



## FUNDING and GRANTS INFORMATION

August 2023

### Erewash Voluntary Action CVS – Erewash Small Grant Scheme

Derbyshire County Council Public Health, Derbyshire County Council Adult Care Services and Erewash Borough Council fund the Erewash Small Grant Scheme.

Community groups and organisations can apply for up to **£1,500**.

The Erewash Small Grant Scheme has three priority themes and applicants must meet at least one of the themes to be eligible to apply. The priority themes include:

- Health Inequalities
- Community Wellness
- Building Resilience

Applications can be made by voluntary or community groups with a constitution, registered charity or charitable incorporated organisation, community interest company or social enterprise and other not for profit organisations.

The grant scheme is not open to statutory organisations. **From 1 August 2023 this includes Parish Councils.**

For further details about the Erewash Small Grant Scheme including an application form and scheme guidance contact the Development Worker at Erewash Voluntary Action – email: [catriona@erewashcvs.org.uk](mailto:catriona@erewashcvs.org.uk) or Telephone 0115 9466740

If you are thinking of making an application, contact the Development Worker to discuss your ideas.

**Applications can be made at any time there are no deadlines.**

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

## **EasyFundraising**

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

Every online purchase can mean more; more supplies, more support, and more opportunities for the members who rely on you. Easy by name and nature, easyfundraising works with over 7,000 everyday online retailers such as eBay, Argos, M&S, Sainsbury's, Aldi and Iceland who will donate to your organisation to say 'thank you' for shopping with them.

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

Three steps to getting off to a great start:

[Set up a free easyfundraising page for your organisation](#) – this only takes a couple of minutes.

Share your page with everyone associated with your organisation, so they can start supporting you every time they shop online.

Every three months, receive a payment from easyfundraising – easy as that!

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

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

## **Foundation Derbyshire**

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

Grants up to £2,500 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](mailto:hello@foundationderbyshire.org)

## **[Derbyshire County Council Public Health Covid Community Fund 2023-2024](#)**

The COVID-19 Community Fund aims to support voluntary and community sector organisations by providing much needed funding. This allows them to continue to play a key role in the local response to COVID-19 and to improve the health and wellbeing of Derbyshire residents.

The funding is for organisations and projects that meets at least one of the criteria below:

- support to increase COVID-19 vaccination uptake
- protect people most vulnerable to COVID-19
- increase mental health and wellbeing and support individual and community resilience
- promote safer behaviours to reduce future risk of infection
- directly address health inequalities arising from, or made worse, by the pandemic

Constituted organisations and groups can apply for up to £2,000 in funding, and non-constituted organisations and groups up to £250.

If you have previously received a grant from the COVID-19 Community Fund, you are eligible to reapply. However, the second application must not be a duplication of the original request. Organisations could re-submit an application that has previously been rejected if it meets the new criteria.

**The fund closes on 31 March 2024 applicants are advised to apply early.**

Find a copy of the application form on the Derbyshire County Council website: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/lottery-funding/covid-19-community-fund/covid-19-community-fund.aspx](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/lottery-funding/covid-19-community-fund/covid-19-community-fund.aspx)

## **Derbyshire County Council Members Community Leadership Scheme**

Each County Councillor usually has £3,860 to give to local groups, this year an additional £3,860 has been allocated bringing their total to £7,720.

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

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

For further information: [Local groups urged to contact their county councillor to support local activities - Derbyshire County Council](#)

## **National Lottery Community Fund – Cost of Living Fund**

The National Lottery Community Fund are delivering a new funding programme called the Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund on behalf of DCMS. This funding is for organisations that support people and communities under severe pressure because of the increased cost of living.

By community NLCF mean people living in the same local area. The main priority is to fund organisations supporting low-income households and individuals.

You can apply for between £10,000 and £75,000. To apply your organisation must already run critical services around at least one of the following:

- food and emergency supplies – like food and baby banks or the provision of hot meals, clothes or toiletries
- emergency shelter – like night shelters or other accommodation for people experiencing homelessness
- safe spaces – like domestic abuse services and youth services
- warmth – like warm rooms and spaces
- financial and housing advice – like giving people advice because of the increased cost of living.

Your organisation must also be facing both:

- increased demand for these critical services
- increased costs of delivering these critical services

The NLCF is more likely to fund small and medium-sized front-line organisations with an annual turnover of between £10,000 and around £1 million.

