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News and Events

National Lottery Community Fund announces largest grassroots funding expansion in 30 years

The National Lottery Community Fund unveiled new three-year plan to support activities that will strengthen society and improve lives across the UK, including:

- More than 50% of all grants will go to communities experiencing greatest poverty and disadvantage
- At least 15% of funding will go to environmental sustainability projects

Kent4Community

Free searches on-line for government, lottery and trust funding schemes

<http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/kent>

- The largest expansion of grassroots funding in three decades, with a target of reaching more than 80% of areas across the UK

The primary focus of more than 90% of grants is on one of four community-led missions: supporting communities to come together, be environmentally sustainable, help children and young people thrive and enable people to live healthier lives.

The targets are part of The National Lottery Community Fund's new Corporate Plan for 2024-27

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/4vpr9mft>

Arts and Creative Industries

Arts Council England National Lottery Projects Grants

Grants are available for individual artists, community and cultural organisations to support arts, museums and libraries projects that engage people in England with arts and culture. Projects can range from directly creating and delivering creative and cultural activity to projects which have a longer term positive impact, such as organisational development, research and development and sector support and development. The funding is for projects that are focused on one or more of the following disciplines: music, theatre, dance, visual arts, literature, combined arts - including festivals and carnivals, museum practice (accredited or unaccredited) and libraries. Priority is currently being given to the following types of time limited priorities:

- Supporting Grassroots Live Music
- Museums Unlocking Collections

Three levels of grants are available:

- Grants of up to and including £30,000
- Grants of between £30,001 and £100,000
- Grants of £100,001 and over

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/ProjectGrants>

Climate Spring's The Hot House Development Lab

A programme, including grants of up to £1,000, for writers from any country for feature film and long-form TV climate projects. The programme aims to support the development of writers and stimulate a pipeline of new, engaging and commercially

viable climate stories for film and TV. This year's The Hot House development lab focuses on 'stories of the climate transition'.

Imminent Deadline: 30th June 2024

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/yj3639f8>

Freelands Foundation Inclusive Practices Fund 2024

Grants of up to £25,000 per year are available for up to two years (maximum grant amount is £50,000 over two years) for registered charities and not-for-profit organisations to reimagine engagement and education; aiming to foster belonging and connection between young people in primary and secondary school, their teachers and visual arts spaces.

As part of their commitment to address racial inequality in visual art education, the Freelands Foundation and Runnymede Trust published the 'Visualise race and inclusion in secondary education' report this year. This funding call is a response to the report and is for projects that meet one or both of the following areas of interest:

- Investigating engagement – support for boundary-pushing forms and methods of engaging young people in visual art education to reimagine what inclusive engagement could be
- Nurturing belonging – support for projects that work with communities and artists to challenge existing norms and create inclusive spaces that embrace curiosity and practice care

Funding can be used for: project staffing, materials, participant/artist costs e.g., travel, marketing associated with the project, overheads of no more than 5% total grant request and a contingency of no more than 5% total project budget.

Deadline: 19th July 2024 for Expression of Interest. Expression of Interest support webinar: 28 June 2024

For more information:

<https://freelandsfoundation.co.uk/funding/inclusive-practices-fund-2024>

Help Musicians - Fast Track Awards

Grants of up to £500 are available to professional UK musicians to enable them to take advantage of opportunities that can have a lasting, positive impact on their careers, such as investing in training, equipment or recording. The grant is for musicians who require a short turnaround on support during a pivotal moment in their career. Grant can be spent on any of the three types of activity below:

- Instruments and Equipment – musical equipment (including upgrades and repair of existing instruments), production and composition software/hardware, performance related technology

- Opportunities – including gigs that will have a long-term impact, touring costs, one-off, last-minute recording opportunities, content creation (music videos/ social media content)
- Skills development - costs or registration fees for short courses, mentoring or coaching, registration fees for conferences, one-off lessons to improve the applicant's musical skills and creative practice

Deadline: 19th July 2024, 13th September 2024, 1st November 2024

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/yaerhdzp>

Hinrichsen Foundation

Grants are available to support organisations and individuals undertaking projects to promote music, particularly contemporary music. There are two levels of funding:

- One-off small grants typically between £500 and £2,500 (for new applicants and former beneficiaries)
- Larger projects or concert series generally £2,000 and over

Imminent Deadline: 30th June 2024

For more information:

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

PRS Foundation - Open Fund for Music Creators

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support the development of outstanding UK songwriters and composers of all genres and backgrounds, at different stages of their career. The funding can support the following costs and activities:

- Creation of new music
- Music Creator fee (to cover time and work)
- Touring and live performances
- Recording and release
- Creative residency costs
- Fees to creative collaborators
- Promotion and marketing
- Equipment or software costs which enable creation or new types of performances

Deadline: 30th September 2024 (opens 2nd September 2024)

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycy5x8yz>

UK Games Fund (UKGF) - Content Fund

Grants of up between £50,000 and £150,000 are available to creative developers and start-up games studios in the UK to turn their new video game ideas into market leaders. The aim is to create new jobs in the creative industries. Eligible costs include staff and contractor costs for hands-on development activity.

Deadline: Rolling deadline - at present the scheme is funded until 31st March 2025. However, high demand could lead it closing earlier.

For more information:

<https://contentfund.ukgamesfund.com>

Youth Music NextGen Fund

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to young creatives (18-25 years old, or under-30's who identify as d/Deaf or disabled) in the UK to help them take a step forward to participating in and changing the music industries. Priority will be given to:

- People who do not have the financial means to invest in themselves to get their ideas started
- People that are too early-stage to be funded by larger grant programmes such as Arts Council England and PRS Foundation
- Those who might be discriminated against, for reasons that could include gender, race, disability, location or other characteristics
- People who are creative, entrepreneurial and are multi-disciplinary - even if they do not recognise themselves as such

Funding can be used to launch a creative project, idea or business. Costs linked to training, career development, travel, audience development, marketing, equipment, software and business development can also be covered.

