



FUNDING and GRANTS INFORMATION

October 2025

New Funding Opportunities

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 to Tackle Barriers for Disabled Passengers

The National Centre for Accessible Transport (ncat), a UK initiative dedicated to making transport accessible for disabled people has opened applications for its 2025–26 Scaling Innovation Programme. The programme offers funding and support for projects that tackle key barriers faced by disabled passengers. The scheme aims to build a barrier-free transport system by combining research, technical expertise, and the lived experiences of disabled people.

This round invites proposals addressing three core challenges:

- accessible vehicles stop design,
- improved travel assistance services,
- and better access to live travel information.

Applicants must demonstrate meaningful involvement of people with disabilities throughout their project, which carries the highest weighting in the assessment process.

The competition is open to UK-registered organisations of any size, including academia, research and technology organisations, charities, industry, and local or central government.

Applications close on 7 November 2025, with interviews scheduled for early 2026.

Useful Link:

<https://cp.catapult.org.uk/opportunity/national-centre-for-accessible-transport-ncat-scaling-innovation-programme-2025-26/>

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/>

Applications for Funding Towards School Trips to CERN

The Ogden Trust, which promotes the teaching and learning of physics, has announced that secondary schools that are or have been members of its School Partnerships programme can apply for grants of up to £2,500 for trips to the CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research. This will be the final round of funding available on this programme.

These grants aim to allow disadvantaged students to experience one of the world's foremost centres for scientific research and to learn about the physics research that is taking place at CERN, as well as meet some of the physicists who work there.

Students participating in the programme must be eligible for pupil premium, the 16-19 bursary, or be a scholarship pupil at an independent school.

The closing date for applications is the 14th of November 2025.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

<https://www.ogdentrust.com/school-partnerships/cern-funding/>

Grants Available to Expand Nursery Education Provision

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

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

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

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

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

Applications close on 11 December 2025.

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

Grants 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>

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/>

Arts Council England – National Lottery Project Grants

National Lottery Project Grants are open for applications. You can now apply for either £30,000 and under, or for £30,001-£100,000. These strands are both the same as they were before. NLPG Major Projects, Place Partnerships, and Touring strands reopened for application in mid-October.

Useful Links:

[National Lottery Project Grants: Guidance Library | Arts Council England](#)

New Government Fund Announced to Support Community Cohesion

Voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in England are set to benefit from a new £1.7 million government initiative aimed at strengthening community cohesion and resilience. Organisations will be able to access capital funding of up to £10,000, with higher awards offered in exceptional cases.

The Fund aims to:

- identify and reward good practice in building bridging social capital
- invest in the physical spaces and equipment that enables good practice
- build a community of practice, for knowledge sharing across the voluntary and community sector and with government

Capital grants can be used to support new builds, refurbishment, and expansion of facilities used to build bridging social capital. Funding can also cover essential equipment, such as laptops or furniture for the property.

In addition to funding, successful applicants will join a wider community of practice, fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and long-term social resilience.

Applications must state the level of funding required, that can be committed for spending by the 31st March 2026.

The fund closes on the 21st of November 2025.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-ground-award-prospectus/common-ground-award-prospectus#timeline>

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

Core Funding will be open for applications from Saturday 1st November to Sunday 30th November 2025. 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.

Useful Link: stwater.co.uk/corefunding

Student Opportunities in Public Museums & galleries

Funding is available to help public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries, and visual arts organisations in the UK to provide meaningful paid work experience opportunities for full-time university students that enable them to explore further their interest in the arts and related future career options before they graduate.

Through Art Fund's Student Opportunities programme, organisations can apply for up to £10,000 towards the costs associated with paying students for their time to help deliver projects.

Art Fund will consider 100% funding towards the costs. Applicants should allow at least eight weeks between submitting applications and when they need a decision.

The next closing date for applications is 16 January 2026.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

<https://www.artfund.org/professional/get-funding/programmes/student-opportunities>

Grants for Environmental and Social Wellbeing Projects

Registered charities are invited to apply for grants that support projects delivering positive environmental, social, or wellbeing outcomes for communities throughout the country.

This funding comes from the Calisen Impact Charitable Trust, which is dedicated to fostering economic and social development by backing initiatives that focus on at least one of the following goals:

- Helping the UK achieve its climate targets
- Moving the UK towards zero emissions
- Creating a more sustainable energy system
- Promoting inclusion and building safe, diverse educational and working environments
- Supporting economic and social growth in communities where Calisen operates, particularly in the Northwest and across the UK

Previous projects supported by the Trust include Eco-Schools, which helps schools earn Green Flag accreditation and engages children in environmental action, and Youth Zones, which provide nutritious meals and support for disadvantaged young people.

