

Monthly Funding Information August 2024

This document includes information about current grants and funding opportunities primarily for Voluntary & Community Sector Groups and Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises. Where the Grant title includes an asterisk (*), Local Authorities and other partner organisations may also be eligible to apply for the funding.

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Funding for projects which support Adults

[McCarthy Stone Foundation – Community Grants](#) – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for community organisations which address income deprivation and loneliness affecting people over 65 years of age. Funding is available for a range of project/core costs and activities e.g. befriending initiatives, etc.

Projects must provide either direct person-centred interventions to alleviate loneliness or group-based activity to address social isolation.

There are two grants available:

- Core Cost Funding - unrestricted core funding to grassroots charitable organisations.
- Project Funding - to support a new, or existing, programme dedicated to supporting people over 65 within an organisation.

Key Criteria

- Organisations should have an annual income under £250,000
- Organisations must be working with adults over 65 years of age and providing direct person-centred interventions (e.g. befriending) or group-based social activity to address loneliness and isolation in deprived areas.
- Unrestricted core funding is only available to registered charities and community groups. Community Interest Companies are not eligible for core funding.
- Project Funding is open to registered charities, community groups, and community interest companies limited by guarantee.

Amounts available: Maximum £7,500

Application deadlines: 23rd August 2024

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Hidden Voices Programme – NEW GRANT

Summary

Administered by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, Hidden Voices Programme grants are available for UK registered charities and CICs for collaborative projects which address the unique mental health and wellbeing needs of marginalised groups in Armed Forces communities focusing on prevention and early intervention.

Key Criteria

The funding is intended to enable and deliver accessible mental health and wellbeing support for those with seldom heard needs in Armed Forces communities, with a focus on prevention and early intervention - through collaborative projects between Armed Forces organisations and non-Armed Forces specialist organisations.

The funding should benefit current serving Armed Forces personnel, Reservists (including RFA Royal Fleet Auxiliary), Veterans, and their families, whose needs are seldom heard.

The funding is for projects which meet all of the following outcomes:

- Build collaborative partnerships between Armed Forces organisations and specialist non-Armed Forces organisations.
- Identify and address known and unknown gaps in service provision for the Armed Forces community.
- Provide accessible, preventative and defined interventions (rather than general support for the Armed Forces community).
- Increase knowledge and understanding within mainstream voluntary sector organisations of the unique needs of the Armed Forces community in a demonstrable way and create opportunities for continuing support.

Projects should be focused on supporting either serving or Veteran families who are 'seldom heard', to access defined or bespoke mental health and wellbeing support.

'Seldom heard' refers to groups or individuals whose voices, opinions or needs are not frequently or adequately represented in mainstream policies or services.

Potential beneficiaries may include, for example:

- Black and minority ethnic individuals
- Carers
- People with disabilities
- Members of the LGBT+ community
- Those for whom English is an additional language
- People from Foreign & Commonwealth communities
- Other members of the Armed Forces community with seldom-heard needs that can be overlooked.

Amounts available: Maximum £20,000

Application deadlines:

There will be two application rounds for this financial year (2024/25).

- Round 1 closes to applications on 11 September 2024 (12 noon) for a decision by 31 December 2024 with a project start date by February 2025.
- Round 2 closes to applications on 8 January 2025 (12 noon) for a decision by 30 April 2025 with a project start date by June 2025.

Support for Serving Families Programme – NEW GRANT

Summary

The programme, which is part of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund, is for projects that will help to mitigate the impact of long or frequent involuntary separation for families, spouses, and serving personnel, including reservists and their families.

Projects will need to address one or more following outcomes:

- Reduced impact of separation, loneliness, and isolation for Serving families.
- Improved mental health and wellbeing for Service families.
- Enhanced access to support and activities to improve quality of life.
- Support personnel to reintegrate into family and units post deployment.

Key Criteria

Applications will be accepted from:

- A registered charity with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities.
- Community interest Company (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities.
- An Armed Forces unit or base.

Amounts available: Between £5,000 and £15,000

Application deadlines: 25th September 2024

Service Women: Seen and Heard Programme – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available via the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund's funding framework for UK registered charities, CICs, and Armed Forces Units to support projects that tackle the underlying issues unique to serving women (including reservists), providing improved access to support for their mental and physical health and wellbeing.

Key Criteria

Projects need to meet one of the following outcomes:

- Enabling Service women to choose activities and/or find advice that improves their wellbeing, either preventatively or at times of crisis.
- Opening up choices for Service women who may not otherwise know where to seek help for issues which specifically affect them.

In addition, projects must meet at least one of the programme themes:

- Work-life balance, enjoying and achieving.
- Mental and physical health and wellbeing.
- Support for marginalised and minority women.

Amounts available:

The following grants are available:

- £25,000 to £50,000 towards a project being delivered over a one-year period.
- £25,000 to £100,000 towards a project being delivered over a two-year period.

Application deadlines: 25th September 2024 for a decision before the end of November 2024.
Projects to start between December 2024 and March 2025

Veterans' Foundation – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for small and medium-sized charities and not-for-profit organisations that provide support to those in need among serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families across the UK.

Key Criteria

The funding can be used for projects covering a range of aspects of social care for the Armed Forces community, including but not limited to:

- Reducing homelessness.
- Increasing employment.
- Providing welfare and medical support.
- Increasing confidence and social interaction.
- Reducing dependence on alcohol and drugs.
- Reducing poverty.
- Disability.
- Mental health.
- Marriage guidance.
- Care during old age.

Amounts available: Maximum £75,000

Application deadlines: 8th October 2024 for a decision in December 2024. Further funding rounds will also take place between January and July 2025.

Embedding Prevention of Veteran Suicide Programme – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust will award grants for up to two years for projects which help to enable systemic change and long-term, sustainable impact, incorporating key findings from the Trust's One is Too Many programme.