Imminent Deadline: 28th June 2024, 15th November 2024

For more information:

<https://youthmusic.org.uk/nextgen/nextgen-fund>

Business and Employment

Kent County Council - Kent and Medway Small Business Boost

Interest free loans of between £26,000 and £99,000 over five years are available to businesses in Kent and Medway to help them grow and create new jobs.

Applications from the following priority sectors are encouraged:

- Manufacturing
- Pharmaceutical, natural and life sciences

- Green technology
- Digital, media, creative and cultural industries, and tourism
- Food technology manufacturing
- Logistics and construction

Loans can be used for funding land, buildings, plant, software, machinery, equipment, assets acquired from third parties by the transfer of technology or knowledge and wage costs for new employees.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.kmbf.co.uk/about-small-business-boost>

Kent Social Enterprise Loan Fund (KSELF)

KSELF is a social lending programme, aiming to bridge the increasing funding gap for new and existing social enterprises in Kent and Medway, by offering unsecured loans of between £10,000 and £100,000.

The financial package will include an element of up to 30% grant of the loan amount. The aim of the Fund is to spread the culture of social enterprise, break down the barriers which prevent enterprising social businesses from accessing finance and encourage a more enterprising approach to achieving positive change in our communities. Once finance is repaid, it will be re-loaned and re-invested back in the community. The fund is managed by the Kent Community Foundation.

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme.

For more information:

<https://kentcf.org.uk/loans/social-enterprises>

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)

UKRI is the national funding agency investing in science and research in the UK. Operating across the whole of the UK with a combined budget of more than £6 billion, UKRI brings together the 7 Research Councils, Innovate UK and Research England. UK-based businesses or research organisations may be able to compete for government-backed funding to:

- Research and develop a process, product or service
- Test innovation ideas
- Collaborate with other organisations

For more information:

Search current funding opportunities from across UKRI, research councils and Innovate UK <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity>

Ashford - Rural England Prosperity Fund

Grants of up to £15,000 are available for local businesses in Ashford (with the exception of the Electric Vehicle Charging Grant) to support activities that specifically address the particular challenges rural areas face. This programme is provided by Ashford Borough Council from funding allocated through the Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF). The Council is running these grant schemes for rural areas in the borough:

- Ashford Rural Energy Efficiency Grants - up to £5,000 to facilitate energy efficiency projects in commercial premises
- Ashford Rural Energy Transition Grants - up to £15,000 to facilitate energy transition projects in commercial premises
- Ashford Rural Boost Grants - between £500 and £3,000 to facilitate projects in commercial premises for food and drink production businesses and those in the hospitality and tourism sectors
- Ashford Rural Investment Grants - between £3,000 to £10,000 to facilitate projects at commercial sites. This grant aims to support the creation and uptake of start-up space for food and drink producers, hospitality or tourism businesses or businesses in sectors supporting these industries
- Ashford Rural Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP) Grants - up to £12,000 to support the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Points at publicly accessible parking sites in rural areas of the borough. This grant is primarily aimed at parish and town councils

This is a capital fund - no revenue costs or associated work can be eligible through these schemes.

Imminent Deadline: 30th June 2024

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/28ek9aff>

Department for Business and Trade - Start-up Loans

Loans of up to £25,000 are available to entrepreneurs in the UK wishing to start up a new business. The programme is designed to go some way to help solve the problem of supporting people who have a feasible business idea but no access to finance. The programme aims to equip enterprising individuals with the tools needed to make their businesses a success. Successful applicants will receive a low-cost unsecured loan, business mentoring and a range of business products.

To be eligible and apply for the scheme, applicants must be yet to start their business or have been trading for fewer than 36 months.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.startuploans.co.uk>

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology - Flexible AI Upskilling Fund Pilot

The scheme will support small and medium-sized enterprises in the Professional and Business Services sector by match-funding AI skills training for their employees. This is training which supports employees to develop their technical skills and/or understanding of AI to be able to develop, deploy, or use AI in their role. It is intended that a wide range of training, courses and certification programmes are eligible for funding. Applicants can bid for different funding amounts depending on the size of their business.

- Micro businesses with fewer than ten employees can access a maximum grant of £2,500
- Small businesses with fewer than 50 employees can access a maximum grant of £5,000
- Medium businesses with fewer than 250 employees can access a maximum grant of £10,000

Deadline: 18 August 2024

For more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flexible-ai-upskilling-fund>

Folkestone and Hythe - Rural England Prosperity Fund

Grants of between £3,000 and £30,000 are available to businesses and communities in Folkestone and Hythe for new capital projects to benefit the rural parts of the district and the local economy. The fund provides capital funding for the delivery of projects that meet one or more of the following priorities:

- Supporting Rural Business - to create jobs and boost community cohesion through targeted support for small and medium-sized businesses to undertake innovation or adopt productivity enhancing, energy efficient and low carbon techniques
- Supporting Rural Communities - to foster a sense of local pride and belonging, through activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties and amenities. This includes community infrastructure, local green space and community-led projects

Deadline: none specified

For more information:

<https://folkestone.works/rural-england-prosperity-fund>

Innovate UK - Smart Grants

UK registered organisations can apply for a share of up to £25 million to support business-focused, commercially viable R&D innovation that can significantly impact the UK economy.

The Smart Grants programme is a 'responsive' grant funding programme from Innovate UK (IUK). It has focused eligibility criteria and scope to support SMEs and their partners to develop disruptive innovations with significant potential for rapid, economic return to the UK. Applications can come from any area of technology and be applied to any part of the economy such as, but not exclusively, net zero, the arts, design and media. This competition is open to single applicants and collaborations.

IUK will fund innovative research and development (R&D) projects across a variety of technologies, markets and research categories, including feasibility projects, industrial research projects, and experimental development projects.

