



FUNDING and GRANTS INFORMATION

October - 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 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>

Protective Security Schemes for Places of Worship

In light of the ongoing conflict between Hamas and Israel, the Home Office is re-opening applications to the Protective Security for Mosques Scheme for an additional six weeks.

Through the scheme, Mosques can apply for measures such as CCTV, secure fencing, and intruder alarms to be installed at their site to improve security against hate crime. Mosques are also able to apply for the provision of security guarding services. All measures provided by the scheme will be supplied and installed free of charge.

The application process for the Protective Security for Mosques Scheme is open until 26 November 2023

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

Community Security Trust Funding Announced to Help

Protect British Jews

The government announced that £3 million of additional funding will be provided to the Community Security Trust (CST), an organisation established to protect British Jews from antisemitism and related threats. The CST works closely with the police to secure Jewish community buildings and events.

The funding will enable the CST to place additional guards in schools it supports throughout each school's operating hours. They will also be able to place additional security staff at outside synagogues on Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

For further information: [PM announces new support to keep British Jewish communities safe - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-new-support-to-keep-british-jewish-communities-safe)

Hippo Grants

Free HIPPOBAG collections for charity and community projects

The 'Grants Up for Grabs' scheme awards free waste disposal help to applications from charities, community groups and organisations from across the UK that inspire respect for the environment or have a positive effect on the community.

If you think your project might be eligible for free help from the Grants Up for Grabs scheme, please contact Hippo Waste and tell your story.

For further information: [Free Charity Rubbish Collections and Removals | HIPPO](#)
(hippowaste.co.uk)

National Lottery Community Fund – Million Hours

This funding is for organisations to give extra support to young people in areas where they may be at risk of anti-social behaviour. The NLCF want to fund extra hours of youth work for additional activities that give young people more places to go and positive things to do.

Funding can be for young people aged 11 to 18 and up to 25 if they have special educational needs and disabilities. (SEND).

Projects must:

- Effectively engage with young people at risk of anti-social behaviour
- Deliver more hours of youth work than organisations already provide
- Show how young people are involved in deciding how the project work
- Deliver youth work that is open access and free from barriers to attend.
- Deliver youth work that is run by trusted adults such as qualified youth workers.

Projects must deliver activities that will improve emotional wellbeing, improved life and practical skills and access to trusted relationships with adults and feel safer.

The deadline for applications is 24 November 2023 at 12 Noon.

For further information: [Million Hours | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)
(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

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)

Tesco - Footie for All

Grassroots football organisations across the UK can now apply for a share of £150,000 to support children under the age of 18 to play football. The funding is being made available through a partnership between Tesco's Stronger Starts programme and the Sun Newspaper's Footie for All Campaign.

150 grants of £1,000 are available that can be used for a variety of purposes, such as buying new equipment, improving facilities, or funding coaching courses.

The fund was introduced to help grassroots football organisations provide essential equipment and facilities for children to play football. It is also designed to help make football more accessible and affordable for children from all backgrounds.

Tesco Footie For All is managed by Groundwork

The closing date for applications is 23.59 on the 29 October 2023.

For further information: [Footie for All \(tescostrongerstarts.org.uk\)](https://tescostrongerstarts.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](#)

National Grid – Community Matters Fund

Charities, councils and grassroots organisations can apply now for a share of our latest £2 million fund to help tackle fuel poverty in the communities we serve.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups for projects that will help people to save money, keep their homes warm and access warm community spaces this winter.

Projects eligible for support include, but are not limited to:

- Helping people get energy tariff advice or support accessing funding schemes, including, but not limited to, winter fuel discounts and Social Fund schemes
- Providing energy efficiency or heating solutions to people living in fuel poverty
- Operating a 'Warm Bank' in a community building
- Improving energy efficiency in a community building used as a warm space
- Providing warm packs to vulnerable households e.g. radiator bleed keys, heavy curtains, blankets, radiator foil etc.
- Using other innovative approaches to combating fuel poverty

Applications close on Friday 27 October 2023

For further information: [National Grid - Community Matters Fund](#)

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 – There will be two rounds of each of these funding programmes this year. If you have a project at a mature stage of development, you could consider applying to the first round. This will enable you to have a decision in 2023. If you apply by 23 October 2023, you will

receive a decision before the end of December 2023. 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](#)

McCarthy Stone Foundation – Christmas Connections

The Christmas Connections programme is all about connecting older adults over the Christmas period. Grants of up to £1,000 will be available to support organisations running activities for people over 65 in their community over the festive period.