Projects will need to address one of the three key outcomes:

- To support staff who work with vulnerable beneficiaries
- Address mental health wellbeing, help seeking, and stigma within the Armed Forces community
- To address the needs of under-represented groups

Key Criteria

- To be eligible organisations must be either a registered charity or a statutory organisation.
- Charities which are newly registered or do not have substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities are not eligible

Amounts available: £50,000 (projects for one year) £100,000 (projects for two years)

Application deadlines: 2nd October 2024

Veterans Capital Housing Fund – Major Capital Grants

Summary

Grants for charities and registered social housing providers with at least five year's housing experience to support new builds and significant refurbishments, including extensions, of rental accommodation offering high quality support for veterans with a housing need.

Projects should:

- Enable major refurbishments of existing social rented or affordable rented homes for veterans.
- Enable extensions of existing buildings to increase the availability of veteran housing.
- Increase the number of new build, homes/housing units available to veterans at affordable or social rents.
- Ensure properties meet decent homes and energy efficiency standards.

Key Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be either a registered charity, that has been registered in the UK for at least three years and can show it works with Veterans or a registered social housing provider that can show it works with Veterans.
- Have ownership of the facility or a lease of 10 or more years.
- Have at least five years' relevant social housing experience.
- Be able to show the majority of their organisation's work is with veterans or the predominant beneficiaries of this specific project would be veterans.

Amounts available: Between £75,000 and £500,000

Application deadlines: Round 3 is now open for Expressions of Interest with a deadline of 8th January 2025

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

[7Stars Foundation](#)

Summary

Grants for registered charities to deliver projects and activities that support young people aged 16 years and under across the priority themes of abuse, addiction, child carers, and homelessness.

Funding is offered across the following streams:

- Project grants - to cover the costs of projects
- Shine Bright grants - to purchase educational, well-being, or recreational items
- Direct Grants - funding to individuals affected by the Foundation's priorities, supported by outreach/social/care workers or legal professionals. (Applications must be submitted by the supporting professional/organisation.)
- Social Impact funding for three charities across the year for projects that align with various awareness days (such as Race Equality Week, PRIDE month, World Homeless Day or Black History Month).

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must have a turnover of under £1.5m

Amounts available: Maximum £2,500

Application deadlines: 31st August 2024

[Cash for Kids - Sports Challenge](#) – NEW GRANT

Summary

Cash for Kids is calling on grassroots sports groups, clubs and teams across the Midlands to join this unique fundraising competition. Sports Challenge is about breaking down barriers to sport for children and young people facing disadvantage or disability. Groups need to apply to participate in the Sports Challenge prize award. Successful groups “Finalists” will have from 7th September to 7th October to raise as much as they can which the group will keep. In addition to the funds which have been raised there are additional prize amounts.

Key Criteria

- For the finalist to receive the additional prize funding they need to have raised a minimum of the prize amount. For example to win the £5,000 prize the group must have independently raised at least £5,000.
- The activities must be supporting young people up to and including the age of 18 years and living in the UK.

Amounts available:

- The group which raises the most funds will receive an additional £5,000.
- The second highest amount will receive an additional £2,500
- The third highest will receive an additional £1,500

Application deadlines: 2nd September 2024

Historic England – History in the Making * – NEW GRANT

Summary

The grant enables underrepresented young people (aged 13-25) to research, discover and mark local histories. Successful applicants will work directly with young people out-of-school hours in areas of high social deprivation (this is being defined as anyone in a Levelling Up Level 1 area*). Although the Government has now confirmed Levelling Up is no longer used as a term, Historic England is using the categorisation as a way to help us prioritise applications according to need.

The aims of the programme are as follows:

- Young people will feel an increase in wellbeing; with increased skills, confidence, pride in place and a sense of belonging.
- Young people will feel more connected to their historic environment and the history of their local area.
- Local stories that have been overlooked will be recognised, revealed and celebrated for the benefit of local communities.

Key Criteria

- All organisations are eligible to apply including community interest groups, charities and local authorities. Individuals can apply if they are registered as sole traders.
- Applicants must be able to evidence working closely with and co-producing with young people outside of a formal learning environment
- Please note that for Leicestershire and Leicester only projects in Leicester are eligible.
- Projects will have up to 18 months to be completed

Amounts available: Max £15,000

Application deadlines: 2nd September 2024

Barclays Community Football Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Barclays Community Football Fund aims to help improve access to football for all. The funding is for groups that are running football activities for one or more of the following underrepresented groups:

- women and girls
- young people with disabilities
- young people from racially diverse communities
- young people from the LGBTQ+ community
- young people from lower socio-economic groups

Key Criteria

The funding can be used for anything that will support delivery of football activities to under-represented groups. Typical examples of costs might include a contribution towards:

- Venue hire including floodlights and heating
- Coaching costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Equipment
- Kit
- Marketing and communications
- Training and qualifications
- Insurances and affiliation

The funding should support engaging under-represented young people, particularly girls, and get them involved in football activities.

Amounts available: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: 15th September 2024

Art Fund – Student Opportunities – NEW GRANT

Summary

The aim of this funding is to help museums, galleries and visual arts organisations provide paid opportunities for full-time university students to gain meaningful, developmental work experience that enables them to explore their interest in the arts, and related future career options, before they graduate.

It will fund the costs associated with paying students for the time they spend supporting the organisation in delivering projects. This is based on the current national and London living wage rates.

Key Criteria

Applications will be considered from UK public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries, archives, agencies and other visual arts organisations that:

- Have a public presence (e.g. a building open to the public) or a public outcome (e.g. a festival or public art programme)
- Can demonstrate that they operate to standards of best practice within the sector (e.g. through Arts Council England Accreditation)

Please note that a project must not have started/employment commenced before a decision has been made on the application.