Deadline: 24th July 2024

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/3dydymtr>

Innovate UK - Women in Innovation Awards 2024/25

Women within UK registered micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) can apply for grants of up to £75,000 (and bespoke business support) to develop their exciting and innovative ideas. The aim of the programme is to fund and support a diverse portfolio of winners:

- Who will be relatable role models for women from all backgrounds
- From regions across the UK
- Who are solving a range of pressing societal, environmental and economic challenges
- In a variety of innovation areas

Innovate UK wants to support women who are at a critical stage with their business, where an award will enable them to take a major step forward.

Deadline: 10th July 2024

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/33r2ymu7>

Innovate UK - BridgeAI Supply Chain Demonstrator

UK registered organisations working in collaboration can access a grant of up to £2 million to deliver AI demonstrator projects. The aim of this competition is to develop a product or process that enables data from micro, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and large organisations to be shared in a trust less environment. The product or process must enable the development of new Artificial Intelligence solutions for the benefit of supply chain efficiency and firm level productivity. The output of these projects must be in the form of a demonstrator.

Projects must demonstrate clear monetisation strategies that incentivise data sharing and business models that span benefits across organisations and sectors.

IUK will fund late R&D projects that demonstrate benefits for at least two of the three BridgeAI target sectors:

- Transport, logistics warehousing
- Agriculture, food processing
- Construction

Deadline: 21st August 2024

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/2w7ra9b8>

Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST)

Scholarships and apprenticeship support is available to fund further study, training and practical experience for craftsmen and women across the UK who want to improve their craft and trade skills. QEST helps to fund salaries, training costs and/or materials. Grant amounts as follows:

- Scholarships: up to £18,000, depending on how much funding is required for a project
- Apprenticeships: up to £12,000 (over two to three years, up to a maximum of £6,000 per year)

The application process for a QEST Apprenticeship involves a collaborative effort between an organisation or master and the individual apprentice. It is a joint application that demonstrates the commitment of both parties to the development and growth of the apprentice's craft skills.

Deadline: 12th August 2024 (opens 8th July 2024)

For more information:

<https://www.qest.org.uk/apply>

Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) - Emerging Maker Grants

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for the training and education of UK-based early-career craftspeople who wish to develop their skills and expertise. The funding specifically supports training and education programmes to help makers enhance their craft skills and advance their careers. The training can take many forms, from traditional college courses to vocational one-on-one learning with a master craftsperson, or a bespoke programme of short courses.

Deadline: 12th August 2024 (opens 8th July 2024)

For more information:

<https://www.qest.org.uk/apply/emerging-maker-grants>

Samuel Wilson's Loan Trust

Loans are available to young people (aged 18-39) for establishing and developing new businesses, and who are "in need by reason of ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage". Low interest loans of up to £50,000 are available. The applicant will have recently set up (or be about to set up) a business, and trade in Greater London, Buckinghamshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, **Kent**, Surrey, East Sussex or West Sussex.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/557dpncy>

The Society Foundation

Grants of up to £2,500 are available for registered charities and charitable organisations across the UK that are seeking to support people from the following groups to move toward paid employment:

- The recently homeless or vulnerably housed
- Ex-offenders
- Young people (16-24 years old) not in employment, education or training (NEET)

The funding can be used for:

- Capacity building activities, including IT infrastructure and equipment
- Staff training and development
- External consultancy/support

An example of project the Foundation has supported - Fresh Start Futures Enterprise, who work predominantly with ex-offenders to help them back into sustainable employment, training and education, and housing upon release. Their main aim is for individuals to provide a positive contribution upon release and re-integrate into their lives and communities, as well as continue to support and help improve their lives and the lives of those around them.

Deadline: 8th July 2024

For more information:

<https://society-foundation.org/about>

Skinner's Charity Foundation - Young People's Vocational Development

Grants of up to £10,000 per year (for up to three years) for registered not-for-profit organisations across London and **Kent** to deliver projects that support NEET young people to move into employment or get employment-ready. Priority will be given to projects that:

- Help young people attain a vocational qualification
- Offer long-term tracking of beneficiaries to establish quality outcomes
- Operate in partnership with other local organisations

Funding is for specific project-related costs rather than general organisational costs. However, pro-rata staffing and operational costs will be considered where appropriate.

Deadline: 16th August 2024

For more information:

<https://www.skinners.org.uk/charities/scf/young-people>

The Prince's Trust

Support is available to help young people (aged up to 30) to overcome barriers and get their lives back on track. The Trust works with delivery partners across the UK to offer hundreds of free courses, grants and mentoring opportunities to inspire young people to build their confidence and start a career. The Trust focuses its efforts on:

- Young people under-achieving in education
- Young people leaving care
- Young offenders and ex-offenders
- Unemployed young people

Development Award: The Prince's Trust can cover the cost of course fees, tools or equipment to help young people achieve their goals. The amount of each Award depends on their unique needs, future career goals and personal development plans. Awards are available from £10 right up to a maximum of £500. Development Awards can support:

- Accredited course fees up to Level 3 (A-level equivalent)
- Tools, equipment or uniforms for a job or qualification
- Job licence fees
- Transport to a new job until the first pay slip

Start Up Grant and Start Up Loan: The Prince's Trust can support young people with a package of Start Up funding that suits their personal circumstances and is right for their business. Up to £30,000 to cover Start Up costs, this could be a combination of:

- Start Up Grant (up to £5,000 however amounts are usually less and vary per person) plus
- Start Up Loan between £500 to £25,000

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk>

Royal Bank of Scotland - Social and Community Capital Loans

Loans of between £30,000 and £500,00 are available to business charities and social enterprises in the UK who do not qualify for mainstream loans. All organisations must be able to demonstrate how they help: people in employment/education; the most disadvantaged; or community regeneration.

A range of costs are supported, such as expansion of networks or supply chains, or help with business and digital skills. There are four loan types:

- Property Purchase Loan: to renovate or purchase a property
- Flexible Growth Funding: to grow and increase the organisation's impact
- Working Capital Loan: to cover overheads and smooth out cashflow
- Bridging Loan: to pay VAT or cover overheads before grant funding starts

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.rbs.co.uk/business/loans-and-finance/social-community-capital.html>

Santander X UK Awards

An annual competition providing funding awards to support the development of new businesses linked to UK universities, and to entrepreneurs looking to scale start-up businesses. The 2024 programme has two categories:

- University (for new businesses looking to launch).
- Startup (for growing businesses ready to scale).