Larger organisations can also apply if they do both of the following:

- show that they work closely and effectively with local communities
- fill a gap in essential local services.
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You can get funding to pay for:

- costs of delivering, expanding or adapting your existing critical service(s) from the date you are funded until 31 March 2024.
- The date you are funded will be around 12 weeks from the time you submitted your application.
- retrospective costs of running the existing critical service(s) you are applying for between 24 July 2023 and the date you are funded.

**The deadline for applications is 16 October 2023 at 12 noon.**

NLCF will start funding organisations in October 2023, and finish in January 2024. If you get funding, you must spend it by 31 March 2024.

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

### **Derbyshire MIND – Mental Health and Activity Projects**

Funding is available to enable groups to deliver a range of physical activity and wellbeing-based sessions across Derbyshire with the aim of improving mental wellbeing.

Small to medium voluntary, community or social enterprise groups working within Derbyshire can apply.

Groups can apply for up to £5,000.

**The application will open on 18 September 2023.**

**The deadline for applying is 15 October 2023.**

This is the second (and last) phase of the grant project.

For further information: [How To Apply - Derbyshire Mind](#)

### **Foyle Foundation - Small Grants Scheme**

Grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 are available to support small, grassroots and local charities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community across the UK.

The funding, which is being made available through Foyle Foundation's Small Grants Scheme, can be used to cover projects, core costs, building projects, or essential

equipment to enable ongoing service provision for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services.

Competition for funding is expected to be strong.

**There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.**

For further information: [Small Grants Scheme - \(foylefoundation.org.uk\)](https://foylefoundation.org.uk)

## **National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All England**

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

**Applications can be submitted at any time.**

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

## **Tesco Stronger Start Grant Funding**

### **Call out to Ilkeston based groups.**

Marion Farell from Groundwork is wanting to reach group such as guides/scouts/brownies/cubs/ children's sport groups – football/ cricket/netball etc who can apply for a Tesco Stronger Starts Grant for the Ilkeston area – This covers Ilkeston and the surrounding area eg Sandiacre/ /Kirk Hallam/Stanton By Dale/Cotmanhay.

Put the Ilkeston Extra Tesco Superstore as the store close to their project it will fall into this region.

There is now very much an emphasis on applying with healthy food, healthy exercise in mind. Pre-schools are eligible to apply.

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

A local school needing support to buy food for a children's breakfast club or snacks throughout the day

- A school wanting to develop a food growing area
- A school wanting to buy equipment for outdoor or indoor activities

- A school supporting an after-school club
- 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 deadline for applications is 23 August 2023** for the next round that would go into the Oct/Nov/Dec 2023 public vote (one with blue tokens in Tesco Supermarkets). The application once processed, will be carried forward for future panels if it does not get into this first public vote. The public votes are quarterly. The application process is open all the time if you cannot manage this deadline.

Contact Marion for help 07801 122 494 or email:  
[marion.farrell@groundworknottingham.org.uk](mailto:marion.farrell@groundworknottingham.org.uk)

For further information: <https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

## **Derbyshire County Council – Community Grants**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Organisations should consider this position when they make their application.

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

### **[Erewash Borough Council – Fast Funding Community Grants](#)**

The council has received Shared Prosperity Funding (SPF) from central government, to support its revised Fast Funding Community Grant scheme. Qualifying community organisations, including registered charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises, are invited to apply for a grant of up to £1,500 to deliver a project or activity that will provide benefits for Erewash residents.

All applications must show how their project or activity will achieve one or both of the Fast Funding Community Grant scheme's outcomes:

- Increased engagement (of at least 10%).
- Increased volunteering (of at least 10%).

For detailed information and advice about how to complete the online application form read the Fast Funding Community Grant guidance notes.

**Subject to funding remaining available applications can be submitted until 17 March 2024.**

For further information: [Community Grants \(erewash.gov.uk\)](#)

### **[Derbyshire Police And Crime Commissioner](#)**

Angelique Foster, Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, has announced that a further £100,000 of funding will be available as part of her commitment to continue to support organisations in tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Derbyshire.



The Commissioner has launched a new round of her Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Scheme and is inviting community groups, parish councils and voluntary organisations to bid for grants as part of her zero-tolerance approach to ASB.