Funding will only be open to organisations with an annual income of less than £250,000.

Registered charities, community groups and Community Interest Companies are eligible to apply.

Activities must take place between 1 December 2023 and 2 January 2024.

The closing date for applications is 25 November 2023

For further information: [Christmas Connections Grants - Applications now open - McCarthy Stone Foundation](#)

Severn Trent Community Grants

Severn Trent Community Fund supports new projects by local charities and community groups. The fund is to help improve community wellbeing and has three themes – People, Places and Environment.

The next deadlines are 17 November 2023 for the December panel (£10,000 + applications) and 18 January 2024 for the February 2024 panel (£2-£10,000 applications).

For further information: [Severn Trent Community Fund | About Us | Severn Trent Water \(stwater.co.uk\)](#)

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 \(sibgroup.org.uk\)](https://www.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](https://www.britishtgasenergy.com/energy-support-fund)

[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](#)

EA Foundation

Funding is available to UK-registered charities for projects, both internationally and in the UK, that improve the lives of disadvantaged people and communities.

The funding is provided by the EA Foundation to support organisations that:

- provide educational opportunities
- improve access to basic services such as healthcare, clean water and electricity
- address poverty and financial hardship or other forms of disadvantage such as disability
- tackle environmental challenges and promote sustainable development

No funding amount is specified, however, grants in the region of £20,000 to £50,000 are typically awarded for projects lasting up to two years.

Partnership applications are welcome.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 6 November 2023.

Applicants will be notified of the decision by 15 December 2023.

For further information: [Apply for a Grant \(ea-foundation.org.uk\)](http://ea-foundation.org.uk)

Jeans for Genes Grant Programme

Funding is being made available to genetic disorder charities working to make a tangible difference to the lives of those living with a genetic condition in the UK.

The Jeans for Genes Grant Programme will be comprised of two funding strands:

- Grants of up to £3,000 will be available towards core costs to help genetic condition charities become stronger, more resilient and sustainable.
- Project grants of up to £3,000 will be awarded to a wide range of not-for-profit organisations working within the genetic condition community so that people living with a genetic condition and their families can access the right support when needed.

Organisations can only apply to one funding strand.

The closing date for applications is the 13 November 2023.

For further information: [Jeans for Genes Grant Programme - Jeans for Genes](#)

CRASH

Homelessness charities and hospices in England and Wales can apply for advice, support and grant funding to help with their construction projects. The grant is being provided by the Construction Industry's Charity (CRASH), and can be used for a variety of purposes, including refurbishing or renovating buildings, building new facilities, improving accessibility, and installing energy-saving measures.

The aim is to help homelessness charities and hospices in England and Wales improve their facilities.

The grant is open to registered charities that provide services to single homeless people over the age of 18 or people in need of end-of-life care. Applicants must have legal hold on the building in question for at least 5 years.

To apply for the grant, homelessness charities and hospices should visit the CRASH website. The website has a detailed application form, as well as information about the eligibility criteria and the application deadline.

For further information: [Apply For Help | CRASH](#)

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](#)

[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](#)

[PRS Foundation's Momentum Music Fund.](#)

Artists and bands that are at a crucial point in their careers can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 to break through to the next level of their careers.

Activities eligible for funding include recording, touring and marketing. Applications can be submitted by the artists themselves or those who are working on their behalf, for example, a manager, an independent label or a publisher.

The next closing date for applications is the 3 November 2023.

For further information: [PPL Momentum Music Fund - PRS for Music Foundation \(prsfoundation.com\)](#)

[Cycling UK Big Bike Revival Grants](#)

Voluntary groups, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding to deliver cycling projects and activities for people who do not normally cycle.

Cycling UK is offering grants of up to £2,500 for voluntary and community cycle groups to deliver projects and activities that:

- Encourage people who do not cycle to cycle.
- Encourage people to cycle more often.
- Increase short cycling trips.
- Improve the perception of cycling safety.
- Improve people's confidence to cycle.