100 businesses (50 in the University category and 50 in the Startup category) will be shortlisted and twelve winners (six per category) will receive between £2,500 and £25,000.

Deadline: 16th July 2024

For more information:

<https://www.santanderx.com/en/sites/santander-x-uk-awards.html>

The Royal Countryside Fund - Farm Resilience Programme

The programme offers business skills training in key areas of farm management. Applications will be accepted from dairy and livestock family farm businesses based in the UK. Participating individuals receive a free programme of business skills training in the following areas:

- Business health check
- Benchmarking
- Practical cost management
- Getting to know your finances

- Managing your farmed environment
- Planning your future
- Business planning and managing change

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/4r3ab2rz>

UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs

Funding of up to £18,000 and specialist support is available for UK social entrepreneurs to help them develop as social leaders, and to start up or grow their idea for a social venture.

- Funding for start-up ventures (for social entrepreneurs with an idea or who are in the early stages of development) is intended to cover essential start-up costs (not including wages)
- Funding for established ventures (for social entrepreneurs to grow their existing social venture to help it make a bigger difference) is intended to support wages and living costs as the venture grows

Imminent Deadline: 30th June 2024, 30 September 2024

For more information:

<https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards>

West Kent - Rural England Prosperity Fund

Grants of between £2,000 and £24,999 are available for rural businesses and communities in West Kent (Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling and Tunbridge Wells) to support jobs, communities and economic growth. The funding is intended to support projects under two main investment priorities:

- Supporting new and existing rural businesses to develop - supporting the development of new products and facilities that will be of wider benefit to the local economy. This includes farm businesses looking to diversify income streams
- Supporting new and improved community infrastructure to benefit local businesses and residents - providing essential community services and assets for local people and businesses to benefit the local economy

Funding is only for capital projects, to be spent on lasting assets such as a building or equipment.

Imminent Deadline: Applications are considered by a Grant Panel that meets throughout the year. The next deadline is 2nd July 2024 for a Panel meeting on 23rd July 2024

For more information:

<https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/WestKentRuralGrants>

Community

Kent County Council – Combined Members Grants

Kent County Councillors (also known as Members) have £3,600 each to allocate as Grants. Members have supported a wide range of community initiatives, including:

- Local events and activities
- Purchase or repair of equipment and furniture
- Promotional materials and website creation/redesign
- Mentoring support to assist local groups to become more sustainable
- Sports projects
- Community safety schemes
- Small-scale pilot projects

Grants are available to properly-constituted organisations – such as voluntary and community groups, societies and charities, social enterprises and parish/town councils – for projects that benefit local communities.

Members may jointly support a project where it benefits more than one area/community.

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme until the funding is spent

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8en4um>

Kent County Council – Village and Community Halls Grant Scheme

Capital grants of up to £10,000 are available for local communities to improve an existing hall. Projects supported by the scheme include:

- Building an extension
- Upgrade of toilets or kitchens
- Replacement windows and heating systems
- Improved insulation

The scheme is open to any village or community hall managed by an independent management committee, but must be a registered charity.

Deadline: 31st December 2024

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/3dhcmx5d>

ACRE - Village Halls Small Grants Fund

Capital grants of up to £5,000 are available to support the modernisation and improvement of village halls in rural England so that they are fit for purpose and can provide activities that bring communities together. The funding will support capital improvements only, where projects aim to:

- Upgrade facilities
- Extend facilities
- Improve facilities
- Purchase capital items

Eligible items of expenditure include:

- Extensions
- Internal reconfigurations
- New roof and roof refurbishment which includes insulation
- Refurbishing toilets and kitchens including fixtures
- Damp proofing
- Electrical works and installation of broadband or Wi-Fi
- Guttering, repointing and drainage as part of an improvement project
- Replacement of external and/or internal doors, floors and windows
- Fixtures installed as part of improvement works
- Energy generation equipment (e.g. Heat Pumps, PV panels, wind turbine)

Deadline: December 2024, or until available funding is fully allocated

For more information:

<https://acre.org.uk/village-halls-small-grants-fund>

Co-op Local Community Fund

Grants are available for small, locally based voluntary and community groups to support projects which benefit local communities around Co-op food stores and funeral homes across the UK. In 2024, there is a total of £5 million for Co-op communities across the UK with £6,000 to share between three local causes in each community. Successful groups will receive a minimum of £1,000 to support their projects.

The funding is for projects that supports this year's themes of:

- People – projects should enable people to play a part in their community's future by:
 - Supporting young people to fulfil their potential.
 - Helping older people feel connected
 - Improving people's mental wellbeing
- Planet - projects that help to protect the planet by:
 - Tackling climate change
 - Reducing waste and resource use
 - Protecting nature

The funder is keen to support projects across both themes projects that promote and celebrate diversity and inclusion.

Co-op will work in partnership with successful applicants for 12 months and the cause will receive funding in November 2025.

Deadline: 7th July 2024

For more information:

<https://causes.coop.co.uk>

DCMS – VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme

Free independent energy assessments (IEA) and/or capital grants of between £2,000 and £150,000 are available for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations delivering frontline services in England to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings. Capital Grants can be used to install capital energy efficiency measures, identified in the applicant's IEA (see below), to reduce their building's energy costs and support the delivery of their frontline services.

Independent Energy Assessment (IEA) – is a comprehensive evaluation of your building's energy usage, efficiency, and potential for energy savings, conducted by a qualified and experienced independent energy assessor. With a satisfactory IEA, your organisation may be eligible for a Capital Grant through the VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme.

