



FUNDING and GRANTS INFORMATION

March 2025

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

*****NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES*****

Adamson Trust – Funding for Respite Breaks

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

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

The next application closing date is the 31st of March 2025 for the May meeting.

Useful Links: [Application Hints and Tips \(AI-Generated\)](#)

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

Innovation for All Foundation

Kilburn & Strode LLP, a prominent European intellectual property firm, established the Innovation for All Foundation to contribute positively to society by supporting innovative projects that benefit those in need

The Foundation is making a small number of grants available to registered charities to deliver projects which use innovative and creative solutions to benefit local communities in the UK.

Grants of £10,000, £20,000 and £30,000 are available for activities that meet the Fund's grant-making scheme theme of 'Innovation for good' with an objective 'through innovation, to sustainably provide benefit for those in need'.

Useful Links: [Application Hints and Tips \(AI-Generated\)](#)

Deadline: **31st March 2025**

Link: <https://www.kilburnstrode.com/about-us/innovation-for-all-foundation>

GiveStar – Adventure for Good Grant

The grant is exclusively available to women in the UK, aiming to encourage greater female participation in adventure-based fundraising. The initiative addresses a gender imbalance observed in previous years, where 77% of applicants were men.

The £20,000 funding pool will be distributed among successful applicants to support expenses related to their fundraising challenges. Eligible costs include specialist gear, travel, accommodation, and other necessary equipment. Applicants must be women aged 18 or over, residing in the UK, and planning a significant fundraising challenge for a registered charity.

To apply, candidates must complete the online application form, which includes written responses and a video submission. **Applications are open on a rolling basis until 11:59 pm on 8th April 2025.** Successful applicants will be notified by 14th April 2025 and must claim their grant within 14 days of acceptance.

Deadline: 8th April 2025

Useful Links: [Terms and Conditions](#)

Link: <https://info.givestar.io/adventure-for-good-grant>

East Midlands Airport Community Fund

Communities around East Midlands airport can apply for grants of up to £2,000 for projects that have a long-lasting community, social or environmental benefit.

Applications must meet at least one of the following objectives:

- provide help to community groups which are supporting vulnerable people during the Covid-19 outbreak.
- bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure-time activities.
- support young people to prepare for employment.
- offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation.
- improve awareness of environmental issues, and
- encourage and/or protect wildlife.

The application process is now through the East Midlands Airport Community Fund web site and is now electronic and not paper based.

The next closing date for applications is the 7 April 2025 

For further information: [Supporting The Local Community | East Midlands Airport](#)

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.

Expressions of interest applications can be made until 15th April 2025 

UPDATE - BBC Children in Need are transitioning to a new grant making system which will take place throughout 2025 and will launch their new system by the end of September. During this period there will be some disruption to their grant programmes. As a result, BBC Children in Need will be unable to accept new Expressions of Interest applications after 15th April 2025 until their new grantmaking system is launched by the end of September 2025.

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

AB Charitable Trust

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

Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support:

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

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

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

The next closing date for applications is 25 April 2025 

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

Warburton Community Grant Scheme – Social Issues Facing Communities

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

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

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

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

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

Useful Links: [Guidance](#)

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

Thomas Wall Trust– Increase Employment Opportunities

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

To be eligible, applicants must:

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

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

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

[Application Hints and Tips](#)

Deadline:05-05-2025

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

Screwfix Foundation

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

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

- Improved energy-efficient lighting & heating
- Installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc.
- Installation of a sensory room
- General painting & decorating
- Improving the safety and security of a building

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

Useful Links: [Grants Awarded](#)

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

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

FCC Community Foundation

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

This can include:

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

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

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

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

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

Toy Trust – Funding to Support Disabled & Disadvantaged Children

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

The Toy Trust fund:

- helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering.
- supports children through awful experiences.
- encourages achievement through adversity.
- purchases vital equipment.
- provides care.
- bolsters existing initiatives.
- initiates brand new projects.
- and satisfies basic needs.

Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply.

The next deadline to apply is mid-June 2025 for the July meeting of Trustees.

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

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

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

The types of services provided to communities could include:

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

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

The next deadline for applications is June 2025

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

National Churches Trust – Large Grants Programme

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

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

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

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

Useful Links: [Guidance Notes](#)

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

Cycling UK – Big Bike Revival Programme

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

This includes people experiencing:

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

The programme supports three types of events:

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

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

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

Useful Links: [FAQs](#)

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

The Ironmongers Company – Supporting Disadvantaged Children and Young People

The Ironmongers' Company want to support projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential. Grants are only given to registered charities and projects must meet all of the following criteria:

- For children and young people under the age of 25 who are disadvantaged.
- Consist of educational activities that develop learning, motivational and skills.
- Have clear aims and objectives to be met within a [planned timescale.
- Are within the UK.

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

The next deadline for applications is 31 July 2025 

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

Severn Trent Water – Community Fund

Local charities, volunteer and community groups, schools, colleges, and local authorities or parish councils within the Severn Trent Water region can apply for grants ranging from £2,000 to £100,000 to support new

community projects. These grants are provided through the New Projects Funding stream of the Severn Trent Community Fund, which focuses on three key elements of community wellbeing:

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

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

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

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

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

THE BAILY THOMAS – General Grants Programme

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

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

Previous grants have been used to support:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tree packs available include:

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

Applications can be made for up to four separate tree packs as long as the total does not exceed 420 trees. The Woodland Trust are currently taking applications for tree packs to be delivered in November 2025. **Applications are open until 31 August 2025**

Useful Links: [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Link: https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwpv2TBhDoARIsALBnVnl4mX3ME2YPKMkKZu_I0kl5ujcVNuUrw9IhbLooCKo68CjWepkrLXQaAhtJEALw_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds

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

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

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

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

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

Applications can be made at any time.

Useful Links:

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

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

[Frequently asked questions](#)

[Finding a referral agent](#)

[Application Hints and Tips \(AI-Generated\)](#)

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

BUTTLE UK – Chances of Children Grants

Grants of up to £2,400 are available to support the needs of vulnerable children and young people (aged 2 - 18) who have experienced a recent crisis or change in life that has had a significant impact on their wellbeing and their education. The funding is being made available to provide a flexible range of support, such as

- Items and activities to support learning and development such as laptops, books, wi-fi, educational toys, tuition, etc.
- Clothing and school uniforms
- Social, sporting and leisure activities
- Family activities
- Items for children's or young people's bedrooms
- Household items that are not available from other sources and which directly address the children's needs

Applications will only be accepted from frontline professionals working for a registered charity, housing association or public sector organisation; including schools and colleges.

Applications can be made at any time.

Link: [Chances for Children: Grant Criteria](#)

BRITISH GAS ENERGY TRUST – Individual and Families Debt Write Off Fund

Individuals and families with domestic gas or energy debts ranging from £50 to £1,700 on credit or pre-payment meter accounts can apply for support through the Individual and Families grants programme. Administered by the British Gas Energy Trust, this programme provides grants to British Gas and non-British Gas customers with pre-payment or credit accounts to clear outstanding arrears with their energy supplier.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have energy debt up to £1,700 on a pre-payment meter or credit account in their main residence.
- Reside in England, Scotland, or Wales.
- Not have received a British Gas Energy Trust grant in the past two years.
- Be applying to clear outstanding debt on a current or active gas, electricity, or dual fuel account registered to their main residence.
- Be in or at risk of fuel poverty.
- Have received assistance from a money advice agency.

Customers of Eon, Eon Next, EDF, Scottish Power, Boost, SSE, and Octopus should apply to their respective suppliers' funds.