As the fourth round of the grant initiative opens, the Commissioner is looking to build on the progress, committing further resources to the provision of sports activities, youth diversionary projects, CCTV upgrades and security measures to strengthen community resilience. Applications relating to activities planned for the October half term will be prioritised.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for organisations which can successfully evidence their plans to increase the safety of local people and divert young people away from crime in support of the robust enforcement work she expects the force to deliver.

**The deadline for applications is 15 September 2023**

For further information: [Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant - Round 4 | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/anti-social-behaviour-prevention-grant-round-4)

## **Arts Council England - Supporting Grassroots Live Music Fund**

Arts Council England has announced that it is extending its £1.5 million ring-fenced fund to support the grassroots music sector. The fund will be available until September 2023, and will then continue as a Project Grant priority until September 2025.

The Supporting Grassroots Live Music Fund grants of up to £40,000 for up to three years to support activities that help grassroots music venues and promoters to deliver and develop their work, getting live music to more people across England.

The fund is ring-fenced, which means that it can only be used for projects that focus on hosting and/or promoting live music events.

Applications are welcomed from those who work with all types of music and genres, including electronic, hip-hop and grime, indie and alternative, metal and punk, and pop/rock.

The Arts Council is particularly interested in supporting projects that work with new, developing talent in small to mid-size venues.

**The deadline for applications is 1 September 2023.**

For further information: [Arts Council England's continued support of grassroots music sector | Arts Council England](https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/news/arts-council-englands-continued-support-of-grassroots-music-sector)

## **Arts Society - Charity Grants**

The Arts Society has announced that it is now accepting applications from UK-registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £3 million for initiatives that make a difference in people's lives through the arts.

The Arts Society is looking for applications for arts projects or programmes that support a wide range of activities to introduce people of all ages and backgrounds to and engage them in, artistic experience and practice. Projects and programmes that further the development and training of skills in the arts, crafts and heritage are also welcome. This might include bursaries for individual students, and sponsorship for craft apprentices.

The Society also welcomes applications where there will be more emphasis on localism and projects and organisations that support the arts and heritage at grass roots level and achieve greater impact for local communities.

**The closing date for applications is the 30 September 2023.**

Organisations applying for the first time need to register with the Arts Society. The registration link is available on their website

For further information: [Charity Grants | The Arts Society](#)

## **Community Justice Fund - Improving Lives Through Advice Programme.**

Charities based in England can now apply for funding from the Improving Lives Through Advice (ILTA) programme. The programme, which is supported by £30 million from The National Lottery Community Fund, will provide multi-year core costs grants to organisations that deliver free legal advice to marginalised people and communities across England.

The funding is designed to help organisations provide specialist social welfare legal advice to people who need it most, such as people with disabilities, women fleeing abuse and families facing eviction. ILTA will also support organisations to develop new ways of delivering legal advice, such as through online platforms and community outreach programmes.

The funding available will depend on the size of the applicant organisation. When applying, applicants need to indicate how much funding they are applying for based on their annual income as per the information below:

- Annual income above £250k: Can apply for funding up to £100k per annum - maximum of £500,000 over 5 years
- Annual income between £150 - £250k: Can apply for funding up to £75K per annum – maximum of £375,000 over 5 years
- Annual income below £150k: Can apply for funding up to £50k per annum – maximum of £250,000 over 5 years

**The Expressions of Interest (EOI) stage for the ILTA programme will close at 4pm on the 15 September 2023.**

To be eligible for funding, an organisation must be:

- Registered with the Charity Commission and working in England.
- Able to demonstrate a track record of delivering legal advice in one or more of the following areas of law: asylum, community care, debt, disability, discrimination, education, employment, housing, immigration, mental health, public and administrative law and welfare benefits.
- Able to demonstrate a track record in delivering advice at specialist level including carrying out end-to-end casework for clients, carrying out representation in a court or tribunal and/or holding legal aid contracts.

For further information: [Apply for a Grant | Community Justice Fund](#)

### **National Lottery Grants for Heritage**

Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations and private owners of heritage across the UK for projects connecting people and communities to UK heritage.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis, the National Heritage Fund will prioritise heritage projects that:

- promote inclusion and involve a wider range of people;
- boost the local economy;
- encourage skills development and job creation;
- support wellbeing; create better places to live, work and visit;
- and improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage.

All projects must also consider long-term environmental sustainability.

The Heritage Fund has launched its new 10-year strategy, , [Heritage 2033](#) and applications under this programme will be accepted until December 2023.