Imminent Deadline: 20th June 2024 (Independent Energy Assessment); 30th August 2024 (Capital Grants)

For more information:

<http://tinyurl.com/c3ezkhu8>

FCC Community Action Fund

Grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for amenity projects eligible under Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). The funding is for projects sited within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility (in **Kent**, there are facilities located in Allington and Isle of Sheppey).

The funding can be used for the provision, maintenance or improvement of the following types of public amenity:

- Village halls and community centres
- Public play areas
- Publicly available Multi use games areas, skate parks and BMX tracks
- Sport and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access
- Churches – community spaces only
- Nature reserves
- Public gardens, parks, country parks, woodlands with dawn to dusk access

- Museums

Costs that may be included: contractors, materials, capital items, small items of equipment used by volunteers and staff to deliver the project.

Deadline: 4th September 2024, 4th December 2024

For more information:

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk>

Morrison's Foundation

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to registered charities who make a positive difference to local communities. The funding is for specific projects which make a difference to people's lives, with special consideration for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups. Projects should address the following criteria:

- Tackle poverty and social deprivation
- Enhance community spaces, facilities and services
- Improve health and wellbeing

Capital spend or direct project delivery costs are supported.

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://www.morrisonfoundation.com>

Screwfix Foundation

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that improve, fix, and repair buildings, homes and facilities specifically used by people in need (by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability or other disadvantage or distress) across the UK. The funding is to be used for the following types of projects:

- Improved energy efficient lighting and heating
- Installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc
- Installation of a sensory room
- General painting and decorating
- Improving safety and security of a building

Deadline: 10th August 2024, 10th November 2024

For more information:

<https://www.screwfix.com/landingpage/screwfix-foundation>

Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities - The Community Ownership Fund Round 4 (Window 2)

Grants are available to help communities across the UK to take ownership of assets at risk of closure. These include green spaces, libraries, cultural spaces, leisure facilities, community centres, pubs and more:

- **Capital Funding** - incorporated voluntary and community organisation or a parish (or equivalent) council can apply for up to £250,000 to purchase or lease an asset and pay for refurbishment costs. In exceptional cases, up to £1m in funding is available for all asset types where the asset is at risk of being lost. Projects are required to contribute 20% 'match' funding towards the total capital required
- **Revenue Funding** - up to £50,000 is available to fund project development costs, such as feasibility studies, or running costs in the first year of operation, such as staffing costs

Imminent Deadline: Round 4 (Window 2) opened on 30th May 2024 and will close on 26th June 2024. The first stage is the approval of an Expression of Interest (EOI) form, to confirm eligibility - the new EOI has been simplified to give applicants a result within minutes.

For more information:

<http://tinyurl.com/ynfryaaz>

Groundwork - One Stop Community Partnership Programme

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to support not-for-profit organisations with local community projects that address social welfare and environmental issues. The programme is designed to create a partnership of support to community groups, operating within two miles of a One Stop store, who are working to:

- Tackle food poverty
- Support the vulnerable
- Support the elderly
- Support low income families
- Running youth sports teams
- Reducing/recycling waste
- Improving the environment

Alongside an initial grant, a long-term tailored programme of support is created for successful applicants by the One Stop Community Team and One Stop Store Team. Grant recipients then work in partnership with the One Stop Store Team at their local shop to deliver this programme. Decisions will be communicated within three weeks of the deadlines.

Deadline: 26th July 2024, 25th October 2024, 24th January 2025

For more information:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/one-stop-community-partnership>

Kent Community Foundation - Micro Grants

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to small, new and emerging groups and charities for projects that benefit the local people and communities of Kent and Medway. Funding is intended to support small groups with their day-to-day activities or project costs. Grants can cover start-up costs, core costs and capital costs.

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://kentcf.org.uk/funding>

Kent Community Foundation - Priority Areas Route

Grants are available to local groups, organisations and charities for projects that benefit the people and communities of Kent and that meet any of the following priority themes:

- Children, Young People & Families - supporting disadvantaged children and young people's physical and mental health, encouraging positive choices and staying safe
- Vulnerable Adults - helping those who may need extra care dealing with challenging issues or those at risk of social exclusion or discrimination
- Elderly and Isolated - enabling elderly adults to stay well, healthy, independent and free from social isolation
- Employability, Skills & Enterprise - creating opportunities to develop skills and confidence and have a positive impact in areas and groups of people with high unemployment
- Environment - encouraging community action to improve and protect local spaces with support sustainable ways of living

Full details of the different funding priorities are available on the Community Foundation's website. There are three levels of funding available:

- Micro grants (see above)
- General grants of between £2,000 and £5,000 for groups with an income of under £3 million
- Annual grants of up to £15,000 (which is not one grant but the maximum amount awarded across a 12 month period)

Deadline: details of the different funding priorities deadlines are available on the Community Foundation's website

For more information:

<https://kentcf.org.uk/funding>

National Lottery Awards for All - England

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for charities, voluntary groups, schools and local authorities to carry out projects that will improve their local community. Funding is intended for projects that support communities to thrive by:

- Building strong relationships in and across communities
- Improving the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Helping more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage
- Supporting people, communities and organisations that are facing increased demands and challenges as a direct result of the cost-of-living crisis

Grants can be used for the following costs:

- The organisation's running costs
- Small land or refurbishment projects
- Equipment
- One-off events
- Staff costs and training costs
- Transport and utilities
- Volunteer expenses

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme. Apply at least 16 weeks before you want to start the activities or spend any of the money.

