



FUNDING and GRANTS INFORMATION

November 2025

New Funding Opportunities

Grants Available for Community and Education Projects

Registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, and schools/PTAs can apply for grants of up to £3,000 for projects that benefit their local community. The funding is made available by the Ford Britain Trust to support a range of projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities.

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

There are two types of grants to apply for:

- Small grants of up to £250. The small grants application will **open on 1 December and close on 28 February 2026.**
- Large grants for amounts over £250 and up to a maximum of £3000. **The large grants programme is currently open and will close on 31 January 2026.**

Useful Link:

<https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/about-ford/ford-britain-trust>

Grants to Support Families in Need

Families facing financial hardship in the UK can obtain small grants through Family Action's Welfare Grants Programme. The funding aims to provide small but vital grants for essential personal and household items, enabling individuals and families to maintain their basic living standards and independence.

All applicants must fall into one or more of the following priority areas:

- Mental Health
- Domestic Abuse
- Older People

Eligible applicants must be referred by recognised agencies such as charities, housing associations, or social services. The programme supports people receiving means-tested benefits who are facing exceptional pressure or crisis. Grants typically range from £200 to £300 and can cover household goods such as cookers, washing machines, fridge-freezers, beds, and bedding.

Organisations are encouraged to act as referral partners to ensure those most in need receive timely assistance. Full eligibility criteria and application guidance are available on the charity's website (link below).

There is no application deadline.

Useful Links:

<https://family-action.org.uk/services/welfare-grants-programme/>

Grants for Early-Stage Ideas Driving Social Change

Grants of up to £20,000 are available to support individuals, groups, and small organisations in who want to explore new ideas to challenge social injustice.

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation's Ideas and Pioneers Fund provides funding and tailored support to help early-stage innovators test, research, and develop new approaches with the potential for long-term impact.

Recent examples include supporting initiatives like the Museum of Homelessness, led by individuals with firsthand experience, and POMOC, which explores models to support Polish migrants.

Applications will be accepted from:

- Individuals (aged 18 years or over). Preference is for people between the ages of 18 and 30 years.
- Small groups of up to three people.
- Small organisations with up to five employees.

The Foundation is particularly keen to welcome first time applicants, and those most affected by systemic oppression and/or discrimination (for example: tackling racism, ableism, classism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia or transphobia),

Examples of activities that could be funded include:

- Developing a product or new approach.
- Gathering evidence for a campaign.
- Paying yourself or others to deliver the activities being applied for.
- Research to develop your idea, and
- Talking to people with relevant experience to better understand your issue

The closing date for applications is 1 pm on 2 December 2025.

Useful Links:

[Previously Funded Organisations](#)

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/ideas-and-pioneers>

New Fund to Boost Digital Inclusion and Employment for Blind and Vision-Impaired People

Fight for Sight has launched a new Digital Inclusion Fund to help blind and vision-impaired individuals overcome employment barriers by providing better access to technology and digital skills.

Grants of up to £30,000 are available per project for projects addressing the technological and digital divide.

The fund targets four key areas:

- Using technology in preparing vision impaired people for work,
- Increasing access to technology in supporting job applications,
- Using technology in helping vision impaired employees stay and progress in their work roles,
- and creating pathways into tech careers. Projects must include input from people with lived experience of sight loss.

Through this Fund, Fight for Sight wants to support practical, scalable solutions—such as digital skills assessments, equipment loan schemes, peer mentoring, or accredited training for future tech trainers. The goal is to give people control over their digital needs and improve long-term employment outcomes.

Eligible applicants include UK-registered charities, CIOs, charitable companies, CICs limited by guarantee, and exempt charities like universities.

Funding decisions will be announced the week of 16 February 2026.

Applications open on 3 November 2025 and close at midday on 6 January 2026.

Useful Link:

<https://www.fightforsight.org.uk/apply-for-funding/apply-for-social-change-funding/the-digital-inclusion-fund/#what-we-look-for>

Grants Available to Expand Nursery Education Provision

The Department for Education is offering up to £150,000 to eligible state-funded primary-phase and maintained nursery schools in England to create or expand nursery provision.

