two to three years. While the average grant size is circa £90k we will consider higher amounts for exceptional projects.

What we will fund - We are keen to fund work which has a legacy within and beyond the organisation. We prioritise applications that aspire to achieve outcomes for people working in curatorial roles, the collections they work with and the institutions in which they work.

We are particularly interested in proposals which:

- enable new ways of working through innovation, new thinking and fresh approaches both for established curators or those just starting out and/or •
- ensure organisations are able to safeguard and advance curatorial skills and conservation skills and make the most of opportunities at a time of development or change.

Who can apply - The Fund is open to a wide variety of collection types. We have supported visual and decorative arts, social history and anthropology, science and technology, industrial, natural history collections. In line with our general policy, we favour organisations with an income between £100,000 and £10m but may fund a larger institution if it is uniquely placed to meet our aim.

Local authority, independent museums and contemporary galleries without permanent collections are also eligible.

First-stage applications must be received by 5pm on Monday 8th January 2024.

For further information: [Museums and Galleries fund \(ellerman.org.uk\)](https://www.ellerman.org.uk)

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](#)

Big Give Green Match Fund

The Big Give Green Match Fund is now accepting applications from environmental charities seeking match funding of up to £100,000 to support their projects. As the world's first and largest online match funding platform, the Big Give has raised over £100 million for over 1,000 projects since its inception in 2007.

This match funding opportunity doubles every pound raised by eligible environmental charities, up to a maximum of £100,000. The funding can be utilised for a wide range of environmental initiatives, including tree planting, wildlife habitat creation, pollution reduction, and sustainable energy promotion.

To qualify for the Big Give Green Match Fund, charities must be registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales or Scotland and have an annual income of at least £25,000. Additionally, applicants must be working on a project that demonstrably benefits the environment.

Two match funding models are available:

1. **1:1 Model:** Up to £10,000 in public donations will be matched pound for pound by the Big Give.

2. **Pledge Model:** Up to £100,000 in public donations will be matched pound for pound by the Big Give. Eligible charities can also receive up to £50,000 in Champion funds.
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The application deadline for the Big Give Green Match Fund is 16 January 2024.

Interested applicants must create a project page on the Big Give website and actively promote their project to attract donations.

For further information: <https://biggive.org/green-match-fund/>

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/>

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.

The next closing date for applications is the 10 February 2024.

For further information: <https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/>

VocTech Trust - Activate 2024 Grant Programme

The VocTech Trust, which is a charity that supports the use of technology to improve adult learning and skills. Through the fund, a total of £900,000 will be available to support the development of early-stage digital tools and approaches with the potential to tackle vocational learning problems and get adults learning. Individuals, organisations, and partnerships that have an idea for a new digital tool or approach to vocational learning can apply for the grant.

Grants of between £30,000 and £60,000 are available for projects lasting up to 12 months. The grant can be used to develop and test new digital tools and approaches to vocational learning. This could include developing prototypes, conducting user testing, and evaluating the effectiveness of the new tool or approach.

The VocTech Activate grant fund is part of the Ufi VocTech Trust's commitment to supporting the development of innovative solutions to vocational learning challenges.

The fund is particularly interested in ideas that have the potential to transform how vocational learning happens, rooted in a real-world understanding of the problems, issues and opportunities in the vocational sector.

All applicants are encouraged to attend a grant workshop before applying to the fund. The online workshops provide an opportunity to find out more about the fund.

The closing date for applications is the 31 January 2023.

For further information: <https://ufi.co.uk/latest/announcing-the-voctech-activate-2024-grant-fund/>

Hubbub - Nature Hubs Fund

Community, groups, schools and other not for profit organisations in England, Scotland, and Wales have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £6,000 to create new green spaces or to improve existing ones. The grants are being offered by the environmental charity Hubbub in partnership with Starbucks.

50 grants are available.

The Nature Hubs Fund is part of Hubbub and Starbucks' wider ambition to build stronger, greener communities across the UK. This fund will improve access and connection to nature in the communities Starbucks serves, by creating green spaces within a 5km radius of Starbucks stores.