Amounts available:

Application deadlines: 25th September 2024

Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for UK registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations based and working in the UK that can demonstrate impact with ex-offenders, young offenders or young people at risk of offending.

The funding is intended for registered charities working to:

- Support offenders and ex-offenders into work, specifically for those looking to build skills and capability to get into sustainable work.
- Help specific groups within the criminal justice sector that are less popular with funders than others.
- Support young people (up to 25 years) from disadvantaged and socio-economically challenged groups, such as immigrants, to ensure they are given every possible chance to realise their full potential and to participate fully in society.

Key Criteria

The funding can be used for:

- Pump-priming - particularly where the grant would support a project piloting new approaches and where that grant would form a major element of the funding or where it would be matched by other funders.
- Project funding - preference is to support projects where the grant is used for an identified purpose.
- Associated project costs - applicants should include the cost of any overheads associated with the work, such as office/secretarial support, so that the project is not under-funded.
- Core costs for new projects - including staff salaries, training and overheads that enable an organisation to develop and maintain expertise.
- Innovative or pioneering work – new ideas are encouraged and projects that could inspire similar work in other areas of the country.

Amounts available: Discretionary: Small Grants of up to £5,000 or Large Grants with no set limit.

Application deadlines: 14th November 2024 for consideration in February 2025

[Dept. For Education – Senior Mental Health Lead Training](#)

Summary

The Department for Education (DfE) is offering grants for eligible state-funded schools and colleges in England to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

This training is not compulsory, but it is part of the government's commitment to offer this training to all eligible schools and colleges by 2025.

Grants will be provided to cover (or contribute to) the cost of attending a quality assured course and may also be used to hire supply staff whilst leads are engaged in training.

Key Criteria

All state-funded education settings that are in receipt of ESFA pre-16 revenue, high needs block, or 16 to 19 programme funding are eligible.

The training course must be a DfE assured senior mental health lead training course and the training must start by 31 March 2025.

Amounts available: Maximum £1,200

Application deadlines: 31st December 2024 (deadline to submit the initial application and reserve a grant for training). A second form needs to be submitted by 31st January 2025 to then claim the grant.

[Educational Opportunities Foundation](#)

Summary

The British & Foreign School Society (BFSS) has recently changed its name to the Educational Opportunity Foundation.

The Foundation awards grants to charitable organisations working to improve access to education or the quality of education for children and young people under the age of 25, both in the UK and internationally.

UK Projects - supports work to improve the educational outcomes and life chances of care-experienced young people under the age of 25 living in the UK. Projects must be interventions designed to improve their educational outcomes and life chances.

Key Criteria

- Applications are accepted from UK registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2.5 million, and at least three years of continuous accounts
- Funding is available for new or pilot projects
- The Foundation will fund between 25% and 100% of the total project costs, but will give preference to projects with some degree of matched funding.
- Annual grant payments cannot exceed 50% of an organisation's three-year average income.

Amounts available: Between £30,000 and £90,000 for projects over one to three years (max £30,000 per year)

Application deadlines: Open – applications can be submitted at any time. The Foundation has moved to a rolling application programme. The first step is to submit a short Stage 1 application. Those who are shortlisted will be invited to submit a Stage 2 proposal.

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

[The Kings Fund - GSK Community Health Programme](#) – NEW GRANT

Summary

The programme will support aspirational leaders who want to develop their organisations to tackle health inequalities. It is designed to run alongside the [GSK IMPACT Awards](#) and support the next generation of award winners. The funding is unrestricted.

The associated Leadership Training Programme will have an emphasis on the importance of developing the skills, qualities and practices that enable leaders to build the relationships and hold the quality of conversations that enable them to achieve their personal and organisational aspirations and goals.

Key Criteria

Charities must:

- Have an income between £20,000 and £150,000
- Be at least one year old
- Be able to demonstrate how they are tackling health inequalities in their community (this can be defined as a geographical community or a community of interest)

Amounts available: Max £10,000. The training is valued at £3,500

Application deadlines: 12th August 2024

[East Midlands Airport Community Fund](#) – NEW GRANT

Summary

The East Midlands Airport (EMA) Community Fund is dedicated to bringing lasting benefit to those areas most affected by the airport's operations. It forms part of EMA's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Strategy, committed to minimising the impact of airport operations on surrounding communities.

Key Criteria

For a project to be eligible for a grant, it must meet at least one of the following objectives:

- To bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation, and other leisure time activities
- Supporting young people to prepare for the world of work and make work an inspiring choice.
- Offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation
- Improve awareness of environmental issues through environmental education
- Encourage and/or protect wildlife

To be eligible for funding, applying organisations must be within the specified geographical area of benefit around the airport.

Details of the area of benefit boundary can be seen within the [Community Fund Brochure](#).

Amounts available: Max £2,000

Application deadlines: 14th August 2024

Lloyds Bank Foundation - Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations

Summary

Funding is available for small and local charities and CICs with an income between £25,000 to £500,000 that are led by and working with Deaf and Disabled people who are experiencing poverty. Organisations can apply for a three-year unrestricted grant.

Key Criteria

- Lloyds Bank Foundation expect to award 42 grants for this funding programme.
- To be eligible for funding, applying organisations must be led by and working for Deaf and Disabled people.
- A majority (at least 51%) of an organisation's Directors/Trustees and half (at least 50%) of staff, at all levels of the organisation, self-identify as Deaf and/or Disabled people. Funding will be prioritised for organisations where at least 75% of Directors/Trustees and 50% of staff self-identify as Deaf and/or Disabled people.
- The support, activities or services delivered must be person centred and supporting people over the long term.
- Applying organisations must support Deaf and Disabled people over the longer term to support them to have more choice and control over their lives, access their rights and entitlements and challenge the barriers they face.
- Applying organisations may have a main focus, such as providing advice and advocacy, reducing isolation or delivering employability support, but will need to tailor activities to meet the needs of the individual.
- For the needs of people whose needs can't be met directly, organisations should have trusted relationships in place with other organisations or agencies to which people can be referred to.