The objective is to boost early years capacity, improve access for disadvantaged families, and ensure high-quality provision supports children's school readiness without displacing existing local services.

Funding can be used to create or repurpose spaces for nursery classes within primary schools, expand nursery classes in maintained nurseries, or support nursery units run by governors, academy trusts, or contracted providers.

Projects must deliver a net increase in childcare places and be operational before September 2027.

Schools that received funding in phase one, Special Schools, and Pupil Referral Units are not eligible for this round. Applications require local authority approval and landowner permission, with successful applicants notified in April 2026.

Applications close on 11 December 2025.

Link: <https://find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/school-based-nursery-capital-grant-1#info>

Grants Available to Charities Advancing Arts, Health, and the Environment

Grants are available for charities that seek to enhance and improve people's lives by advancing 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
- Health and 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

Three grant-making meetings are held annually, which occur 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 11.59 pm on 21 January 2026.

Useful Links:

[Guidelines](#)

[FAQs](#)

<https://doylycartecharitabletrust.org/how-to-apply/>

Funding to Support the Campaigning Work of Women's & Girl's Organisations

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to support the work of grassroots women's and girls' organisations in achieving change in the UK. The fund can be used to support campaigning and influencing work that enables women and girls to use their voices in addressing social issues.

This can include:

- Campaigning for changes in policy and laws, including activities such as petitions, social media campaigns and lobbying.
- National campaigns that address issues that affect women and girls.
- Influencing community leaders and power holders about issues that affect women and girls in a particular place or community.

- Gathering evidence or producing tools and reports which enable women and girls and women's organisations to campaign for change.
- Video and media campaigns about specific issues facing women.
- Training activists in campaigning, advocacy, lobbying or public speaking.

Some examples of Voices from the Frontline grants supported in the past include:

- A campaign targeted at national policy makers, commissioners, service providers and funders about the barriers faced by women with complex needs when accessing public services.
- A video to raise awareness of honour-based violence to improve the understanding of the issue and influence professionals to encourage reporting and appropriate responses in public services.
- Influencing decision makers in government about migrant and refugee girls' access to schools.
- A campaign for period dignity in UK schools.

Organisations must submit an application form and a three-minute video outlining how they plan to utilise the funding.

Potential applicants can participate in one of the 'How to Apply' webinars on:

- **Wednesday 27th November 2.00-3.00pm** – [Register here](#)

The deadline for applications is 4pm on 9 December 2025.

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

<https://rosauk.org/our-programmes/voices-from-the-frontline/>

Funding to Support Frontline Services for Babies & New Parents

Charities that help babies and their families during pregnancy and the first two years of life can apply for multi-year funding from the 1001 Foundation for services that improve outcomes for babies in their first 1001 days.

The 1001 Foundation offers grants of up to £100,000 per year, for up to five years. Most grants are expected to range from £20,000 to £80,000 per year. Funding is available for organisations delivering services in community-based family hubs or other 'one stop shop' settings, aiming to support parents and carers and give babies the best start in life.

The Foundation supports different types of projects, such as:

- Help with infant feeding
- Parenting programmes
- Support for parent-infant relationships
- Perinatal mental health support
- Support for dads, carers, and non-birthing partners
- Help for families facing marginalisation or discrimination

The application process consists of two stages. Charities must submit their first-stage application by 5pm on 19th December 2025. Only those shortlisted will be invited to complete the second stage.

Useful Links:

[Guidance](#)

[FAQs](#)

<https://www.1001criticaldays.com/charities>

Grants for Suicide Awareness & Prevention Projects

Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available for charitable organisations delivering suicide awareness and prevention programmes across the UK.

Funded by the David Riddell Memorial CIO, the grants support projects that educate people about suicidal ideation and inform them of ways to prevent suicide.

Eligible applicants include charities, charitable incorporated organisations, and community interest companies limited by guarantee. Preference is given to smaller organisations with an annual income of less than £1 million.