For further information: [National Lottery Grants for Heritage – £3,000 to £10,000 | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

### **Learning through Landscapes - Local School Nature Grant Programme**

Infant, Primary and Secondary schools in England, Scotland and Wales can apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor equipment and two hours of professional outdoor training to deliver outdoor learning and play.

The funding is being made available through the charity Learning through Landscapes' Local School Nature Grant Programme and is funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery.

Funding will also be open to Early Year's settings which have their own building and more than five staff.

There will be four funding rounds throughout the year which will support a total of 900 schools.

**The next closing date for applications is the 8 September 2023.**

For further information: [LtL | Nature Grant](#)

## **[LEGO Foundation - Community Play Fund](#)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **[Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy - Heat Network Efficiency Scheme](#)**

Public, private and third sector organisations in England and Wales can apply for funding to improve the performance of existing heat networks.

The £32 million Heat Network Efficiency Scheme (HNES,) funded by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, will provide funding to heat network operators to make improvements to existing heat networks or communal heating projects that are not performing to their maximum efficiency, resulting in better outcome for customers and operators. The scheme will provide up to 50% funding for capital works, and up to 100% funding for Optimisation studies.

The scheme will run until 2025.

**The next closing date for applications is the 22 September 2023.**

For further information: [Apply for the Heat Network Efficiency Scheme \(HNES\) Round 4 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

## **LUSH Charity Pot**

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

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

Since its inception in 2007, the Charity Pot grant has funded over 13,000 projects in 37 countries. Some of the organisations that have received grants include the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, the Rainforest Action Network, and the Women's Environmental Network.

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

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

**Applications can be made at any time.**

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

## **Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Armed Forces Families Fund**

A new grants programme has been launched to support research into the complex challenges facing Armed Forces families, particularly in relation to educational attainment for Service pupils, child welfare and the welfare needs of Service families.

The Armed Forces Families Fund: Research Grants programme is funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and will award grants of up to £60,000 for projects delivered over 18 months.

The programme is open to charities and universities in the UK, and applications must address at least one of six key challenges:

- The impact of Service life for children with SEND
- The impact of separation of Service personnel from children in their key early years development
- How service families access information
- The impact of Service life on the mental health of adult family members
- The impact of Service life on the educational attainment of Service children
- The impact of Service life on the financial wellbeing of Service families

**The closing date for applications is 9am on the 6 October 2023.**

For further information: [Armed Forces Families Fund: Research Grants programme : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

## **[Veolia Environmental Trust](#)**

The Veolia Environmental Trust, which provides grant for community and environmental projects, has announced that the next funding round will open on the 31 August 2023.

The Trust makes the following grants:

- Community Grants: These grants are open to constituted not-for-profit organisations and local authorities. They provide funding ranging from £10,000 to £75,000, aimed at creating or improving buildings or outdoor spaces for the benefit of the community. The maximum project size eligible for funding is £350,000.
- Habitat and Biodiversity Grants: Projects focused on conserving, restoring, or enhancing threatened habitats and/or protecting and increasing biodiversity can apply for grants between £10,000 and £75,000.
- Environmental Improvement Grants: For landscape-scale improvement projects, such as habitat creation/management and species protection, grants exceeding £75,000 are available.

**The closing date for applications is 5 October 2023**

For further information: [The Veolia Environmental Trust \(veoliatrust.org\)](http://veoliatrust.org)

## **[Central England Co-operative - Community Dividend Fund](#)**

The Central England Co-operative has re-opened its Community Dividend Fund to support good causes, groups and charities in central England.

Groups can apply for grants of between £100 and £3,000. The grants are available to members of Central England Co-operative for projects that aim to develop and

improve communities by supporting access to food; health and wellbeing; inclusion of vulnerable, excluded, or hard to reach groups; and the environment.

Grants are available to full members of Central England Co-op in the following areas: West Midlands, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Suffolk, Norfolk, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

**The next deadline for applications is the 29 September 2023.**

For further information: [Community | Central England Co-operative \(centralcoop.co.uk\)](https://www.centralcoop.co.uk)

## **AB Charitable Trust**

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

Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support:

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

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

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

For further information: [The A B Charitable Trust, an independent grant-making organisation](https://www.abcharitabletrust.org.uk)



## [Funding Reminders](#)

### [East Midlands Airport Community Fund](#)

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

The maximum grant available is £2,000.