The Big Bike Revival Grants Programme will support events and activities that use the 'fix-learn-ride' model to provide sessions for people groups that are underrepresented in cycling, such as:

- People on low incomes.
- People who suffer from poor mental health.
- People who are not meeting physical activity guidelines.
- People who are homeless.
- People who are lacking confidence.
- Unemployed people.
- Military veterans.
- People who are experiencing substance abuse.
- Ethnically diverse people.
- Refugees and asylum seekers.
- People experiencing transport poverty.
- People with perceived barriers to cycling.

Funding can be used for costs including but not limited to:

- Staff costs.
- Volunteer expenses, such as refreshments and travel.
- Equipment purchases, including tools, bikes, bike parking, locks, helmets, high-vis jackets, and pumps.
- Equipment hiring, such as cones, high-vis jackets, helmets, or bikes.
- Consumables, including brake pads, inner tubes, cables, lubricant, or small parts.
- Venue hires or location fees.
- Participant refreshments such as reasonable drinks and snacks.
- Promotion costs.
- Transport, including transportation of goods to and from the event location.
- Personal Protection Equipment.

Funding is for events delivered between 4 November 2023 and 25 February 2024. Groups are expected to deliver around eight events.

The deadline for applications is 15 December 2023.

For further information: [The Big Bike Revival | Cycling 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. 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

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

Derbyshire County Council – Community Grants

Grants are available to voluntary and community groups, clubs, local charities and not for profit organisations. Individuals and businesses are not eligible to apply for this scheme.

This programme is unable to support projects or activities that are taking place in Derby.

The grant funding allocation for 2022 and 2023 will total £1.5 million. We will be looking to grant fund projects or activities which meet the following 5 priorities and support residents and communities to:

- feel safe and included in their local community
- promote positive behaviours for young people and residents
- be green and sustainable
- increase civic participation and deliver community identified priorities
- be physically active and make positive lifestyle choices

Grants will be available for 4 scaled categories of awards as follows:

- small grants up to £1,000
- medium grants between £1,001 to £20,000
- large grants between £20,001 to £50,000
- exceptional grants above £50,000

Small grants are an open application process with no deadlines so you can apply at any time.

All the other grant categories will be subject to application rounds.

The deadline for submission of medium, large and exceptional grants is 31 October 2023.

The October 2023 round is the final round for the Derbyshire Grants Programme at present.

Due to the finite funding envelope for the whole programme, there will be approximately £200,000 remaining in the funding scheme for panel to allocate.

Organisations should consider this position when they make their application.

For further information: [Derbyshire grants - Derbyshire County Council](#)

[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 \(erewash.gov.uk\)](#)

[Funding Reminders](#)

[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 \(happydayscharity.org\)](https://happydayscharity.org)

Asda Foundation - Empowering Local Communities Fund

Grants of between £400 and £1,600 are available for grassroots community groups and organisations to support a broad range of activities that contribute towards transforming communities and improving lives across the UK.

The funding is available through the Asda Foundation's Empowering Local Communities Fund to support projects and activities that address local issues which are important to a community and which benefit local people.

This can include:

- Funding for the basic essentials to address an immediate need and/or situation
- Funding to bring people together, encouraging community connections.
- Funding for projects to transform or improve spaces or activities,
- Funding to bring people together for a festive celebration, who otherwise would not be able to celebrate

Applications should be made through each local Asda store's Community Champion by the 3 November 2023.

For further information: [How to Apply | Asda Foundation](#)

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](#)

Primary Club - James Fund

The Primary Club, a registered charity and membership organisation that provides financial support for a wide range of recreational and sporting facilities for the blind and visually impaired (VI), has launched a new funding initiative.

The Primary Club is the major supporter of the thriving network of VI cricket clubs in the UK. But, while its origins and heart are in cricket, the Club also supports VI futsal, goalball, golf, skiing, swimming, tandem cycling and Braille chess.