Funding can be used for both project delivery and core costs, including full cost recovery.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and, if successful, are typically funded within three months.

Useful Links:

[Previously Funded Projects](#)

<https://www.davidriddell.org/grants>

Severn Trent Community Fund – Core Funding is opening 1st November

Eligible not-for-profit organisations can apply for a restricted grant of £5,000–£20,000 to support their core costs for one year. Around 28 organisations from across the Severn Trent region [check the [map](#) or [postcode](#)] are expected to be funded in this round.

This core funding is for groups that offer essential services to local residents, especially those supporting the most vulnerable – helping to improve wider community wellbeing. The aim is to help groups who urgently need financial support to continue existing delivery.

Open for applications from Saturday 1st November to Sunday 30th November 2025

Useful Link: stwater.co.uk/corefunding

Government Fund to Improve Social Tenant Engagement with their Landlords

The Government has launched a £1 million fund to improve social housing residents' experiences of their homes and landlord's services.

The Social Housing Innovation Fund offers grants to social landlords, tenant representative groups and other relevant organisations across England to test innovative approaches that improve tenant engagement with their landlords and give residents greater influence over decisions affecting their homes.

Organisations eligible to apply include:

- Registered providers of social housing (including local authority registered providers and private registered providers)
- Tenant Management Organisations
- Arms Length Management Organisations
- Groups representing the interests of social housing tenants

Grants of up to £100,000 are available, with the indicative amount of funding awarded per project to be between £60,000 and £100,000.

Examples of innovative ideas could include marketing campaigns, online platforms, or recruiting specialist personnel to engage underrepresented residents.

Proposals must be co-produced with tenants, and the findings shared more widely across the sector. Priority will be given to projects that involve underrepresented tenants, especially those with protected characteristics.

Consortia or partnerships are encouraged.

The closing date for applications is 9 January 2026.

Useful Links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-housing-innovation-fund-prospectus/social-housing-innovation-fund-prospectus>

Grants to Support Small Non-Profits with Essential Operating Costs

Small UK not-for-profit organisations are invited to apply for grants of up to £200 through the Boring Fund. The Boring Fund helps cover a bit of the boring costs that keep them running. Boring but essential things like insurance, web hosting, admin time: the stuff that's always so hard to find funding for.

Eligibility:

- Charity
- Community Interest Company (ltd by guarantee or by shares)

- Limited Company
- Constituted community or voluntary group/ unincorporated association

Organisations must have:

- an annual turnover under £150,000
- a very small number of paid staff e.g. 0-3 people

The fund prioritises organisations working towards social justice and those led by or supporting marginalised communities, including LGBTQ+, queer or trans-led organisations, disability-led groups, those with global majority leaders, or those supporting refugee and migrant communities.

The fund offers a straightforward application process with no reporting requirements.

The deadline for applications is 30 November 2025.

Useful Links:

[Further Information & Application Form](#)

<https://www.christinapoultoncreative.co.uk/boring-fund>

Grants to Support Early Years Development for Deaf Children

Grants of up to £10,000 are available through the National Deaf Children's Society's Community Grants Programme for community groups, charities, and not-for-profit organisations supporting deaf children and their families across the UK.

Funding will support projects and activities that promote the development of deaf children in their early years (ages 0–5). This stage is crucial, particularly for children who may face challenges with language, communication, and social skills without the right support.

Projects may involve families, professionals, and older deaf children, provided they contribute to early years development.

Funding can cover costs such as:

- venue hire
- transport
- promotional costs
- wages for sessional workers, interpreters and language tutors
- equipment that is essential for the project, such as play equipment or technology

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with set assessment dates throughout the year.

Useful Links:

[Further Information](#)

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/community-grants>

Erewash Borough Council Community Grants

The council has two Community Grant Schemes for 2025-26 and they are now open for local community and voluntary groups to apply for. Many groups in Erewash have benefitted from community grants provided by the council over previous years, including sports groups, arts groups, and lots of others.