The fund will provide grants to projects that meet one or more of four themes:

- Increasing access to nature
- Bringing people together
- Upskilling the community
- Building climate resilience

These spaces can provide a number of benefits, including:

- Improved air quality
- Increased biodiversity
- Improved mental and physical health

The closing date for applications is 3pm on the 11 January 2024.

For further information: <https://hubbub.org.uk/the-nature-hubs-fund>

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](#)

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

Priority will be given to organisations with an annual turnover of up to £500,000.

The next closing date for applications is 1 January 2024.

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

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](#)

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 8 January 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](#)

Cash 4 Clubs

Small unrestricted grants to help sustain the UK's community sports clubs who are in need and may be threatened with closure due to the cost-of-living crisis. Cash4Clubs is a corporate-initiated sports club scheme, funded by Flutter Entertainment (formerly Paddy Power Betfair), a bookmaking holding company.

This year, community sports clubs and organisations who are in need due to the impact of the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis can apply for unrestricted grants of **£2,000** from a funding pot of £200,000.

We welcome applications from not-for-profit organisations, including charities, community groups and traditional sports clubs. To be eligible for funding, applicants must be either registered charities, community interest companies or clubs with a structured governance and constitution.

Applicants must demonstrate that they are using sport for social purposes, e.g., targeting communities facing disadvantage, engaging people from under-represented groups, or addressing local issues such as crime and anti-social behaviour.

The fund is currently open until 31 December 2023 but may close earlier if there is a large volume of applications.

For further information: [Cash4Clubs \(sported.org.uk\)](https://sported.org.uk)

Utilita Football - Re-booted

The Utilita Football Re-booted initiative, in partnership with Team Grassroots, is making funding available to support grassroots football clubs, leagues and volunteers.

Utilita is a UK-based energy company that also sponsors several football clubs and competitions in the UK.

The Grassroots Fund is open to both clubs and leagues that are FA accredited and in need of financial assistance to make a big difference. Support will be tailored to meet the needs of each application, such as vouchers for building materials to fix up a club house, contributions towards the cost of tradespeople, gifts to show appreciation to volunteers, new kit, or support to recover from crime and vandalism.

Multiple applications can be made for grants or gifts.

Applications can be submitted at any time and funding decisions are usually made within 28 days. The fund is limited, and early application is recommended.

For further information: [GRASSROOTS FUND – POWERED BY UTILITA FOOTBALL REBOOTED – Team Grassroots](#)

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Veterans' Capital Housing Fund

The Trust has launched two exciting new programmes under the Veterans' Capital Housing Fund that will help increase the stock of housing available to veterans. The grants awarded under these programmes will enable homes for veterans with a housing need to be brought up to date through a refurbishment grant or will support organisations with the early-stage development of more complex building projects.

Refurbishing existing Veteran's housing – The Refurbishment Grants Programme will award grants of up to £75,000 for projects that will refurbish or extend existing accommodation for veterans. This could be transitional or permanent housing. Permanent housing can only include properties that are available to veterans under

a social rent or are part of a wider facility that provides a rented home to a veteran with the tailored support that meets their needs (this can include care homes).

You can apply to this programme if your project will:

- enable refurbishments of existing affordable homes for rent to veterans
- enable refurbishments of sites that increase the availability of veteran housing
- ensure properties meet decent homes and energy efficiency standards.
- Help with development costs –

The Development Grants Programme can help if you would like to apply for costs of getting a building idea to provide new housing for veterans to the stage where on site works could start. Grants of up to £25,000 are available for projects lasting up to one year. You can apply to this programme if:

- Your project is at an early stage of development; and
- You require funding for professional support costs such as architects, qualified construction project managers or quantity surveyors, to develop detailed building plans and cost assessments for projects that would provide additional capacity in services for veterans who are at risk of homelessness.

This is a development grant programme – grants cannot be used for direct capital costs to create or refurbish buildings.

Deadlines and how to apply – If you apply by 8 January 2024, you will receive a decision before the end of March 2024

For further information: [Veterans Capital Housing Fund launches first programmes : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

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](#)

LEGO Foundation - Community Play Fund

Community groups, schools, parents, and caregivers across the UK can apply for grants of £500 to £5,000 per new project from the Community Play Fund, which was introduced by ChangeX and the LEGO Foundation to support the development of playful experiences for children in communities across the UK.