**The next deadline for applications is 23 August 2023 and the following 18 October 2023.**

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

### [Barchester Charitable Foundation](#)

Small community groups, local charities and individuals can apply for grants of between £100 and £2,000 for equipment and to support projects that tackle loneliness amongst older people (65+) and adults with a disability (18+).

The funding which is being made available through the Barchester's Charitable Foundation supports actions that combat loneliness by connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community.

The types of activities supported can include

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

The Foundation also makes grants of between £100 and £600 to help individuals, but please note that all applications for named individuals must be completed by a third party who knows the individual in a professional or community-based capacity such as general practitioners, occupational therapists, nurses and social workers or charity or support group representatives.

The grants can help individuals with:

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

**There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.**

For further information: [Homepage | Barchester Charitable Foundation \(bhcfoundation.org.uk\)](#)



## [Help the Homeless](#)

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

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

The grants are available for capital costs

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

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

## [Tesco - Tesco Stronger Starts Programme](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Applications can be made at any time.**

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

## **Cosaraf Charitable Foundation - Hardship Grants**

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

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

Priority will be given to:

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

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

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

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

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

## **BlueSpark Foundation**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Hubbub and Virgin Media O2 - Time After Time Fund**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **7Stars Foundation**

Funding is available to registered charities across the UK working with children and young people aged under 16 to address issues such as abuse, addiction, young carers, and homelessness. The funding which is being made available through the

7Stars Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,500 for registered charities in the UK with an annual turnover of less than £1.5 million.

Funding is offered across the following streams:

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

- Enable young people to have the best start in life and aim high
- Have a direct impact and respond to a need in an immediate manner
- Are hosted in geographical areas of deprivation and socioeconomic disadvantage
- Respond to one or more of the funding priorities of 7Stars Foundation
- Address a lack of provision (due to a lack of funding from alternative sources)
- Provide immediate support, not just in the short-term but with long-term benefits too
- Shine Bright grants of up to £1,500 for registered charities to purchase items and resources to protect and support the children they serve through the cost-of-living crisis.
- Direct grants to individuals affected by the Foundation's themes, supported by outreach, social or care workers, or legal professionals. Applications must be submitted by the supporting professional/organisation.
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For Child Carer projects, preference will be given to projects offering long-term impact and/or sustainable support (such as mentoring or outreach programmes) over recreational trips.

**The deadline for applications is the 31 August 2023.**

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

## **NFU Mutual Charitable Trust**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Sport England - Small Grants Programme**

Sport England has widened its Small Grants programme to provide support for projects that deliver environmental benefits for local communities.

The programme will not only provide funding to encourage greater participation in sport and physical activity, but it will also award grants of up to £15,000 for projects that benefit the environment.

This could include:

- Reducing energy use by installing energy meters or measures to improve insulation/ventilation to help reduce your energy usage; automatic controls to switch lights and electrical equipment off; using LED bulbs; or staging lower impact events and competitions.
- Encouraging responsible travel. This could include encouraging people to walk or cycle where possible and providing safe cycle/scooter/buggy storage options; promoting accessible and safe public transport routes and lift sharing; and using local community assets to minimise travel.
- Reducing waste and resource efficiency. This could include encouraging people to repair, recycle or re-use sports equipment or starting a kit and equipment donation scheme; offering more environmentally sustainable food and drinks packaging; reducing use of single-use plastics, for example by providing water-refill stations at your venue and encouraging participants to bring reusable bottles.

Eligible organisation that can apply include voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, schools and local authorities.

**The closing date for applications is the 31 March 2024.**

For further information: [Small Grants Programme | Sport England](#)

## **Lloyds Bank Foundation - Local Collaborations Programme**

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

- improving the functionality of the social security system for those facing the greatest challenges,

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

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

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

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

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

## **[Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales](#)**

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

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

**The application deadline is the 31 August 2023.**

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

## **[Adamson Trust](#)**

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

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

**The next closing date for applications is the 30 September 2023.**

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

## **LandAid - Routes Out of Homelessness Grant Programmes**

To help tackle homelessness in the UK, LandAid is making funding available to enable charities and other not-for-profit organisations to create new bedspaces for young people aged 16 to 25 who are or have been homeless.

The Routes Out of Homelessness Grant Programmes are designed to create additional bedspaces and consists of three core grant programmes:

- The Safe Places programme provides short and medium-term bedspaces in volunteer or paid households for emergency housing
- The Capital Grants programme funds bedspaces owned or leased by not-for-profit organisations, including new builds, renovations, and other innovative capital projects
- The Move-on Grants programme assists young people facing barriers in accessing rental accommodation as they move into independent living.