The council is working towards 'creating vibrant and sustainable communities' as outlined in its Corporate Strategy 2024-2028. Grant applications are invited from projects or activities which will support at least one of the following priorities:

- Economy and Regeneration – work to rejuvenate the economy.
- Supporting communities – to be active, healthy, and safe.
- Sustainable environment – create an environment for the future.

The council's two community grant schemes are:

- Fast Funding Grants for awards of between £500 and £1,500.
- Member Grants for awards of between £2,000 and £3,500.

Subject to the availability of funding, both schemes will remain open until 28 February 2026.

Information about the different schemes and how to apply for a grant can be found [on the council's website](#).

For support and further information please contact: fastfunding@erewash.gov.uk

Funding for High Achieving State School Students to Explore Studying in the USA

The Sutton Trust has announced that its US Programme is now open for applications.

The programme offers high achieving state school students the opportunity to explore studying in the United States, and experience what it is like being an international student.

All costs are covered including travel, residential events, accommodation and food.

As in previous years, students are scheduled to visit the US in July/August.

The programme is open to students from low- or middle-income families who are currently in:

- Year 12 in England and Wales
- S5 in Scotland
- Year 13 in Northern Ireland

The closing date for student applications is 11 January 2026. Schools have until 14 January 2026 to submit their references.

Useful Links:

[Eligibility](#)

[FAQs](#)

<https://us.suttontrust.com/how-to-apply/>

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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)

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 locality 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](#)

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

East Midlands Airport Community Fund Opens for Applications

Communities affected by the operation of East Midlands airport can apply for grants of up to £2,000 for projects that have a long-lasting community, social or environmental benefit. The funding is being made available through the East Midlands Airport Community Fund. For an application to be successful, it must meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Provide help to community groups that 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 next closing date for applications is the 5th of January 2026

Useful Links:

[Community Fund Brochure](#)

<https://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/supporting-the-local-community/>

Funding for Projects that Make it Easier to Talk About Death & Dying

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 £10,000 to hospices for community-led 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, facilitator costs, exhibition / installation costs
- materials, craft materials, translation & marketing
- refreshments, venue hire, sound and light

Applications close at 5pm on 5 December 2025

Useful Link:

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/innovation-hub/support-for-your-role/grants/dying-matters-community-grants#content-menu-17137>

Grants up to £1,000 to Support Local Good Causes

Community groups across the UK can now apply for grants of up to £1,000 through The Co-operative Bank's Customer Donation Fund. The scheme, which supports grassroots initiatives, is open to organisations with a Co-operative Bank Charity or Community Directplus account.

Grants are awarded four times a year and can be used for a wide range of purposes, including buying equipment, hiring venues, running community events, or supporting outreach work. The fund is designed to help small charities and community groups deliver local projects that bring people together and create lasting social impact.

To apply, organisations must show how their proposed activity will benefit the local community and demonstrate clear outcomes.

Applications are assessed on community benefit, need, and impact.

Applications received from 1st October 2025 to 31st March 2026 will be assessed in April 2026.

Useful Links:

<https://www.co-operativebank.co.uk/business/community/customer-donation-fund>

Grants up to £5Million for Projects Addressing Inequality

The National Lottery Community Fund has launched the Solidarity Fund to support charities and not-for-profit organisations in England that address the causes of inequality, including poverty, disadvantage, and discrimination. Organisations can apply for grants ranging from £1 million to £5 million for projects lasting between 5 and 10 years.

To be eligible, organisations must be led by, and accountable to, people with lived experience of the issues you're trying to change.

Eligible costs may include:

- Staff costs, including sessional workers
- Development work (e.g. staff training, governance, IT upgrades, and sharing learning)
- Transport, Utilities and running costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Learning and evaluation, Equipment
- Minor capital costs for land or building work (these should not form a significant portion of the funding request)
- Translation and interpretation costs for non-English speakers

There is no closing date; applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Link: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/solidarity-fund#section-4>

Funding to Support People with Mental Health Issues

Mental health organisations in the UK can apply to the Allen Lane Foundation for grants of up to £15,000 to support work with people experiencing moderate or severe mental health conditions. The programme aims to reduce isolation, stigma and discrimination associated with mental health while promoting recovery and inclusion. Priority is given to specialist mental health organisations and user-led groups. One-to-one counselling or therapy is not funded under this stream.

