



FUNDING and GRANTS INFORMATION

December 2025

New Funding Opportunities

Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children

Schools, youth groups, not-for-profit organisations, and charities can apply for grants of £500 to £3,000 to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of disabled or disadvantaged children (aged 13 or under).

Applications from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK will receive priority. Funded by the Henry Smith Charity, grants can cover up to two-thirds of the cost of a holiday or trip lasting one to seven days.

Previous visits supported include:

- All Saints Catholic Primary School received a grant of £1,500 towards a two-night trip to Wales for a group of disadvantaged children from Merseyside;
- Bridgewater School, which received a grant of £1,900 towards an overnight trip to London for a group of disadvantaged children from Newcastle; and
- 6th St Helens (Parr) Scout Group received a grant of £1,100 towards a two-night trip to an activity centre in Lancashire for a group of children from a disadvantaged area of Merseyside.

Applications for trips between 12 January and 30 April 2026 can be made **until the 19th March 2026**. Applications must be made at least 6 weeks before the trip.

Useful Links:

[Holiday grants - Henry Smith](#)

7stars Foundation Opens New Grant Funding Round

The 7stars Foundation is inviting applications for its latest round of grant funding. The grant programme is designed to support young people aged 18 years and under across the UK who are facing challenges related to:

- Abuse
- Addiction
- Homelessness
- caring responsibilities

The fund is open to registered charities, council-run children's homes, and schools with an annual turnover of less than £1.5 million. Eligible applicants must be supporting young people within the specified age group and priority areas. The beneficiaries of the funding are children and young people who are experiencing or at risk of abuse, addiction, homelessness, or who are young carers.

Grants are available in several streams:

- Project Grants of up to £5,000 for registered charities, children's homes or schools in England delivering projects that address the challenges above.
- Shine Bright Long-Term Funding provides £60,000 over two years (£30,000 per year) to UK charities delivering ongoing support that targets the underlying causes of issues facing vulnerable children.
- Social Impact Funding provides £10,000 over two years (£5,000 per year) for UK charities tackling broader issues such as exploitation, mental health and online abuse.
- Direct grants of up to £500 are applied for by supporting professionals on behalf of individual young people in urgent need.
- Fully funded apprenticeship training for UK organisations, covering all employer-related costs.

Fundable activities include projects that provide immediate and long-term support, address gaps in provision, and promote the welfare and potential of young people.

The current funding round closes on the 1st February 2026.

Useful Links:

[Apply for Funding - the7stars foundation](#)

Funding to Strengthen & expand Youth Organisations

The Alliance for Youth Organising has launched the Anchor Grants programme, offering unrestricted, multi-year funding to empower organisations involved in youth organising across the UK.

The initiative aims to help groups strengthen, sustain, and expand their core work while widening access to youth organising.

Priority will be given to:

- youth-led organisations
- supporting organising in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, or in rural areas or small towns in England
- supporting organising led by young people from marginalised and minoritised communities
- supporting youth organising that strengthens international solidarity and learning from outside the UK (although funding is for UK-based organisations only)
- supporting organisations that engage young people who are new to organising

Successful applicants will receive grants of up to £40,000 per year for two years, plus an additional £5,000 to support learning and provide strategic insight to the Alliance to shape its future strategy.

Between seven and ten grants are expected to be awarded.

The fund closes to applications on the 26th January 2026.

Useful Links:

[Core Fund](#)

[Anchor Grants – Alliance for Youth Organising - Youth Work Unit](#)

Grants Available for Small Charities Supporting Vulnerable People

Funding is available to small UK charities supporting vulnerable people facing hardship, distress, illness, or poverty.

The Wise Music Foundation offers grants of £500-£5,000, with an average award of £1,500.

Priority is given to projects that help:

- children
- the homeless
- the elderly
- people with disabilities

The Foundation also supports a wider range of causes, including education, cultural activities, arts and heritage, health and disability support, overseas famine relief, food banks, and other charitable initiatives. Charities with an annual turnover of up to £500,000 are eligible to apply.