The next application deadline is 31 December 2025.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

<https://www.calisenimpactcharitabletrust.com/about-funding>

Funding to Support Arts, Library & Museum projects

Arts Council England's National Lottery Project Grants programme has reopened for applications to the **'£30,000 and under'** strand, supporting arts, library, and museum projects. The programme aims to support individual artists, community and cultural organisations to create and sustain high-quality work and help more people across England to engage with arts and culture.

Funding is available for projects lasting up to three years that are focused on one or more of the following disciplines:

- Combined arts (including festivals and carnivals)
- Dance, Music
- Libraries (for activity that delivers against at least one of the four Universal Library Offers)
- Literature
- Museums and collections
- Theatre, Visual arts

Applicants should note that whilst the guidance and application questions remain unchanged, applications will now be made via a new platform. Support documents are available to guide applicants through the process.

Applications can be made at any time, with decisions expected within ten weeks of submission.

Useful Links:

[Guidance](#)

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/ProjectGrants/national-lottery-project-grants-guidance-library#t-in-page-nav-1:~:text=decision%3A%20next%20steps-,Applying%20for%20C2%A330%2C000%20and%20under,-This%20guidance%20is>

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 to Tackle Inequalities in Creative Education and Employment

Youth Music has launched a £2.25 million initiative to tackle barriers facing disabled children and young people in the arts. The new *Shift the Scene Fund* will support long-term, community-based creative programmes—across music and other art forms—designed by and with disabled young people aged 9 to 30. Funding may include paid employment, bursaries, or micro-grants.

The fund is open to established organisations in England already working inclusively with d/Deaf, Disabled, or Neurodivergent young people.

Eligible projects must be:

Long-term: running three to four years, not short-term or one-off.

Community-based: rooted in and responsive to local needs.

Multi-disciplinary: spanning music, theatre, dance, visual arts, film, digital, or cross-arts approaches.

Co-created: shaped and led with Disabled young people at every stage.

Progression-focused: offering sustained opportunities, such as 1:1 support, mentoring, and career pathways.

Inclusive: embedding the social model of disability, anti-ableist practice, and accessible design.

Applicants must show a proven track record in anti-ableist practice, amplify young Disabled voices, and embed inclusion, diversity, equity, and access across their work.

Guidance will be published on 1 October 2025, with applications open from 31 October to 28 November 2025. Successful applicants will be announced on 27 March 2026.

Useful Links:

<https://www.youthmusic.org.uk/excluded-by-design>

Funding to Improve the Sustainability of Community Sports Clubs

To ensure more people have access to local sports, the Cash4Clubs grant programme is making grants of £2,000 available to support the sustainability of community sports clubs and organisations throughout the UK.

The programme offers community groups the opportunity to access unrestricted funding to improve facilities, buy new equipment, gain coaching qualifications and invest in the sustainability of their club.

A total of £500,000 is available in this funding round.

Applicants must solely be delivering activities to adults (18+) to be eligible for funding.

Costs that can be funded included:

- venue hire including floodlights / heating
- coaching costs
- volunteer expenses
- equipment
- kit
- marketing and communications
- training and qualifications
- insurances and affiliations

Applications are particularly welcomed from clubs targeting communities from deprived areas, as well as those using sport for other social purposes such as targeting underrepresented groups, developing skills, reducing crime or addressing anti-social behaviour.

The closing date for applications is 8 December 2025.

Useful Link:

<https://sported.org.uk/cash4clubs/>

Funding for Rural Community and Education Projects

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust offers grants for initiatives that support charities in the UK working in agriculture and rural development. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives that meet the following criteria:

- Advance the education of the public using research and dissemination of information about agriculture, a key area of interest for the Trustees.
- Advance the education of young people within rural areas
- Relieve poverty within rural areas
- Promote the benefit and social welfare of rural community inhabitants by associating 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 using 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

Grants range from £1,000 to £ 50,000. Larger donations are specifically aimed at supporting organisations that have a significant impact on rural communities at a national level.

The next closing date for applications is the 10 October 2025.

Useful Links:

[Recent Initiatives](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

<https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/charitable-trust/>

Music Grants for Older People

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants of up to £250 to charitable bodies that provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particularly keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Concertina has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from Concertina include:

- Theatre Chipping Norton to help fund high calibre music recitals in six Care Homes in the area.
- Sue Ryder Care, Lancashire to fund access to music therapy workshops at Birchley Hall near Wigan and St Helen's.

The next closing date for applications is the 31st of October 2025.