Partnership applications are welcomed.

**The deadline for full applications is the 4 September 2023.**

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

## **Henry Smith Charity - Strengthening Communities Programme**

Grants of between £20,000 and £70,000 per year for up to three years are available to community-led charities and not-for-profit organisations working to support communities in the most deprived areas of the UK.

The Henry Smith Charity's Strengthening Communities programme focuses on supporting the running costs of organisations working at grass-roots level, to ensure that funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas.

The Charity is looking to fund established organisations with a track record of delivering services directly to beneficiaries and want to fund work that enables:

- People from across the community to participate in activities that improve connectedness, opportunities and wellbeing
- People who are excluded, vulnerable or facing other forms of hardship to have access to community-based services that support positive lasting change
- A stronger, active, more engaged community



Funding could be used to increase existing service provision, take on a new staff member, improve sustainability or cover small capital costs.

**Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made within 6 months.**

For further information: [Strengthening Communities Grants from The Henry Smith Charity](#)

## **Wolfson Foundation - Hospice Care Home Training Programme**

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

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

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

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

The funding can be used towards:

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

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

For further information: [Wolfson Foundation Hospice Care Home Training Programme | Hospice UK](#)

## **Thomas Wall Trust**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to support projects that equip people (18 or older in order) from disadvantaged groups with critical life skills necessary for employment.



Priority will be given to projects that target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups facing major hurdles to employment, especially, women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers.

The funding is being made available through the Thomas Wall Trust. and to be eligible the applicants must:

- Be a UK charity that has been registered with the Charity Commission for at least 3 years
- Be a project or running costs for a charity that equips people (aged 18 and over) with the skills ready for employment
- Have an annual turnover of between £10,000 - £500,000

**The deadline for stage 1 applications is the 18 September 2023. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following criteria apply:

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

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

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

Improving green spaces and increasing access to the outdoors.

**Applications are now open and will be until 31 October 2023**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **[BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme](#)**

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing.

All applications must be made by a registered referrer.

Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs. The referrer's organisation should also be able to administer and supervise the grant on our behalf.

Family Fund Business Services has to work within specific criteria whilst aiming to provide a flexible grant programme to assist those most in need. Please read our guidelines before applying.

For Further Information: [BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme - Family Fund Business Services \(familyfundservices.co.uk\)](#)

## **[BBC Children in Need - Project Grants](#)**

As part of its new grant-making strategy, BBC Children in Need is awarding grants of up to £40,000 per year for up to three years to support the projects costs of registered charities and not-for-profit organisations (including Special Schools) working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years or under living in the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

The funding will support the delivery of a specific piece of work (project) and could be spent on project staff costs, trips and outings, volunteer expenses and/or moveable equipment.

Groups requesting £15,000 or less will receive a quicker decision.

Expressions of interest should be submitted in the first instance.

**Applications can be made at any time.**

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

## **[Groundwork - One Stop Community Partnership Programme](#)**

Groundwork is working with One Stop Stores Ltd to administer the One Stop Community Partnership programme. Successful applicants will receive an initial grant of up to £1,000 and begin a partnership with their local One Stop store. This programme is designed to support community groups or organisations operating within two miles of a One Stop store and which are tackling food poverty; supporting the vulnerable; supporting the elderly; supporting low-income families; and running youth sports teams.

**Applications can be made at any time and applicants are encouraged to visit their local One Stop store for more information.**

For further information: [England-only grants - Groundwork](#)

## **[Tesco Community Grants Programme](#)**

The Tesco Community Grants Programme will use the money raised from the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores across England, Wales and Scotland to pay for a large number of local projects.

Tesco Community Grants fund thousands of local community projects across the UK, helping to fight holiday hunger, tackle mental health, support young people, host community events and much more. Since 2016 the scheme has supported over 40,000 community groups with more than £90 million in grants.

Tesco Community Grants is open to charities and community organisations to apply for a grant of up to £1,500.

Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.

**This grant is open to applications. Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For further information: [Tesco Community Grants](#)

## **[The Clothworkers Foundation](#)**

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

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

- alcohol & substance misuse

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

**Applications can be made at any time.**

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

## **B and Q Foundation**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities for projects that improve homes and community spaces for those most in need, such as those experiencing homelessness, financial hardship, poor health, disability, or other disadvantage or distress.