Funding can be awarded as a single grant or spread over two or three years, with most awards averaging £5,000–£6,000. Eligibility is geared to smaller, community-focused organisations. As a guide, local groups typically have annual income below £100,000, while UK-wide organisations should be under £250,000.

The Foundation does not fund individuals or public bodies such as schools, NHS organisations or councils.

Funding can cover running and core costs, salaries, or project expenses, with emphasis on lasting impact and organisational sustainability.

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate clear outcomes, strong local need and how the work will complement existing mental health support in their communities.

All applications received now, until early December will be considered in the lead up to the following Trustee meeting in February 2026.

Useful Link: <https://allenlane.org.uk/people-with-mental-health-problems/>

Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Not-For-profit Theatres

Grants of up to £7,500 are available to not-for-profit theatres across the UK through the Small Grants Programme. The Linbury Trust and the Mackintosh Foundation have together committed a total of £150,000 over five years to address the urgent need for essential repairs and improvements.

The grant is designed to fund small capital works, installation of key plant and machinery, and projects that make buildings digital-ready. It aims to improve resilience, sustainability, accessibility and audience diversity. Revenue costs and surveys are not eligible.

Eligible applicants must own or manage a theatre under a title or lease of at least five years. They must stage a minimum of 30 live performances per year and hold charitable or not-for-profit status with two years of certified or audited accounts.

The next deadline is 5 pm on Friday 16 January 2026.

Decisions will be notified up to 16 weeks after closing. Applications are made via the online form, following the guidance notes and webinar available on the Theatre Trust website.

Useful Links:

<https://www.theatrust.org.uk/smallgrants>

Projects that Have a Positive Impact on Communities, People or the Environment

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

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

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

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

Funding is awarded every three months and **the next deadline for the next funding round is the 15th of December 2025.**

Link: <https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/>

Grants for Charities Supporting Breast Cancer Recovery and Well-Being

The Pink Ribbon Foundation has announced that it is currently accepting applications to its grant making programme for 2025. Grants of up to £6,000 are available to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations working on practical projects and initiatives to improve the physical and mental health of individuals with or recovering from breast cancer.

This year, priority will be given to supporting organisations with limited financial resources to deliver their services. **Higher grants may be awarded in exceptional cases.**

The closing date for applications is the 31st of May 2026.

Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

<https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/getsupport-apply>

Funding to Improve Online Digital Presence for Small Charities

UK-registered charities can apply for funding of up to £2,500 to improve their online digital presence. The Fat Beehive Foundation awards small grants to charities with an average income of less than £1,000,000 yearly to support hard-to-fund digital expenditures that other funders often do not cover.

Funding will help organisations to build websites and apps, digitise services, and purchase digital products. Trustees are particularly keen to support traditionally hard-to-fund organisations, such as those supporting prisoners, refugees, or disadvantaged youth.

Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed at trustee meetings in April and October. The deadline for applications is the end of September for the October meeting and the end of March for the April meeting. **The closing date for the next round of applications is 31 March 2026.**

Useful Links:

[Eligibility Checker](#)

<https://www.fatbeehivefoundation.org.uk/>

Help the Homeless

Small homeless charities can apply for capital grants of up to £5,000 to help individuals rebuild their lives. Eligible applicants must be registered charities with an annual turnover below £500,000 and less than six months of unrestricted reserves. Typically, funding is awarded to organisations running residential or training facilities designed to provide homeless people with direct support and pathways to independence. This funding is made available by Help the Homeless, a grant-giving trust founded in 1975 to assist people off the streets and into healthier, more independent lives.

The next application deadline is 15 December 2025.

Useful Links:

[Previously funded projects](#)

<https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding>

Funding to Help People with Parkinson's to Become & Stay Active

Community groups and organisations across the UK can apply for grants of up to £3,000 to help people with Parkinson's to become and stay active. The funding, made available through the Parkinson's UK Physical Activity Grants Programme, will support new activities that encourage people affected by Parkinson's to participate in physical activity and sport or increase their participation in these areas.