Applying organisations must also:

- Reflect an inclusive, rights based social model of disability.
- Recognise the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion and take action to address inequities.
- Understand its organisational development needs.

Amounts available: Maximum £75,000.

Application deadlines: 28th August 2024 (for consideration in December 2024)

[Rewilding Britain - Rewilding Innovation Fund](#)

Summary

Rewilding Britain is offering grants to help remove barriers to rewilding projects across Britain, whether they are at the early planning stage or scaling up a pre-existing project.

Key Criteria

Funding is for works that could potentially unlock further funding or move a project in scale.

Examples of potential applications include:

- Business plans and strategies.
- Community engagement activities or co-design.
- Feasibility studies.
- Technological innovations.

To apply for funding, projects must be:

- Based in Britain
- Part of the Rewilding Network (includes community, private and public landowners, and managers of rewilding areas on the land and at sea).
- Rewilding at scale (more than 40 hectares) according to Rewilding Britain's rewilding principles. This can be an individual landholding or a cluster of landholdings. It is recommended that applicants who are rewilding on a smaller scale form a group or network to apply.

In this round of funding, priority will be given to projects focused on engaging with young people.

Amounts available: Maximum £15,000

Application deadlines: 30th August 2024

[The Kings Fund - GSK Impact Awards](#) – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Awards provide core funding and free training for charities working in a health-related field in the UK. The Awards are designed to recognise success and achievements for existing work.

The three-day training programme focuses on developing leadership skills and gaining knowledge across a wide range of specialist areas, such as financial management and governance, evaluation, and the health policy context.

Key Criteria

- For charities with total annual income between £150,000 and £3 million.
- Charities must be at least three years old
- Previous GSK IMPACT Award winners can re-apply five years after winning

Amounts available: Between £4,000 and £50,000. The training is valued at £13,500.

Application deadlines: 30th August 2024 (for stage one applications)

Kelly Family Charitable Trust

Summary

Registered charities whose activities support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members can apply for capital and revenue grants.

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

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

Key Criteria

- The Trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered
- The Trust will consider repeat funding requests, on receipt of satisfactory progress reports
- Unsuccessful applicants must wait for 1 year before resubmitting an application

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 1st September 2024

Commissioner's Safety Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

Funding is available from the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for community projects that help reduce the risk of crime and abuse and increase public safety.

Key Criteria

Applications can be accepted from charities, community groups, schools and Parish/Town Councils, for projects/initiatives that meet any of the objectives of the [Police and Crime Plan](#).

Funding can be used for new initiatives/provision, to expand existing provision or as replacement funding.

For projects focussing on a local area, applicants are advised to refer to the local Community Safety Partnership plan to ensure that the proposal complements (rather than duplicates or overlaps) existing provision.

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: 5th September 2024

[Theatre Trust Theatre Improvement Scheme](#) *

Summary

The Theatres Trust, in association with Wolfson Foundation, is currently accepting applications for grants to support not-for-profit theatres in the UK who need financial support to help reduce their environmental impact. Grants can be used for capital costs of building or equipment.

Key Criteria

The current theme is 'Improving Environmental Sustainability'. Funding will be given to projects that consider different ways theatre buildings can reduce their environmental impact, for example sedum roofs, new windows, building management systems and more efficient water heaters.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.
- Demonstrate that they run a year-round programme of live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year.
- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years. This can include local authorities or town and borough councils that own and/or operate a venue.
- Have the permission of the property owner and any relevant planning body to do the work required.
- Operate theatres that achieve excellence through their producing and programming and/or community engagement and/or architectural significance.

Organisations currently in receipt of other grants from the Theatres Trust or the Wolfson Foundation are not eligible to apply.

Amounts available: Maximum £20,000

Application deadlines: 6th September 2024

Leeds Building Society Foundation

Summary

The Leeds Building Society Foundation offers small grants to UK registered charities for projects which address one or more of the following themes:

- Financial stress - projects that help with bills or debt stress.
- Security and refuge - projects that support emergency accommodation.
- Quality and suitability of housing.
- Health and wellbeing support for those experiencing homelessness

Key Criteria

- Small grants are available for charities anywhere in the UK that have a turnover of less than £1 million.
- Grants may only be used for capital expenditure (that is, to purchase items used to directly help those in need).
- If you applied for a small grant, you can apply for funding again, but not for the same items of expenditure

Amounts available: Between £250 and £1,000

Application deadlines: 9th September 2024 and 11th November 2024

Community Energy Fund – Midlands – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Community Energy Fund (CEF) is a £10 million grant scheme for urban and rural communities to develop community energy projects, including local renewable and low carbon energy projects (such as wind farms, hydro power and rural heat networks, community electric vehicle projects (such as electric vehicle charging points and electric car clubs) and energy efficiency retrofit and advice projects (where there is local need and a gap in existing services and where there is a business model for a sustainable service).

The Fund aims to empower local people to take control of their energy future by:

- Increasing the number of community-owned low-carbon energy assets
- Supporting communities to reduce energy cost and demand
- Generating local income through community-owned energy assets
- Reinvesting income locally and kickstarting private investment
- Supporting local jobs, growth and volunteering opportunities
- Enabling places to benefit from clean, renewable, local energy

Key Criteria

Applications must be led by legally constituted voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations. Town or Parish Councils are also eligible to apply.

Funding is provided in two stages:

- Stage 1 – Feasibility grants of up to £40,000.
- Stage 2 – Development grants of up to £100,000.