The fund will close once all funding has been awarded

Link: <https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/grants-available/>

BARCHESTER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION – Tackling Loneliness Amongst Older people and Adults with a Disability

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

The types of activities supported can include

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

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

The grants can help individuals with:

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

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

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

TURNING POINT – Community Innovation Fund

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

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

Previously funded projects included a community crafting club, a sensory garden, a pottery course, and a storytelling club for men recovering from addiction.

Groups can apply through nominations from Turning Point teams in the areas where Turning Point operates.

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

Useful Links: [Information & Application Form](#)

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

THE KELLOGG'S BREAKFAST CLUB GRANTS PROGRAMME

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

To qualify for the programme:

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

or

Schools based in areas classified as being in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation can find out if this applies to their school by following the instructions, which you can find [here](#).

- Additionally, if your school has received breakfast club funding from Gregg's or Magic Breakfast within the current academic year, your club will not be considered a priority for support.
- Only one grant per school in each academic year is available.
- Applications from fee paying schools cannot be accepted.

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

For any queries, please contact Forever Manchester on 0044 161 214 0940 or e-mail kelloggs@forevermanchester.com

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

EREWASH SMALL GRANT SCHEME

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

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

- Health Inequalities
- Community Wellness

- Building Resilience

Applications can be made from the following groups:

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

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

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

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

Community Energy Resilience Grant.

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

You may be eligible for our Community Energy Resilience Grant.

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

To check your organisation's eligibility and to apply please email:
economicdevelopment@erewash.gov.uk

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

Foundation Derbyshire

Foundation Derbyshire is proud to be Derbyshire's local funder, who has been offering a wide variety of grants to community and voluntary groups working across Derby and Derbyshire for over 25 years.

Grants up to £2,500 are available, which can be used to support core running costs, equipment, resources or new ideas.

Foundation Derbyshire is a registered Charity and independent grant maker.

Foundation Derbyshire promotes and encourages local philanthropy, with funds set up by local philanthropists, families, individuals and businesses who want to put back into Derbyshire.

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

No closing dates, apply whenever you are ready. 

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

Contact the grants team 01773 525860 or email: hello@foundationderbyshire.org

Easy Fundraising

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

Three steps to getting off to a great start:

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

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

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

Derbyshire County Council Community Leadership Scheme

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

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

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

National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All England

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

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

- Bring people together to build strong relationships within and across communities

- Improve places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help individuals reach their potential by providing early support
- Assist individuals, communities, and organisations facing difficulties due to the cost-of-living crisis

Organisations eligible to apply include:

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

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

Applications can be submitted at any time.

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

UnLtd

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

The grants are being made available through two funding streams:

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

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

To be eligible applicants need to be:

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

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

- Healthy Aging
- Access to Employment

Applications are currently open

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

Edward Gostling Foundation - Capital Grant Programme

Capital grants of up to £250,000 are available to expand the capacity of UK registered charities and CIO's working to improve the quality of life for people in need, particularly those living on very low incomes who have a disability or long-term illness.

The funding is made available by the Edward Gostling Foundation through their Capital Grant Programme.

This programme encourages organisations to bring forward major capital projects costing £1 million or more that align with one or more of the foundation's funding themes.

The funding themes are:

- Health and wellbeing
- Independent living at home
- Respite
- Transition

These projects should build new capacity, promote sustainability, and bring about a step change in the way care is delivered.

Grants will vary depending on the size and scope of the project. Organisations must have at least 50% of the project's funding secured before submitting their application.

Applications are accepted from registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations with a minimum of 3 years filed accounts. Decisions can take 90 days.

Applications can be submitted at any time

For further information: [Capital Grants - The Edward Gostling Foundation](#)

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.

Applications are currently open

For further information: [About our grant programmes | Peter Harrison Foundation](#)

Cooperative Bank - Customer Donation Fund

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

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

Applications are currently open

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

The Matthew Good Foundation

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

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

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

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

Applications are currently open

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

Bernard Sunley Foundation

Grants are available to charities, specialist schools, CIOs, and other not-for-profit organisations including scout and guide groups, and housing associations, that are working to raise the quality of life for people in England and Wales.