Useful Links:

[Previous grant recipients](#)

[Application Hints and Tips](#)

<http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/Grants.php>

Funding to Help Vulnerable People with their Housing Needs

The Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation is inviting applications for projects that assist vulnerable individuals in need of a secure and safe home.

UK-registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £1 million can apply for capital funding of between £250 to £1,000 to help cover the costs of essential items and equipment that support people experiencing homelessness.

The funding is intended for projects that align with the Foundation's new purpose and one or more of the following themes:

- financial stress

- security and refuge
- quality and suitability of housing
- health and well-being support

Applications are welcomed from those who take a Housing First and/or relationship-based approach. Application should show evidence of:

- strength-based practice
- trauma-informed care
- psychologically-informed environments

Applications are reviewed every quarter. The next application deadline is the 3rd November 2025.

Useful Links:

[Guidance](#)

<https://www.leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk/your-society/about-us/foundation/>

Funding for Leisure Activities for Children with Additional Needs

The Happy Days Children's Charity is inviting applications for funding towards trips, respite breaks and group activity holidays for disadvantaged children and young people with additional needs.

The charity awards funding for different types of activities to support families with children aged 3-17 who have a disability, a special need or have been abused.

Grants are available for the following activities:

- Family Day Trips - eligible trips include zoos, farm parks, theme parks, the seaside or the theatre
- Family Holiday Breaks - a short break family holiday by the seaside or in the countryside, usually in the United Kingdom. Other destinations will be considered according to cost.
- Group Day Trips and Visiting Theatre - a day trip to a wide variety of destinations, for example, the seaside, a theme park, the theatre, or for a theatre workshop to visit the applicants' premises. Items that can be funded are tickets/passes and transport costs
- Group Activity Holidays - a group activity holiday to a wide variety of destinations such as outdoor activity centres, holiday camps and sailing breaks

Applications for family activities are accepted from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers.

Applications for group activities are accepted from organisations such as SEN schools and groups, young carers and women's refuges.

Applications can be made at any time

Useful Link: <https://www.happydayscharity.org/applications>

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Erewash Small Grant Scheme

The Erewash Small Grant Scheme is funded by Derbyshire County Council Public Health and Erewash Borough Council. The scheme has three priority themes and **applicants must meet at least one of the themes to be eligible to apply. The three themes include:**

- Health Inequalities
- Community Wellness
- Building Resilience

Applications can be made from the following groups:

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

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

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

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

Derbyshire County Council Community Leadership Scheme

All 64 of our councillors get funding through the members' Community Leadership Scheme to give to communities and organisations in their area. Groups seeking funding should contact their locality councillor to explain the nature of the project, amount sought, what other funding is available and how it will benefit the community.

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

Foundation Derbyshire

Foundation Derbyshire is proud to be Derbyshire's local funder, who has been offering a wide variety of grants to community and voluntary groups working across Derby and Derbyshire for over 25 years. Grants up to £2,500 are available, which can be used to support core running costs, equipment, resources or new ideas.

Foundation Derbyshire is a registered Charity and independent grant maker. Foundation Derbyshire promotes and encourages local philanthropy, with funds set up by local philanthropists, families, individuals and businesses who want to put back into Derbyshire.

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

No closing dates, apply whenever you are ready. 

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

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

East Midlands Airport Community Fund Opens for Applications

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

- Provide help to community groups that are supporting vulnerable people during the Covid-19 outbreak.
- Bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure-time activities.
- Support young people to prepare for employment.
- Offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation.
- Improve awareness of environmental issues and encourage and/or protect wildlife.

The next closing date for applications is the 5th of January 2026

Useful Links:

[Community Fund Brochure](#)

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

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>

The Classical Association Grants

Grants are available to support classical projects in the UK. The funding is being made available through the Classical Association. The Classical Association is an educational charity that makes classical subjects widely accessible. The grants typically fund activities undertaken by schoolteachers, students, academics and organisations with the aims of:

- Supporting the teaching and learning of classical subjects and topics, primarily in UK schools but also amongst the wider public;
- Increasing access to classics, widening participation and pursuing EDI objectives in UK classics;
- Increasing the sustainability and viability of classics as a discipline in UK schools and beyond.

Applications for small grants of up to £4,999 should be submitted by the following deadlines: 1 March, 1 June, 1 September, 1 December.

Useful Link:

<https://classicalassociation.org/grants/>

Grants for Early-Stage Ideas Driving Social Change

Grants of up to £20,000 will soon be available to support individuals, groups, and small organisations in the UK who want to explore new ideas for social change or challenge how things are currently done—before there's a proven model or track record.