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/nh67cy3j>

National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities

Large grants (over £20,001) are available to voluntary and community organisations in England for projects that make positive changes in their communities. The funding is intended for projects that support communities to thrive by:

- Building strong relationships in and across communities
- Improving the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Helping more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage

The grants can be used for the following costs:

- Direct costs associated with delivering activities in the community, including: project staff, materials, equipment, volunteer expenses, project evaluations
- Organisational development, including: business planning, testing new ways of working, staff training and development, developing governance and leadership, tech or IT upgrades/purchases, developing/sharing impact and learning, increasing capacity to support collaboration and partnership working
- Core/fixed costs to support the day-to-day running of the organisation, including: salaries, rent, utilities and equipment
- Purchasing, refurbishing or developing of land and buildings

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9cuv39>

National Lottery Community Fund - The UK Fund

Grants are available to not-for-profit groups for projects which forge connections between communities to create a better-connected society across the UK. Funding is intended to develop and expand community links by:

- Strengthening relationships between people whose experiences of life have not been the same. For example, relationships between people of different ethnic backgrounds, generations, occupations or geographies
- Creating connections between online and offline worlds
- Helping to make sure people from all backgrounds can shape the future of their communities

Grants of £500,000 to £5 million are available. It is expected that most awards will be for two to five years, though funding for up to 10 years may be considered. Around 15 to 20 projects will be funded in the first year. Grants can cover the following costs:

- Staff costs, including sessional workers
- Development work (testing new ways of working, staff training and development, developing governance, tech or IT upgrades and purchases, sharing learning)
- Transport
- Utilities and running costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Learning and evaluation
- Equipment
- Capital costs, though unlikely to make up a significant part of the budget
- Costs associated with delivering the project in other languages

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/the-uk-fund>

The DPO Centre – Charity and Community Fund

The DPO Centre is a leading Data Protection Officer resource centre, delivering expert data protection and privacy advice. Grants of up to £10,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations across the UK to use towards any of the consultancy services the DPO Centre provides.

Deadline: 1st August 2024 (first round of three)

For more information:

<https://www.dpocentre.com/cc-fund>

Valencia Communities Fund

Grants of up to £100,000 are available to non-profit organisations for community, biodiversity or heritage projects that benefit local communities in areas within 10 miles of a qualifying Valencia site (in Kent the qualifying site is Shelford Farm Estate, Shalloak Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 0PU). Funding is for capital works only, and projects must fulfil one of the following objectives:

- **Community** - The protection of the environment; the provision, maintenance or improvement of public amenities and parks, which are open and accessible to the public.
- **Biodiversity** - The protection of the environment; the enhancement, protection and/or promotion of biological diversity of a species or habitat.
- **Heritage** - The protection of the environment; the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building or structure that is of historic or architectural interest, and which is open and accessible to the public

Deadline: 31st July 2024, 31st October 2024

For more information:

<https://www.valenciacommunitiesfund.co.uk>

Warburtons Families Matter Community Grants Programme

Small grants of up to £400 are available for local projects, activities and organisations that have charitable aims and that will be of real direct benefit to families. Funding is available for projects that are working towards one of Warburtons' outcome areas:

- **Health** - supporting families to care for each other and lead healthier lives:
 - Improving physical health
 - Improving wellbeing
- **Place** - supporting families to flourish in communities that are safer, greener and more inclusive:
 - Making spaces safe and inclusive
 - Connecting communities with the environment
- **Skills** - supporting families to gain useful skills for life and work:
 - Developing useful life skills
 - Developing useful skills for employment

Grants can be used to cover specific costs that will benefit the cause (e.g. purchasing equipment to support an employability project).

Deadline: 5th August 2024

For more information:

<http://tinyurl.com/yvr3rwz6>

Resuscitation Council UK - Community Grants

Grants of up to £1,500 are available for small charities, community groups and faith groups to boost community engagement in CPR and defibrillator awareness, providing critical life-saving skills to those most in need.

Imminent Deadline: 28th June 2024

For more information:

<https://www.resus.org.uk/get-involved/community-grant-scheme>

Veolia Environmental Trust

Grants of up to £75,000 are available for constituted, not-for-profit organisations and local authorities for projects that make improvements to community facilities and the natural environment that are located near a qualifying Veolia site in England. The Trust currently offers three grant schemes:

- Community Grants - to create or improve community buildings or outside spaces for the benefit of the community
- Environmental Improvement Grants - to enable landscape scale improvement projects such as habitat creation/management, and/or species protection
- Habitat and Biodiversity Grants - to support structural improvements to a single habitat, such as a waterway, woodland, or nature reserve

Imminent Deadline: 27th June 2024, 3rd October 2024, 7th January 2025

For more information:

<https://www.veoliatrust.org/funding>

West Kent Community Chest

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to groups and organisations who provide, or will provide, services to residents living in areas across **West Kent**. Priority will be given to:

- Smaller groups or organisations that are led or managed by local people and involve volunteers and community champions delivering the activity
- Activities that will benefit West Kent Housing Association tenants and neighbourhoods

The fund focus is on:

- Financial hardship and cost-of-living projects and initiatives
- Community initiatives that help residents feel safe, help reduce crime and ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour)
- Improving physical and mental health and wellbeing
- Tackling isolation
- Developing skills
- Making a positive impact on the neighbourhood or environment
- Community activities

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://www.westkent.org/help-for-residents/community-project-funding>

Conservation and Environment

Countryside Stewardship - Woodland Tree Health Grant

Funding is available to landowners in England for woodland tree health restoration projects. The scheme is intended to help create a range of environmental and social benefits that:

- Help protect and improve the resilience and environmental value of woodlands
- Restore woodland after damage by a tree disease or pest

Payments are subject to a cap that limits the amount that can be paid. The cap is based on the average grant per hectare and includes the cost of trees and additional capital items. The cap ranges from £1,750 to £3,500 per hectare and depends on if applicants are planting native or non-native trees and if the site is an ancient woodland.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/mpdnyjcn>

Energy Redress Scheme - Carbon Emissions Reduction and Innovation Funds (Round 8)

Grants are available to not-for-profit groups in Great Britain for projects that empower householders to reduce their carbon emissions and engage positively with the transition to net zero and for the development of innovative products and services related to energy. Funding can support both capital or revenue costs for projects lasting up to two years.

Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund - offers grants of between £20,000 and £750,000 for projects that will reduce UK carbon emissions and empower households to reduce their carbon footprint. Examples of projects include:

- Improving the affordability of energy efficiency and renewable energy products and services for all households
- Improving accessibility of energy efficiency and renewable energy products and services for all households
- Improving understanding of carbon reduction technologies, optimising their use

Innovation Fund - grants of between £20,000 and £750,000 for projects that will develop innovative products or services to benefit households. There are two potential types of innovative projects which are relevant:

- Testing or trialling the roll-out of products or services that are ready to implement but not yet accessible to energy consumers or certain groups of energy consumers.
- Conducting research or analysis into the development of products or services not yet accessible to energy consumers or certain groups of energy consumers

Deadline: Round 8 opened on 13th June 2024 and closes on 8th July 2024

For more information:

<https://energyredress.org.uk>

International Tree Foundation - UK Community Tree Planting Programme

Funding is available to protect, promote and plant trees in local communities in the UK. The programme supports projects run by community groups and voluntary organisations that engage communities in planting and caring for native species of trees. The Programme supports community projects that will:

- Conserve, restore and protect indigenous trees and woodlands, forests, habitats and associated biodiversity
- Support community engagement in tree planting to promote reforestation and to increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being
- Encourage social cohesion and inclusion

There are two streams of funding available:

- Grants for community woodlands/hedging projects that range from 100 – 25,000 trees planted per year, with a maximum price equivalent to £1.95 per tree (inclusive of tree protection and mulch). In addition, these projects also receive two maintenance grants equivalent to £0.10 per tree, disbursed in the first and second summers after planting
- Grants for community orchard projects of up to 30 trees planted per year

Deadline: 13th December 2024. Groups must first submit an online Expression of Interest form

For more information:

<https://www.internationaltreefoundation.org>

Kent Community Foundation - Amity Allotment Fund

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to local not-for-profit groups across Kent and Medway to develop new allotments or expand existing sites for community benefit. The funding can be used for the following:

- Core costs - supporting ongoing site rental, insurance and legal costs
- Capital Costs - helping to upgrade sites providing items such as sheds, tools, water collection equipment and fencing
- Plot revival grants - helping to improve disused plots
- “Get Growing” starter packs - for basic hand tools, plants, and seeds etc. for growers completely new to allotments, or with very limited income, to get up and running. Reusable items would remain the property of the allotment.
- Fee bursaries - covering annual membership fees for those who would struggle to with the cost
- New Allotment Setup - funding for parish councils or newly constituted group to explore establishing allotments in areas that do not currently have an offering. Covering items as outlined above or for clearing the site

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://kentcf.org.uk/funding>

Material Focus - Electricals Recycling Fund

Grants are available to support recycling, reuse or repair organisations that test creative and practical methods for collecting unwanted electricals within the UK. The funding is for organisations who are expanding collection and processing services for reuse and recycling, as well as driving awareness of these services among local residents, with the aim of making it easier for everyone to reuse or recycle their unwanted electricals. In 2024, the funding will support projects to:

- Grow/develop existing household collection services for small household electricals.
- Innovate/test new approaches to collect electricals for reuse and recycling

Grants of up to:

- £100,000 for projects that grow existing collection methods for small electricals. Organisations can apply up to £0.50 per household receiving the service
- £50,000 per project to innovate new approaches to repairing, reusing and/or recycling electricals

Examples of funded projects:

- A scheme to promote new bright pink bins in local flats, making it easier for residents to recycle electricals
- A project to set up new collection points in libraries and community centres for small waste electrical items
- Use of new, low-energy, low-CO2 modes of transport for collections

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/3ktwk8yp>

ORIT Impact Fund

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to charities and constituted community organisations across the UK for projects promoting a just transition to net zero. The Fund will support project costs for:

- New and innovative approaches to tackling environmental challenges
- New and innovative approaches to tackle social challenges as part of the just transition
- Initiatives that help to alleviate fuel poverty

Examples of previously funded projects include:

- Projects supporting STEM learning
- Reskilling individuals into green jobs
- Climate action
- Local energy efficiency initiatives

Groups must first register with BizGive to apply.

Deadline: 1st August 2024

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/22exrk3s>

Faith and Places of Worship

Benefact Trust

The Benefact Trust (previously Allchurches Trust) is one of the UK's largest grant-making trusts. The Trust has five grant schemes available to Christian charities, churches, cathedrals, and denominational bodies:

- Building Improvement Grants - supports the conservation, preservation, or aesthetic enhancement of Christian churches and charity buildings
- Community Impact Grants - supports projects that will make a positive and transformative impact on lives and communities
- Methodist Grants – grants of up to £100,000, supports Methodist churches to run building development projects that focus on church, community engagement and improving accessibility
- Heritage Skills for Christian Buildings Grants - ensures that heritage skills, which are essential for the conservation of historic Christian buildings, are preserved and promoted through apprenticeships, scholarships and courses
- Roof alarm grants – up to £2,500 to help churches install roof alarms in response to the issue of metal theft, which continues to be a very challenging issue across the UK

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://benefacttrust.co.uk/which-grant-is-for-me>

DCMS - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

Grants are available towards the VAT incurred during repairs and maintenance of listed buildings that are used principally as public places of worship, or which are listed places of worship owned by specified organisations that look after redundant places of worship.

The scheme applies to listed places of worship of all religions and faith groups throughout the UK.

Deadline: 31st March 2025

For more information:

<http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk>

Friends of Kent Churches

Grants are available for churches and chapels of architectural merit or historic importance in Kent (pre-1965 boundaries) to maintain their fabric and fixtures of special importance. The funding can be used to help with the following:

- Fabric repair and restoration
- Window and floor maintenance
- Work done to monuments
- Fixed facilities such as heating, rewiring, disabled access, security, kitchens, and toilets, but only where a small grant will make a significant contribution to keeping a church in use

Deadline: 1st November 2024

For more information:

<https://friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/grants>

National Churches Trust - Large Grants Programme

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available to support the conservation and sustainable use of church buildings in the UK, focusing on larger and more complex projects with priority given to urgent structural repairs or the introduction of kitchens and accessible toilets. Places of worship of any Christian denomination and age can apply. The current grant average is about £15,000. The current success rate is roughly 1 in 4 applicants.