Stage 1 grants (of up to £40,000) can pay for professional support to scope project feasibility.

Stage 2 grants (of up to £100,000) are available for projects that have been found to be feasible, with a good chance of securing planning permission and being implemented, to cover more detailed investigation of the relevant technology, planning applications, advanced landowner agreements and development of a robust business case to attract sufficient investment.

Amounts available: Maximum £100,000

Application deadlines: 13th September 2024 and 8th November 2024

Matthew Good Foundation – Grants for Good

Summary

Grants for Good is funded by the John Good Group and is designed to direct funding only to small and growing local charities, voluntary groups or social enterprises that are making a big impact on communities, people or the environment.

Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a local community group, charity, voluntary group or social enterprise that has a positive impact on communities, people or the environment.
- Have an average income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.
- Have a bank account in the organisation's name.

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines:

15th September 2024 (for applications to be awarded funding in November 2024)

Also 15th December 2024 (for applications to be awarded funding in February 2025)

Which? Fund

Summary

Funding is available for new research projects exploring the consumer harms faced by diverse and disadvantaged communities, or identifying innovative solutions to these issues.

Two funding calls are available:

- Projects exploring consumer harms experienced by diverse and disadvantaged communities, such as women, people living with disabilities or health conditions, low-income households or members of diverse ethnic communities.
- Projects exploring consumer harms experienced by diverse and disadvantaged communities in digital markets, where information asymmetries, malign online choice architecture, automated decision-making, AI interfaces, dynamic pricing and other characteristics of digital markets can place consumers at a distinct disadvantage, and some groups may face greater detriment than others.

Key Criteria

The Summer 2024 call offers restricted grant funding to support work aiming to:

- Improve understanding of consumer harm affecting diverse and disadvantaged communities, including novel harms in digital markets.
- Identify evidence-led, pragmatic solutions to consumer harm.
- Develop partnerships and encourage collaborative working to provide a more powerful voice for all UK consumers.

The funding is for specific, strategic projects, with the potential to benefit large numbers of people by changing policy, regulation or practice.

For charities, the funding will cover staff salaries and a reasonable amount of core costs/overheads, in proportion to the size of the project. Capital costs for equipment will only be funded where specifically required to complete a project.

Amounts available: Discretionary, from a total £75,000 available

Application deadlines: 16th September 2024

Esmée Fairbairn – Collections Fund

Summary

Grants are available to museums and galleries in the UK to improve their inclusive collections and participatory practice with, and sometimes led by, community partners.

The fund aims to:

- Support work that furthers the established strategic aims of the applicants in relation to diversity, equity and inclusion, and that are ready to use their collections and the funding to support social and climate justice, in ways that are relevant to local contexts and relationships.
- Offer core funding to museums, to offer greater flexibility and support embedded change in organisations.
- Enhance its learning from grantees and share this with the wider museum sector, for example foregrounding leading practice in funded museums and undertaking research with action learning sets.

Key Criteria

- Priority will be given to smaller and medium-sized organisations where funding of this size can make the most difference in the long term.
- Successful applicants are required to join the Collections Network and should reserve resources to allow at least one to two people to attend network meetings at least twice a year.
- Museum-sector applicants should be members of the Museums Association.
- Applicants, or one applicant in a partnership, are normally expected to be accredited (or working towards this).
- Applicants must have a safeguarding policy to protect people with whom they work.
- Museums that have previously received project funding are welcome to apply again to the Collections Fund for work that builds on their experience.

Amounts available: Between £40,000 and £100,000 (over up to three years)

Application deadlines: 16th September 2024 (for expressions of interest)

Serving Families: On the Move Programme 2024-25 – NEW GRANT

Summary

The Serving Families funding programme (part of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust's new three-year Funding Framework) is intended to support early intervention projects that assist military families in accessing services as they relocate. These initiatives will help families integrate into their new communities and build lasting friendships.

Key Criteria

UK-based registered charities can apply for funding for projects that contribute towards at least one of the following outcomes:

- Provide families with ongoing information about available resources when relocating to unfamiliar areas.
- Provide families with access to enjoyable resources that meet their needs and improve wellbeing.
- Reduce isolation and loneliness by helping families build support networks.

This might include projects that:

- Provide early intervention support to prevent issues escalating and help families make informed choices.
- Engage Service families effectively with a range of support on issues that matter to them.
- Inform Service families of existing statutory and welfare provision, and ensure it is available and accessible when they need it most.
- Build capacity for Service families by increasing awareness of, and improving links and referrals to, existing services and complementing existing welfare provision.

The direct and primary beneficiaries must be current serving Armed Forces personnel, Reservists (including RFA Royal Fleet Auxiliary) and their families.

Amounts available: Maximum £120,000

Application deadlines: 18th September 2024 (for a decision before the end of December 2024). There is also a further deadline of 22nd January 2025 (for a decision before the end of March 2025).

HM Govt. – Community Automated External Defibrillators Fund

Summary

Grants are available for community organisations across England to buy automated external defibrillators (AED) to install in a public place.

The funding will be allocated on the following basis:

- 100 applications will be selected by DHSC to receive a fully funded AED - selection is based on areas that are most in need of AED throughout England. Applicants will be advised in mid-October and units shipped in mid-November.
- 1,900 applications will receive partial DHSC funding for an AED - organisations will be required to provide their own match funding (£750)

The funding for the scheme is based on a first come first served basis.

Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be based in England.
- Not be an organisation that is eligible for the Department of Education scheme, e.g., a school.
- Locate the secure defibrillator cabinet outside in an area that is accessible to members of the public 24 hours per day.
- Be able to provide an electrical power source to ensure the defibrillator cabinet light and heater operate to keep the device at the right temperature.
- Provide match funding for their application (c. £750).

Amounts available: Maximum £750

Application deadlines: 21st September 2024 or until all the funding has been allocated, whichever comes first.