The James Fund, which has been made possible by a significant legacy from the late Kenneth G James, will provide grants of up to £25,000 for new projects that meet the following criteria:

- They must relate clearly to the sporting and/or recreational needs of the blind and partially sighted.
- They must be "grass roots" or "start up" activities, rather than supporting international teams of visually impaired sportsmen and women.
- They must fund the whole of the cost of the project, rather than being one of a number of contributors.
- They must support running costs or the purchase of equipment, rather than items which will significantly increase the recipient's long-term asset base.

In addition to these criteria, the Trustees of the Primary Club are keen to support projects that are either innovative (in the sense of enabling support to be provided in new ways, or to a wider community) and/or collaborative (for example enabling schools and other organisations to deliver support together which they could not achieve alone).

The James Fund is open to applications from any organisation or individual that meets the eligibility criteria. A total of £75,000 is available through the Fund.

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2023

For further information: [Trustees launch James Fund – The Primary Club](#)

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](#)

Triangle Trust 1949 Fund

Registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises, and community interest companies in the UK can apply for funding for projects that support young people on the edge of the criminal justice system (aged 11-25).

The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund will award grants of up to £80,000 over two years (£40,000 per year) for projects that use a Sport 4 Development approach to work with young people (11-25) who are already in contact with the police and who are at risk of being, or who have been, arrested for a crime. The aim of the funding is to help them avoid a future conviction by supporting them to change their offending behaviour.

Sport 4 Development interventions have proved to be effective in engaging with hard to reach and vulnerable young people and helping them to achieve specific social development objectives. These projects differ from those that play sport for fun as learning is built into the project activity.

Priority will be given to proposals supporting young people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, young women and girls, and young people who have been looked after.

The deadline for applications is the 29 October 2023.

For further information: [About our funding - The Triangle Trust](#)

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](#)

AB Charitable Trust

UK-registered charities that work towards combating abuse and violations of human rights can apply for grants of usually between £10,000 and £20,000 through the A B Charitable Trust. The A B Charitable Trust (ABCT) was set up in 1990 and supports unpopular causes that champion human dignity and focus on small and medium-sized charities working close to the ground.

Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support:

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

The Trust generally makes one-off grants to charities registered and working in the UK with annual incomes of between £150,000 and £1.5m that do not have substantial investments or surpluses. Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range £10,000 to £20,000. ABCT does not normally fund charities with large national or international links.

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

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

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)

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 3 January 2024

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

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://bhcfoundation.org.uk)

Tesco - Tesco Stronger Starts Programme

Tesco is introducing a £5 million grant programme to give children across the UK a stronger start in life. The grants will help schools and children's groups provide nutritious food and healthy activities that support young people's physical health and mental wellbeing, such as breakfast clubs or snacks, and equipment for healthy activities.

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

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

Examples of eligible applications with a focus on food security, children and young people could be:

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

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

Applications can be made at any time.

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

Cosaraf Charitable Foundation - Hardship Grants

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

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

Priority will be given to:

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

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

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

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

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

BlueSpark Foundation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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](#)

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

The Matthew Good Foundation

The Matthew Good Foundation has opened the next round of its Grants for Good Fund. The aim is to support small charities, not-for-profit groups and social

entrepreneurs who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community or the environment.

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

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

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

Funding is awarded every three months.

The deadline for applications is 15 December 2023.

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

Hospice UK - Dying Matters Community Grants Programme

Funding is available to support innovative community arts and culture projects that open up conversations about dying, death and grief in new and creative ways.

Hospice UK's Dying Matters Community Grants Programme will award grants of between £5,000 and £8,000 to hospices working in partnership with local groups/community organisations for projects that support hard-to-reach groups including:

- ethnic minorities
- homeless people
- prisoners
- people with learning disabilities
- LGBT+ people
- those living in remote and rural areas
- people living in poverty, deprivation and with lower socioeconomic status

Funding can be used to cover:

- artist fees
- exhibition / installation costs
- materials
- translation & marketing
- refreshments
- craft materials

- venue hire

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 24 November 2023.

For further information: [Dying Matters Community Grants | Hospice UK](#)

[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](#)

[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 11 December 2023.

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

[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](#)

[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 \(clothworkersfoundation.org.uk\)](http://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 \(bqfoundation.org.uk\)](http://bqfoundation.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)

[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://www.fote.org.uk/grants-for-older-people)

[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](https://www.hedleyfoundation.org/)

[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](#)

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