This could be anything fun that encourages people, particularly those from isolated and ethnic communities, to get moving, such as a walking group, a dance class, or playing table tennis.

Examples of what the fund will support include:

- equipment
- facility hire
- maintenance of equipment
- coaching fees
- training
- Parkinson's specific online support
- up to 10% of core costs

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

Useful Links:

[Whoops! | Parkinson's UK](#)

[Grants for physical activity providers | Parkinson's UK](#)

Funding to Buy Books for School Libraries

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

Please note that any grant awarded will be awarded as credit to be spent on www.lovereadings.co.uk or www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk and should be spent within six months of being awarded.

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

PTAs are not eligible to apply, the application needs to come directly from the school.

Useful Link: <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/the-lovereadings4kids-funding-for-schools-scheme>

Grants Available to Support Children and Young People who have Experienced Significant Crises

Grants of up to £2,400 are available to vulnerable children and young people who have experienced significant crises that have impacted on their well-being and education. The funding aims to provide tailored support packages that can include essential items and activities to enhance learning and development, such as laptops, books, Wi-Fi access, educational materials, and extra-curricular activities, etc.

The programme supports those who have been victims of physical or sexual abuse, emotional abuse or neglect by a parent or caregiver, and those who have witnessed or been direct victims of domestic abuse, etc. Children aged 2-18 living with parents or carers and young people up to age 20 living independently, provided they are engaged in at least 12 hours of education or training per week. To be eligible, beneficiaries must be living on a low income, experiencing financial hardship, and have moved beyond the immediate crisis while engaging with support services.

Applications for the "Chances for Children" grants are accepted on a rolling basis, with no specified closing date.

Useful Links:

[Eligibility Guide](#)

<https://bottleuk.org/apply-for-a-grant/chances-for-children-grants/>

The Schroder Charity Trust Grants Programme

The Trust are only considering applications for work under the following two objectives:

- Objective (1): Enabling children and young adults from disadvantaged backgrounds to thrive and achieve their potential in education and employment
- Objective (2): Strengthening communities through services and opportunities which enhance the wellbeing and life outcomes of vulnerable and disadvantaged people

Grants of up to £5,000 are typically awarded, and funding may be used towards either core or project costs. Applications will be accepted from UK-registered charities with an annual income between £150,000 and £1 million.

This funding round will close on the 30th of November 2025, with decisions expected within four months.

Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

<https://schrodercharitytrust.org/>

Grants to Support Animal Welfare Charities

Charities registered in the UK that work to provide sanctuary, rehoming, and rehabilitation for animals both domestically and/or internationally are invited to apply for grants of up to £10,000. Organisations involved with wildlife conservation, the rescue, rehabilitation and (where possible) release of animals are also eligible to apply.

The funding can be used for general running costs or capital purchases. This funding opportunity is provided by the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust, which welcomes repeat applications from charities, subject to funding availability. Preference is given to smaller animal welfare charities. **The next deadline to apply is the 1st December 2025.**

Useful Links:

[Guidelines](#)

<https://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/>

Screwfix Foundation

The Screwfix Foundation has re-opened for applications from charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain, and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need 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 February 2026.**

Useful Links:

[Grants Awarded](#)

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

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

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 1 applications is midnight on the 3 March 2026. Applicants will be informed of the stage 2 deadline if they are successful at stage 1.

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

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

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. 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](#)

Tackling Loneliness Amongst Older people and Adults with a Disability

Community health professionals, community groups and registered charities that combat isolation and loneliness and enable older people and adults with disabilities to be active and engaged. Grants range from £100 and £2,500 for equipment and to support projects. The focus is about 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

Grants between £100 and £1,000 are to help individuals but 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 or 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/>

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

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](#).

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. Projects can last for up to two years. You can apply for funding to deliver a new or existing community led activity. 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

Suitable or voluntary or community organisations.

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>

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

Useful Link

[Home - Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust](#)