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

Applications will be accepted from:

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

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

Examples of activities that could be funded include:

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

Further information will be made in due course.

Useful Links:

[Previously Funded Organisations](#)

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

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 for Musicians and Bands

The PRS Momentum Music Fund is open to Artists/Bands that are at a crucial tipping point in their careers, showing current progression and growth as artists with the potential to significantly develop their careers over the next two years. Applications can be submitted by the artists themselves or by those working on their behalf, such as a manager, an independent label, or a publisher. **Grants of £5,000 to £15,000 are available, with an average of around £10,000.**

Grants can cover:

- Recording – i.e. a new album, EP, single, producer, engineer, mixer fees, studio hire, session musician fees, etc.
- Touring (in the UK only) – i.e. travel, accommodation, musician fees, set/production design, tour management, equipment hire, etc.
- Marketing and promotions – i.e. PR, radio plugger, digital marketing, music videos, merchandise production, etc.
- Purchase of equipment / software / hardware (covers up to 20% of costs)

Priority will be given to expenditures that help the artist develop professionally and creatively. **The next deadline to apply to the PPL Momentum Music Fund is the 27th of October 2025.**

Useful Links:

[Fund Guidelines](#)

[PPL Momentum Music Fund - PRS for Music Foundation](#)

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>

Grants for Specialist Dementia and End-of-Life Training

Hospices that are members of Hospice UK can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to deliver specialist training courses for care home staff, with a particular focus on dementia care for people approaching end of life. The funding programme has allocated £50,000 to support at least 25 hospices across the UK, with organisations able to apply for up to two grants per year.

The funding which is made available through the Wolfson Foundation Hospice Care Home Training Programme covers a comprehensive range of costs associated with delivering CPD-accredited training, including teaching expenses, venue hire, travel costs, and catering. Both new courses and repeat sessions of existing training programmes are eligible, though the funding cannot be used for in-house training. The programme supports single training events as well as series of sessions designed to enhance care home staff skills and knowledge.

Interested hospices must submit their applications through the online grant's portal at least one month before their planned training date. Successful applicants will be responsible for all aspects of training delivery, from needs assessment and promotion to evaluation and reporting. The scheme operates on a first-come, first-served basis, and all granted funds must be claimed within 12 months of the award.

For further information about this opportunity, hospices can contact the Grants Team directly at grants@hospiceuk.org.

Useful Link: <https://www.hospiceuk.org/innovation-hub/support-for-your-role/grants/wolfson-foundation-hospice-care-home-training-programme>

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/>

Funding to Enhance Educational Outcomes for Disadvantaged Children and Young People Under 26

UK-registered charities and exempt charities (including CIOs) can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 to improve educational outcomes for children and young people under 26 who face significant disadvantage and struggle to access vital services

The funding is made available through the Steel Charitable Trust's United Kingdom Under-26 Fund and can be used to support:

Types of activities that can be funded include:

- **Educational opportunities:** Projects that provide learning, skills development, or access to further education for young people.
- **Access opportunities:** Initiatives that help young people access support, services, or experiences that would otherwise be out of reach due to economic or social barriers.
- **Projects targeting groups or locations facing disadvantage:** Work that supports young people in circumstances or communities experiencing economic hardship or social exclusion.
- **Capital and running costs:** Funding can cover specific project costs, including salaries for stated roles, IT upgrades, building renovations, or other capital expenditures, as long as these are detailed in the application⁶⁵.
- **Ongoing or new projects:** Both new project costs and contributions towards existing projects are eligible, provided the beneficiaries are mainly under 26 years old⁶⁵.
- **Restricted funding:** All grants are for restricted use, meaning they must be spent on the specific project or purpose outlined in the application

Applicants must have at least one year of accounts and a minimum annual income of £100,000. Projects must benefit mainly under-26s across the UK (excluding Luton) and cannot be retrospective, overseas, or support individuals directly.

Charities supporting areas served by Luton Council should refer to the [NEW Luton Matters Fund](#)

Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis and the next closing date for applications is the 15th of October 2025.

Link: <https://steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/uk-under-26-fund/>

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>

Help the Homeless

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

The next application deadline is 15 December 2025.

Useful Links:

[Previously funded projects](#)

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

Grants for Planting of Trees, Hedges & Orchards

The Tree Council is inviting applications through the Branching Out fund. Through the Fund, schools, community groups, parish and town councils, and tree warden networks within the UK will be able to apply for grants of between £250 and £2,500 to engage communities and young people aged up to 21 in planting and caring for trees, hedges, and orchards. There are specific criteria for grants under £500 and those above £500.