The funding is made available by the B&Q Foundation to decorate, renovate, or create spaces, both indoors and outdoors, where people can feel at home and have a sense of belonging.

Projects could include creating community gardens, redecorating properties, installing new boilers, and creating new buildings or rooms. Larger funding amounts are occasionally awarded depending on the strength of the application and project.

**Applications can be submitted at any time and organisations should submit an expression of interest in the first instance.**

For further information: [Apply For a Grant | B&Q Foundation \(bqfoundation.org.uk\)](https://www.bqfoundation.org.uk)

## **Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust**

Charities registered in the UK and working to offer sanctuary, rehoming and rehabilitation to animals in the UK and/or internationally can apply for grants through the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust.

Organisations involved with the conservation of wildlife, the rescue, rehabilitation and (where possible) release of animals are also eligible to apply. The funding supports general running costs or capital purchases.

The Trust encourages repeat applications from charities when further financial support might be given if funds allow.

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

**The next deadline to apply is the 1 September 2023.**

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

### **Skinners Charitable Fund**

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

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

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

**The deadline for applications is 15 September 2023**

For further information: [Skinners' Charity Foundation - The Skinners' Company - The Skinners' Company](#)

### **Defibrillator Fund**

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

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

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

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

For further information: [Bids invited for £1 million defibrillator fund - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### **The Kings Fund**

The GSK IMPACT Awards provide funding, training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. The awards are

funded by GSK and managed in partnership with The King's Fund. They are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income of between £150,000 and £3 million.

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

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

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

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

### **Friends of the Elderly**

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

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

### **Avviva - Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund**

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

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

A wide range of nature projects can be supported, from creating community gardens and replanting wildlife meadows, to protecting wildlife and promoting community connection to nature.

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

For further information: [Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund | Save Our Wild Isles](#)

## **Hedley Foundation**

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

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

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

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

## **Barclays - Community Football Fund**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Idlewild Trust**

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



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

**The closing date for applications is 5 September 2023.**

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

### **Kelly Family Charitable Trust**

Registered charities whose activities support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members can apply for grants of up to £5,000 (but trustees will consider requests for higher amounts) through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust.

The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. The Trust is happy to support requests for core funding as well as project-based grants, and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established.

The three areas of activity that the charity wishes to support are:

- Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, e.g., practical family support, relationship counselling, mediation.
- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit.
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment.

The trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered.

Grants are awarded twice a year.

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

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

## **FUNDING NEWS**

### **Royal Countryside Fund - Supporting Rural Communities Programme**

**The Royal Countryside Fund (RCF) is reopening its Supporting Rural Communities programme for applications on September 8, 2023.** The programme was launched in 2010 to help remote and disadvantaged rural communities address challenges and build a more sustainable future.

The Supporting Rural Communities programme is one of the RCF's flagship grant programmes and has supported over 480 rural community-led projects to date. Each year, the fund awards a total of £500,000 to community groups, charities, and social enterprises that are working to improve the lives of people in rural communities. Grants of up to £25,000 are available.

To be eligible for funding, organizations must be constituted, not-for-profit, and community-led, with an annual turnover of less than £500,000.

For further information: [Rural Communities - The Royal Countryside Fund](#)

### **MSE Charity**

**The MSE Charity is re-opening its grants program on the 4 September 2023,** to support projects that help adults affected by life-changing transitions to develop their financial capability skills.

The MSE Charity is a UK-based charity that provides grants to not-for-profit organisations that deliver activities that make a lasting impact on how people think, behave, and manage their money. The charity was founded in 2006 by Martin Lewis, the founder of MoneySavingExpert.com, and has since awarded over £1 million in grants to organisations across the UK.

This round of funding will focus on projects that help adults who are affected by life-changing transitions, such as bereavement, retirement, relationship breakdown, homelessness, offending, and resettlement. These transitions can have a significant impact on people's finances, and the MSE Charity wants to help organisations that are providing financial support and advice to those affected.

Grants of up to £7,500 will be available. The funding will be available to not for profit organisations with an annual income of up to £750,000 and have less than six months free reserves. The funding can only be used to support project costs.

The funding round will close on the 29 September 2023 or after the first 40 applications have been accepted, so early applications are encouraged.

For further information: [How to Apply \(msecharity.com\)](https://www.msecharity.com)

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