HM Govt. – Memorial Grant – NEW GRANT

Summary

Registered Charities and Faith groups can apply for funding towards the costs of VAT on the construction, repair and maintenance of public memorial structures, for work which took place on or after 16 March 2005.

Key Criteria

- Funding can only be provided for works that have already taken place. You cannot apply for funding in advance of future works.
- If the work is ongoing, you can only apply for part-funding for parts of the work which have been completed.
- Local authorities are not eligible to apply for this grant, as they do not incur VAT costs for maintaining public memorials.
- Memorials must be public (not private), be a structure or involve construction, have a commemorative purpose, be accessible to the public and have no other purpose.

Amounts available: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: 30th September 2024 (Applications are assessed every 3 months)

[NFU Mutual Charitable Trust](#)

Summary

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust is offering grants for organisations working in agriculture, rural development, and insurance across the UK to deliver projects and activities across one or more of the Trust's main objectives:

- To advance the education of the public using research and dissemination of information concerning agriculture.
- To advance the education of young people within rural areas.
- To relieve poverty within rural areas.
- To promote the benefit and social welfare of inhabitants of rural communities by associating together with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure.
- To promote research into agricultural-associated activities.
- To advance the education of the public using research and dissemination of information concerning insurance.

Key Criteria

- Priority will be given to larger initiatives that would have a significant impact on rural communities, as well as initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas.
- Match funding is not required but it is welcomed.
- It is not necessary to be a registered charity to apply as long as the funding is for charitable purposes.

Amounts available: Between £1,000 and £50,000

Application deadlines: 4th October 2024

[Green King IPA – Proud to Pitch In](#)

Summary

Grants are available for grassroots sports clubs and community organisations to deliver activities within local communities across the UK.

Individuals may nominate a sports club or organisation to receive a cash grant to continue delivering sports activities.

Examples of projects that have previously received funding include:

- Renovations of a club's facilities to make them more inclusive and accessible.
- Coaching qualifications and referee courses.
- New equipment and kit.

Key Criteria

- Funded projects should be delivered by 31st December 2024
- The project beneficiaries must be aged 18 and over.
- Priority will be given to organisations that can demonstrate how their sports club or project benefits members of the local community, and projects that will have a long-term impact.

Amounts available: Maximum £4,000

Application deadlines: Open to applications all year but the scheme closes 1st November 2024

Road Safety Trust - Autumn Round *

Summary

The Road Safety Trust has announced the grant theme for the Autumn 2024 round is 'Inequalities in Road Safety', and they have just published the guidance notes so that organisations may start to plan their applications in advance of the 26 September opening.

The funding is for projects that address one or more of the following areas:

- The impact of social determinants such as income and health and other demographic factors on local communities and their exposure to risk related to:
 - Illegal, dangerous and anti-social use of the roads, the effectiveness of current countermeasures and potential new methods for reduction
 - Rural areas and different age groups within such communities
 - Access to, and use of, technologies that make vehicles and roads safer
- Road safety issues for children with SEN and/or disabilities; and the issues for their carers.
- Improving the availability, quality and strategic use of demographic evidence and information, alongside other safety related evidence and information to support practitioners and policy makers in respect of road safety.

Two grants are available:

- Small Grants for practical projects or local pilots or trials
- Large Grants for research-based projects, and the development, implementation and evaluation of innovative interventions

Key Criteria

- Each application should have a lead organisation which must be a UK local public sector organisation (e.g., Local Authority, Police Force or Fire and Rescue), UK university, UK-based registered charity, not-for-profit, social enterprise or community interest company (must have a governing document with a clause describing their purpose and a dissolution clause).
- Match funding is required, either cash or in-kind
- An element of partnership or collaborative working is expected in all projects

Amounts available:

Small Grants from £10,000 to £50,000 over two years

Large Grants from £50,001 to £300,000 for up to two or three years

Application deadlines: Applications accepted between 26th September and 1st November 2024

National Churches Trust - Large Grants Programme – NEW GRANT

Summary

The National Churches Trust's Large Grants Programme is awarding funding to support structural repairs and maintenance issues in church and chapel buildings, costing more than £100,000 or the installation of kitchen and toilets costing over £30,000.

Key Criteria

Places of worship of any Christian denomination and age can apply.

The funding is for urgent and essential structural repair projects (costed at more than £80,000) to buildings that were originally built as churches, or the installation of kitchen and toilets (costed at more than £30,000).

The Fund will prioritise:

- Work to architecturally and historically significant buildings
- Urgent structural repair projects (as identified in a recent QIR or building survey as required within two years), with a focus on buildings that are at risk
- Installation of kitchens and toilets where a strong need can be demonstrated
- Places of worship that can demonstrate a suitable maintenance system is in place to protect the investment
- Places of worship with regular opening hours
- Places of worship that can demonstrate strong community engagement and sound plans for economic viability.

Amounts available: Minimum £10,000, Maximum £50,000. Current average is approx. £15,000.

Application deadlines: 5th November 2024 for Stage 1 Applications. Stage 2 applications are by invitation only to those applicants who were successful at Stage 1.

[International Tree Foundation – UK Community Tree Planting](#) *

Summary

Grants are available for community-based organisations across the UK to deliver tree-planting projects that protect and restore indigenous trees and woodlands, support community engagement in tree planting, and increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being.

There are two funding streams:

- Grants for community woodland/hedging projects that range from 100 to 25,000 trees planted per year, with a maximum price equivalent to £1.95 per tree.
- Grants for community orchard projects of up to 30 trees planted per year.

Key Criteria

Community-based organisations, such as a school, community group, social enterprise, non-governmental organisation, or parish council, can apply.