Trustees meet quarterly to consider applications, and **the next closing date is the 28th February 2026.**

Useful Link:

[Home - Wise Music Foundation](#)

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 between £1,000 and £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 April 2026. Awards are usually made within 4 months of the application deadline.

Useful Link:

[UK Charities working in the UK Guidelines | Discover UK Charities – Learn More Now — Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust](#)

[Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust | Support Animal Welfare Today](#)

Grants Available for Disabled Individuals and groups to Play Tennis

Individuals with disabilities and groups working with people with disabilities can apply for grants to help them play tennis. The funding is being made available through the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust, which offers grants of up to £600 for individuals and up to £1,600 for groups, clubs, or projects. These grants aim to facilitate access to tennis for people with various disabilities, including physical impairments, deafness, learning disabilities, and visual impairments.

The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust welcomes applications from a variety of groups aiming to support disabled individuals in playing tennis. Eligible applicants include disability groups and programmes, tennis clubs, schools, and associations across the UK.

The grants can cover expenses such as coaching lessons with LTA-licensed coaches, court hire, tennis wheelchairs, and equipment like rackets. For individual applicants, the Trust provides assistance in acquiring sports wheelchairs, with specific models available that require a personal contribution alongside the grant. Group applications can seek support for initiating or enhancing disability tennis programmes, covering costs such as indoor court hire, coaching fees, and equipment. All programmes are encouraged to work towards self-financing and sustainability.

To apply, individuals and organisations should complete the appropriate application form—either for individuals or for groups/clubs/projects—available on the Trust's website.

The next closing date for applications is 1 February 2026.

Useful Link:

[Welcome - Dan Maskell Tennis Trust](#)

Funding to Aid Career progression of School Music Teachers

The Universal Music UK Sound Foundation (UMUKSF) has launched a new funding round to enable teachers across the UK and Ireland to apply for grants of up to £1,000 towards the cost of a one-off music course or training.

The UMUKSF Teacher Awards will provide the funding towards a recognised course, training or a qualification to aid the career progression of school music teachers delivering the national curriculum.

To date, the Foundation has awarded grants to over 7,000 schools, individual students and teachers to improve their access to music.

Teachers interested in applying for support, should email umuksoundfoundation@umusic.com with a brief explanation of the course/training they would like to undertake and details of their current job. Those eligible to apply will be sent an application form.

The application deadline is 1pm on 27 February 2026.

Useful Link:

[UMUKSF TEACHER FUNDING – UMUK Sound Foundation](#)

Funding for Schools to Purchase Musical Equipment

The Universal Music UK Sound Foundation (UMUKSF) has launched a new funding round to enable schools across the UK and Ireland to apply for grants of up to £1,000 to improve their pupils' access to music.

The UMUKSF School Awards will fund schools teaching the national curriculum to improve their music departments by purchasing or upgrading musical instruments and equipment.

The Foundation has helped over 10,000 students, schools, and teachers improve their access to music. Schools must apply individually; trusts or academies cannot submit on behalf of multiple schools. Exclusions include music studios, businesses, private music centers, community projects, and staffing costs for teaching or peripatetic lessons.

The deadline for applications is 1pm on 27th February 2026.

For any questions, email the Foundation at umuksoundfoundation@umusic.com

Useful Link:

[UMUKSF-Schools-Application-Instructions-2022.pdf](#)

[UMUKSF SCHOOL FUNDING – UMUK Sound Foundation](#)

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/>

Previously Shared, Still Live

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 \(ewashvoluntaryaction.org.uk\)](http://ewashvoluntaryaction.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](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

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.theatretrust.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/>

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.lovereading.co.uk](#) or [www.lovereading4kids.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.lovereading4kids.co.uk/the-lovereading4kids-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://buttleuk.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](#)

[Finding a referral agent](#)

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

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](https://www.jean-sainsbury-animal-welfare-trust.org/)