The Bernard Sunley Foundation aims to provide greater opportunities for the young, elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged by supporting capital projects in the areas of:

- Community
- Education
- Health
- Social welfare

The types of projects that could be supported include:

- improvements to village halls
- supporting children and adults with special educational and learning needs
- improvements to hospices and treatment clinics
- supporting day centres for the elderly

The Foundation offers three levels of grants. These are large grants of £20,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Large and medium grants are considered and agreed upon at Trustees' meetings. Small grants are agreed by Trustees monthly and form the majority of grants awarded.

Applications can be made at any time

Further information: [Welcome - Bernard Sunley Foundation](#)

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

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

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

Applications are currently open

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

The Garfield Weston Foundation

A charitable grant-making foundation, which supports a wide range of causes across the UK, donating over £90 million annually.

Operating/Core Costs

Through the Operating/Core Costs grants programme the foundation provides funding towards the general costs of running an organisation. This means they can be used to help pay the organisations bills or rent and provide support towards salaries

Capital projects

Through the Capital Projects grant programme the foundation provides funding of no more than 10% of a total project cost. However, for local community projects (e.g. village halls, community centres, places of worship, etc.), grants are unlikely to be over £30,000 regardless of the project size.

Applications can be submitted at any time

Further information: [What we fund - Garfield Weston Foundation](#)

National Lottery Heritage Fund

The Heritage 2033 strategy is centered around a simplified framework of four investment principles:

- Saving heritage
- Protecting the environment
- Inclusion, access and participation
- Organisational sustainability

The entry level has now been increased to £10,000. The application guidance and forms have been changed to reflect the new strategy, and materials have been simplified proportionately to the amount of money you are applying for.

For further information: [What we fund | The National Lottery HerAsdaitage Fund](#)

Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity Grants

Funding is available for registered charities that are working to support disadvantaged children and young people as well as vulnerable older people.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation awards small grants of between £10,000 and £60,000 to support projects focusing on:

- Children affected by domestic abuse
- Early years 0-5
- Children with special educational needs and disabilities
- People with dementia and their carers

Small grants are for those charities whose annual income is between £25,000 and £499,999 and are unrestricted.

Large grants are for charities whose annual income is between £500,000 and £5 million.

Expression of interest can be submitted at any time

For further information: [Grants to charities - The Masonic Charitable Foundation \(mcf.org.uk\)](#)

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>

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](#)

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)

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)

Football Foundation

Grassroots football clubs, charities, community and voluntary groups, local authorities and other not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to apply for funding to improve the facilities of grassroots football clubs in England.

The Football Foundation, supported by funding from the Premier League, The FA, and the Government, provides grants of up to £25,000 for the purchase of:

- goalposts
- storage containers
- portable floodlights
- changing pavilions & clubhouses
- fencing
- 3g pitch maintenance machinery & equipment
- grass pitch improvement
- small-sided facility improvement
- 3G pitches
- creation of new grass pitches

Other opportunities include:

- a defibrillator fund
- an energy support funding programme
- the Premier League Stadium Fund, which awards capital grants to clubs to support improvement of their stadium facilities for players, supporters and officials

For further information: [What we fund | Football Foundation](#)

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 – Support the Education of Children

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 ✓

Useful Links: [Grant Policy](#) [Case Studies](#)

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

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
- 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](#)

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 \(familyfundsolutions.co.uk\)](https://www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk/bbc-children-in-need-emergency-essentials-programme)

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

For further information: [Tesco Community Grants](https://www.tesco.com/charity)

The Clothworkers Foundation

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

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

- alcohol & substance misuse
- disadvantaged minority communities

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

Applications can be made at any time

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

B&Q Foundation

Grants of up to £10,000 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://bqfoundation.org.uk)