Projects should meet the following essential criteria:

- Plant trees in public/publicly accessible spaces: sites that are readily accessible to the public, including schools, parks, rights of way, and sites managed by community groups.
- Plant indigenous tree species: this may include traditional fruit trees and 'honorary' natives where appropriate.
- Engage community members in tree planting and enjoying the benefits of woodlands.
- Have clear plans for maintenance and sustainability.
- Have a signed permission from the owner or manager of the land indicating that their project meets legal requirements.

Amounts available: Grant amounts are per tree planted. Maximum amounts not disclosed

Application deadlines: 13th December 2024

Arnold Clark Community Fund

Summary

Grants are available for UK registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations for projects, including those whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis, which are embedded in the communities in which Arnold Clark operates in England, Scotland or Wales.

Key Criteria

In 2024, the Arnold Clark Community Fund offers the following support:

- **Cost of Living Support** – funding to any registered UK charity or community group whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis, such as foodbanks, accommodation, poverty relief and where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment.
- **Our Communities Support** – funding to projects embedded in the communities in which Arnold Clark operates and is available to organisations who provide services widely accessible to those within Arnold Clark local communities, addressing the needs of those living within them.
- **Gear Up for Sport** – 150 sports kits given away each month to support youth sports teams across the UK. Any youth team with up to 30 members aged 4 to 15 years can apply.

Projects applying for 'Our Communities Support' must address one of the following categories:

- Animal welfare (benefiting humans)
- Arts and culture
- Community development
- Disability
- Education
- Recreation
- Relief support
- Mental health support

Applications are only eligible if they are made by an organisation that is based/operates solely in the UK and is located within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch.

Amounts available: Maximum £2,500

Application deadlines: 31st December 2024

Arts Council England – Creative People and Places 2026-2029 – NEW GRANT

Summary

The goal of the Arts Council's Creative People and Places programme is to ensure that everyone can access culture and express creativity, fostering thriving communities through inclusive and collaborative cultural approaches.

Funding is available to partnerships of organisations for a three year period (from 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2029) for projects in the following eligible geographical areas:

- Leicester
- Hinckley & Bosworth
- North West Leicestershire
- Oadby & Wigston

Applications must be submitted by a consortium of partner organisations. Individual organisations cannot apply.

Key Criteria

Projects will need to achieve the following aims and outcomes:

- Engage more people from eligible places in a wide range of arts and cultural experiences as audiences and/or participants
- Empower communities to lead and shape local cultural provision.
- Excellence and relevance in both the engagement process and the creative and cultural experiences on offer.
- Encourage partnerships between publicly funded, amateur, voluntary, community and commercial sectors, as well as collaboration across various cultural institutions.
- Take an Action Research approach to community engagement in arts, creativity, and culture; learn what works best and share that learning.

Amounts available: Minimum £750,000, Maximum £1 million

Application deadlines: Opens on 12th September 2024, Closes on 16th January 2025

Architectural Heritage Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

Funding is available to help not-for-profit organisations cover some of the costs of developing and co-ordinating their historic building project and taking it towards the start of work on site. To qualify, organisations must have established that the end use of the project is likely to be viable and have decided to take the project forward. At the end of the funded work, organisations should be at or closer to securing capital funding to enable the delivery of their project.

Key Criteria

Grants typically will support appointing professional advisors to work with the organisation to advance their plans. This can include:

- architects, surveyors, and engineers to develop the designs and plans for the historic building.
- additional support to build the capacity of the organisation by employing or contracting a project manager.
- support with refining the business plan, building community engagement and preparing funding bids.

Amounts available:

Project Viability Grants - up to £15,000 (for early-stage work on historic building projects)

Project Development Grants - up to £20,000 (for development work and coordination for historic building projects)

Application deadlines: Open for expressions of interest. Eligible organisations will then be invited to submit a full application, within three months.

Midlands Net Zero Hub - Community Energy Fund – NEW GRANT

Summary

The grant scheme for urban and rural communities to develop energy services to benefit their local area. The funding will help to kickstart clean energy projects including small-scale wind farms and rooftop solar partnerships, as well as battery storage, rural heat networks, electric vehicle charging points. It can also be used to fund fuel poverty alleviation schemes such as energy efficiency, retrofit, and advice projects.

The grant scheme aims to empower local people to take control of their energy future by:

- Increasing the number of community-owned low-carbon energy assets
- Supporting communities to reduce energy cost and demand
- Generating local income through community-owned energy assets
- Reinvesting income locally and kickstarting private investment
- Supporting local jobs, growth and volunteering opportunities
- Enabling places to benefit from clean, renewable, local energy

There are two grants available:

Stage 1 Feasibility Grant - to produce a feasibility study to establish the technical and financial viability of a project

Stage 2 Development Grant - for a more detailed investigation of the technology, for planning applications and to develop a business case.

Key Criteria

- The grant scheme is open to a wide range of community-based organisations including Sports Clubs, Faith Groups, Trusts, Charities and Parish and Town Councils.
- Applicants need to show that a good level of community engagement has been carried out and that there is genuine community support for the project, including plans for ongoing community engagement.

Amounts available:

Stage 1 Feasibility Grant up to £40,000

Stage 2 Development Grant of up to £100,000

Application deadlines: Open. The Midlands Hub has a rolling application process. Applications received by the hub will be reviewed at a board review meeting, the dates of the board review meetings are 9th August and 8th November

Crowdfunder - Energy Efficiency Sharematch

Summary

The fund will support Co-operative Societies, Community Benefit Societies and Charitable Community Benefit Societies based in England to raise investment to undertake activity which reduces their energy usage or identifies alternative sources of energy and therefore leads to a reduction of both carbon footprint and energy bills of the organisation's operation.

These activities could include but are not limited to:

- Installation of new on-site energy/heating generation measures (e.g. solar panels, heat pumps).
- Installation of new energy efficiency measures in a building (e.g. insulation, LED lighting, double glazing, draft-proofing, improved doors).
- Improvements to other aspects of operations (e.g., changes to more energy efficient equipment, transport upgrade).