The funding can cover the cost of trees, hedges and orchards; reasonable costs of non-plastic protection and supports, as well as peat-free compost and/or soil improvers.

The closing date for applications is midnight on the 14th of November 2025.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/grants-and-guidance/our-grants/branching-out-fund/>

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.lovereadingschools.co.uk or www.lovereadingschools.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.lovereadingschools.co.uk/the-lovereadingschools-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://buddleuk.org/apply-for-a-grant/chances-for-children-grants/>

Funding for Activities to Improve the Lives of the Elderly

Small grants are available to fund projects to improve the lives of the elderly across the UK. Home Instead Charities awards grants for well-being events, activities, or pastimes that prevent social isolation and loneliness among adults over 55.

Eligibility Criteria:

- small grass-roots organisations can apply for funding up to £500
- small local registered charities can apply for funding up to £1,500

Eligible projects may include:

- regular weekly or monthly events and activities such as a weekly cinema club, weekly knit and natter or Thursday lunch club
- a one-off activity such as a day trip or a Christmas lunch
- activities such as yoga or a guest speaker for your group, such as a local historian

Applications will also be considered from groups, associations, and charities that do not directly service the over-50s but the project they require funding for does, e.g., a local school wishes to hold a special afternoon tea for its local care home residents. **Applications can be submitted four times per year; the next application closing date is the 31st October 2025.**

Useful Link: <https://www.homeinstead.co.uk/charities/how-we-do-it/apply-for-a-grant/>

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/>

Grants of up to £3,000 for School Science Projects

The Royal Society, the world's oldest scientific institution promoting scientific research and knowledge, has announced that its Partnership grants programme has reopened for applications. The programme awards grants of up to £3,000 to primary and secondary schools to support the teaching of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

These projects must be run at a primary or secondary school or college, collaborating with a professional scientist or engineer. Eligible applicants include any UK primary or secondary school teacher or a practicing scientist/engineer, provided that the students participating in the project are aged between 5 and 18. Applicants are required to establish a partnership before initiating the application.

The scheme also runs a sub-programme, "Tomorrow's Climate Scientists," which specifically funds schools to research climate change and biodiversity issues. The application process for this extension mirrors that of the main scheme. For additional details regarding this extension, please email the Schools Engagement team at education@royalsociety.org

The Partnership Grants scheme is an annual funding round. There is a two-stage application process. **The next deadline is the 2nd December 2025.**

Useful Links:

[Eligibility and judging criteria](#)

<https://royalsociety.org/grants/partnership-grants/>

Equipment Grants for Disabled and Disadvantaged Young People

Schools, charities, and not-for-profit organizations in the UK can apply for Wooden Spoon Society Grants to support equipment for mentally, physically, and socially disadvantaged children.

This programme funds capital items only—covering sensory rooms and gardens, playgrounds, outdoor spaces, specialist equipment, and facilities—aiming to improve health and wellbeing. Projects focused on education, health, wellbeing, or disability sports must include a key sport element, preferably rugby, to engage young participants. Grants have no set maximum limit, although applications for under £5,000 are unlikely to be considered. The program does not fund revenue costs like staffing, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. **Applications can be submitted anytime.**

Useful Links:

[Project Criteria](#)

Warburton Community Grant Scheme – Social Issues Facing Communities

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

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

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

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

The next closing date for applications is the 4th of November 2025.

Useful Links: [Guidance](#)

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

AB Charitable Trust

UK registered charities that work towards combating abuse and violations of human rights can apply for grants of usually between £10,000 and £30,000 through the AB Charitable Trust. The AB 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.

ABCT does not normally fund charities with large national or international links.

The closing date for applications is 24 October 2025

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

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 1st of November 2025.**

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 4 November 2025.

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 in England and Wales. Grants can be used to cover essential expenses such as purchasing a new fridge, paying unexpected bills, food, clothing, or covering gas and electricity costs.

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

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

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

Applications can be made at any time.

Useful Links:

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

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

[Frequently asked questions](#)

[Finding a referral agent](#)

<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/>

The Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme

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

To qualify for the programme:

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

Or

- Schools based in areas classified as being in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation can find out if this applies to their school by following the instructions, which you can find [here](#).
- Additionally, if your school has received breakfast club funding from Gregg's or Magic Breakfast within the current academic year, your club will not be considered a priority for support.
- Only one grant per school in each academic year is available.
- Applications from fee paying schools cannot be accepted.

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

For any queries, please contact Forever Manchester on 0044 161 214 0940 or

email kelloogs@forevermanchester.com

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

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](#)