Play is essential for children's development, and the fund aims to help communities create more opportunities for children to play and learn.

Examples of eligible groups include schools, universities, colleges, daycares, churches or other faith-based organisations, hospitals and hospital rehabilitation centres, mental health facilities, community gardens, neighbourhood groups, senior centres, and community centres.

Individuals are eligible to apply but need to be part of a team.

The Community Play Fund can be used to support a variety of projects that promote play, such as:

- building new playgrounds,
- creating after-school play programmes,
- providing training for play leaders,
- and developing new play resources.

To apply, applicants choose the project they want to start based on their community's needs, from a portfolio of ideas on the ChangeX site. Once the applicant has demonstrated their commitment and ability to start the community project by successfully completing a 30-Day Challenge on the ChangeX website,

ChangeX will provide funding, information guides and support to give the applicant the best chance of success.

There is no application closing date for the Community Play Fund and applications can be submitted at any time.

For further information: [Community Play Fund \(changex.org\)](https://changex.org)

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](https://www.wwf.org.uk/save-our-wild-isles)

LUSH Charity Pot

Grants of ranging from £100 to £10,000 are available to organisations working in the areas of animal protection, environmentalism, and social justice. The grants are funded by Lush, the British cosmetics company, and are made possible by sales of the Charity Pot hand and body lotion.

To be eligible for a grant, organisations must be run entirely or predominantly by volunteers and have an annual income of less than £350,000. They must also be not-for-profit and aligned with Lush's values and ethics.

Since its inception in 2007, the Charity Pot grant has funded over 13,000 projects in 37 countries. Some of the organisations that have received grants include the Sea

Shepherd Conservation Society, the Rainforest Action Network, and the Women's Environmental Network.

The grants can be used to fund a wide range of projects, such as:

- Animal rescue and rehabilitation
- Environmental conservation
- Social justice initiatives
- Educational programmes

Applications can be made at any time.

For further information: [Charity Pot Funding Guidelines - We are Lush](#)

Ocado Foundation for Good

The Ocado Foundation, the charitable arm of Ocado Group, is working with BizGive, to support community projects across the UK.

The Foundation will provide grants of up to £1,000 to charities, community organisations, community interest companies, academic institutions, and local authorities for community projects which focus their efforts on the following core areas:

- Skills for the Future: Improve Basic Life Skills
- Skills for the Future: Improve Skills for Future Learning
- Natural Resources: Reduce our Impact on the Planet
- Responsible Sourcing: Support Ethical Products & Supply Chains

For volunteering, only applications for digital volunteering will be accepted.

Applications can be made at any time until the 31 December 2023.

For further information: [BizGive](#)

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years Programme

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, which is a grant-giving charity that supports projects that help improve the lives of Armed Forces families, has announced that it is offering grants of between £5,000 and £80,000 to support early years education for children from Armed Forces families. The funding is being made available through the Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years Programme.

The grants are available to early childhood education and childcare providers, as well as Local Authorities and organisations that provide training for childminders.

To be eligible for a grant, projects must:

- Clearly show why children from Forces families will benefit from the proposal.
- Offer good value for money.
- Be sustainable and have the potential to deliver long-term change.
- Be co-produced with people from Armed Forces communities.

The grants can be used to:

- Create and /or improve the outdoor learning environment.
- Access specialist equipment and or training.
- Help you to meet additional costs to enable more Armed Forces families to access childcare
- General training to enable more people to access qualifications to work with young children from Armed Forces families; including SEND and SENCO training and resources

There will be two application deadlines this year:

Applications received by 5pm on 12 January 2024 will receive a decision before the end of February 2024.

For further information: [Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years programme \(covenantfund.org.uk\)](https://covenantfund.org.uk)

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 \(bhcfoundation.org.uk\)](http://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 \(tescocommunitygrants.org.uk\)](http://Tesco Stronger Starts (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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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 \(clothworkersfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

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)

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](https://www.sported.org.uk)

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