The scheme will provide grant funding to match money raised in community shares. The grant funding is intended to accelerate the speed and amount raised from the community.

Key Criteria

- The funders 'would ordinarily expect' to match money raised through the Crowdfunder platform in community shares investments on the basis of 25-33% match of the total raised, up to the maximum grant amounts.
- Funds awarded are conditional upon applicants first securing crowdfunding via Crowdfunder's platform
- To be eligible to apply, organisations must own their buildings or have long (>10 years) tenancies in place. The tenancy should also be as long or longer than the payback period for the share capital.

Amounts available: Between £5,000 and £30,000

Application deadlines: Open. There are currently no deadlines for applications. The first step in the application process is to complete the Expression of Interest form. Those who are eligible will be invited to apply through the Crowdfunder platform. The Fund will run until March 2025, with the ambition to award all funds before this time.

[Allen Lane Foundation](#)

Summary

This Foundation funds specific groups that experience marginalisation and/or discrimination within the UK, including Gypsy, Roma and Traveller groups as well as organisations that work directly with, and provide support to, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities.

The Foundation has announced it is keen to receive applications that 'support work that raises awareness of the issues Gypsy and Traveller communities face, and work to combat hate crime, stigma, discrimination and inequalities, including the lack of appropriate accommodation or other service provision.

Key Criteria

- Small registered charities, constituted voluntary groups, charitable organisations and Community Interest Companies can apply as long as their work does not benefit people only in London.
- Applicants working locally should have an income of up to £100,000 per year. Those working nationally should have an income of around £250,000 per year.

Amounts available: Max grant £15,000 (average grant £5,000 or £6,000). Grants can be split over, up to three years.

Application deadlines: Open. There are no fixed deadlines, but to be considered for the October 2024 meeting, applications should be received by the end of July/early August.

Support available for Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Sector organisations in Leicestershire

Voluntary Action Leicestershire



Leicestershire County Council has a contract with [Voluntary Action LeicesterShire](#) (VAL) to provide support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leicestershire, including help with identifying and securing funding.

If you are a VCS organisation who is seeking to apply for funding, or bid for contracts, please contact VAL's Sector Support Team for assistance, advice, and guidance. VAL can provide assistance with searching for funding opportunities, checking the relevance of the fund to your funding aspirations, and a read and review of your bid.

You can also [sign up for further e-bulletins from VAL](#), including news, events, funding opportunities and updates from the Government and Charity Commission. There are currently two newsletters which you can select to receive by ticking the appropriate box. At present funding and commissioning items are included in the voluntary sector support newsletter.

Events and Training:

[VAL Awards 2024 – Nominations close on 31st July 2024](#)

Celebrating the fantastic contribution volunteers, charities and community groups make in Leicester and Leicestershire. It's time for us to celebrate the truly amazing inspirational leaders, unsung heroes and those that have gone above and beyond over the last 18 months.

[Future Focus 2024](#)

VAL's annual Future Focus event is taking place on 18th September 2024 at Beaumanor Hall, from 9.30am to 3.30pm. The theme for this year's Future Focus is 'Network, Inspire and Connect'. This is an occasion for organisations to come together with their peers, hear inspiring stories, engage in thought provoking conversations and celebrate all the great work that the VCSE achieves in Leicester and Leicestershire.

Places to attend Future Focus can be booked on [Eventbrite](#).

Contact Details:

[VAL website](#)

Tel: 0116 2575050

Email: helpline@valonline.org.uk

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire

CASE

Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency (CASE) is a social enterprise and co-operative which provides advice, guidance, and support to existing and emerging co-operatives, social enterprises and community enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. CASE supports co-operatives and social enterprises to develop and grow, through the promotion of co-operative ways of working.

Leicestershire County Council has a contract with CASE to provide support to people currently running (or thinking of setting up) social enterprises in Leicestershire.

Contact Details:

[CASE website](#)

Tel: 0116 222 5010

Email: enquiries@case.coop

Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation



The Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation is a charity which helps local individuals and companies to give money, in a tax efficient way, directly to local needs. It does this by helping set up new local family and company charitable funds and then supports those donors to give grants to local charitable groups of their choice through the Making Local Life Better Fund (previously the Donor Matching Scheme).

The Community Foundation also administers local and national grant schemes on behalf of those organisations. These vary throughout the year, please check the website for the funds currently available.

Contact Details:

[Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation Website](#)

Tel: 0116 262 4916

Email: grants@lrccommunityfoundation.org.uk

Commissioning Opportunities



VCSE organisations are encouraged to explore opportunities to receive income through delivering contracts for services commissioned by the public sector. You can register to receive details of commissioning opportunities through the following websites:

[Source East Midlands](#)

[Due North](#)

[Gov UK Contract Finder](#)

Easy Fundraising



This is a leading fundraising platform that gives organisations access to an unlimited fundraising source, that helps you to raise FREE cashback donations through online shopping. Register your group/organisation as a good cause with easyfundraising to receive free cashback donations when anyone connected to that organisation shops online with 4,200 retailers including Argos, Amazon, Just eat and Booking.com. It doesn't cost the shopper a penny more so it's an easy way for your community to support your organisation just by shopping online as they usually would.

[Easy Fundraising Website](#)

Leicestershire Communities Website



The Leicestershire Communities website contains a range of useful information to help local people to actively participate in their communities, including information for people involved in community groups, charities and social enterprises. This section of the website provides a range of support, information and resources related to Grants and Funding, including Monthly Funding Bulletins, information from a range of funders, along with details of support provided to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and social enterprises, by other relevant organisations.

[Leicestershire Communities Grants and Funding Webpage](#)