Imminent Deadline: Stage 1 deadline - 2nd July 2024; Stage 2 deadline - applicant notified of this if they pass Stage 1

For more information:

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

General

Turn2us Grants Search

Turn2us is a national charity offering information and practical help to people facing financial insecurity.

For more information:

<https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk>

Ashley Family Foundation

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for projects that fit with the Foundation's ethos of protecting rural communities and encouraging participation in the arts. The Foundation favours revenue proposals. Funding is focused on supporting:

- Arts – funding for good small-scale arts projects with support for organisations that provide a wide range of educational and creative activities, including applied arts and crafts, music, drama, textiles, photography film and dance. Funding also for arts education with a focus on helping promising young Welsh talent
- Rural – there is particular interest in projects that open up opportunity in areas where it might not otherwise exist and that help alleviate the isolation and other hardships that can affect rural communities
- Community – funding for projects that bring people together. Support is available for a range of community and social welfare projects, including those focused on helping people who suffer from isolation and/or social disadvantage
- Sustainability – funding for projects that make a positive environmental impact in their community
- Small charities - the Foundation has an affinity with small charities, the ones set up by people who are driven by the desire to help better the lives of those around them

Deadline: 6th September 2024

For more information:

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

Boots Charitable Trust

The Trust has until recently been offering grants of up to £10,000 to registered charities working to benefit people in the UK, in the following areas:

- Health
- Lifelong Learning
- Community Development
- Social Care

A particular focus within each of these priorities is how the projects demonstrate a commitment to improving diversity, equality and inclusion within the community.

Please note: the trust is reviewing its current funding priorities ahead of reopening to UK-wide applicants in August 2024.

Deadline: 31st August 2024 (opens on 1st August), 30th November 2024 (opens on 1st November)

For more information:

<http://tinyurl.com/5cwze5bu>

Charles Hayward Foundation

Grants are available to charities for projects in the following categories:

- Social & Criminal Justice - the overall aims are to prevent people entering the criminal justice system and to support those already in the system to move on and rebuild their lives. Grants of between £15,000 to £25,000 per annum (for one to three years) – available to charities with an income of between £350,000 and £4,000,000
- Overseas grants - funding projects that improve the livelihoods of disadvantaged communities in Commonwealth countries of Africa. Grants of up to £15,000 for one-off projects – available to charities with an income of between £150,000 and £4,000,000

Funding is available for project costs and capital expenditure. The Foundation's small grant programme awards grants of up to £7,000 for projects in the Older People category. The charity's annual income must be less than £350,000.

Deadline: Main Grants - 1st stage applications: 16th August 2024, 8th November 2024. For the small grant programme applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information:

<http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk>

Lawson Trust

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to local charities in **Kent** and Sussex that address one or more of the Trust's funding priorities:

- Arts and heritage
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Social and economic disadvantage

Organisations which can best demonstrate engagement at community will always be a priority for the trustees. Examples of projects supported include:

- MERU - a Kent based charity that creates unique, assistive products for disabled children and young people. Funding was used for the free Bugzi

Loan Scheme. Bugzi is a very small powered wheelchair suitable for children under 5, providing young disabled children the chance to move independently, often for the first time

- Gazen Salts Nature Reserve (Sandwich) - restoration of paths, enabling better access for people with physical disabilities; installation and repair of fencing along paths and around the lake; provision of information boards and litter bins; and habitat provision for Kingfishers and water voles
- Louie's Helping Hands - a charity which raises funds to support The Llewellyn School in Birchington. The charity raised funds to build a much-needed school for children with complex needs

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://lawsontrust.org>

Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity

A limited number of grants of up to £10,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations in the UK that deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money. Applications need to demonstrate how their project will have a lasting impact on the people taking part.

There is particular interest in applications which use memorable, innovative, and or creative ways of delivering financial life skills which will make a lasting impact on the way people think, behave and manage their money.

Deadline: 31st July 2024 for Stage 1 Outline Proposals; please note the closing date may be earlier if too many proposals are received. Full applications close on 4th October 2024 to those successful in Stage 1

For more information:

<https://www.msecharity.com>

R G Hills Charitable Trust

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to UK registered charities (with a preference for those based in **Kent**) for projects concerned with health, poverty and education issues, either locally in Kent or overseas. In previous years, grants were awarded to charities such as:

- Kent Mining Heritage Foundation
- L'Arche Kent
- Rising Sun Domestic Violence & Abuse Service.
- Waltham Village Hall Charity

Deadline: None specified

For more information: R G Hills Charitable Trust, Furley Page Solicitors, 39-40 St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2TX Tel: 01227 763939

Road Safety Trust

Grants of between £10,000 and £300,000 are available to UK-based organisations for new road safety initiatives, trials and research that make a difference for all road users. The theme for this round is 'Inequalities in Road Safety' and 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 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/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

Deadline: Scheme opens on 26th September 2024 and closes on 1st November 2024

For more information:

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

Steel Charitable Trust

Grants are available to registered charities in the UK working in the areas of arts and heritage, education, environment, health, or social and economic disadvantage. The minimum grant size is £10,000, but awards of more than £25,000 are rare.

Applications for the Environment category may include measures that improve the applicant organisation's carbon footprint. However, the applicant organisation's main business must still be connected to one of the five funding categories listed above. 'Traditional' environmental applications, such as to improve habitats and conserve species, remain welcome.

Applications for the Health category, should have a focus on one of the following:

- Programmes and activities that aim to support, maintain and improve mental health in any demographic
- Health care for older people

Applications for the Social or Economic Disadvantage category, should have a focus on one of the following:

- Disadvantaged children
- Housing and homeless people

The funding can support:

- Core costs
- Capital works
- Specific projects

Deadline: 11th July 2024, 11th October 2024 - applications can be submitted at any time, but bids are usually considered two months after deadlines

For more information:

<https://steelcharitabletrust.org.uk>

Veterans' Foundation

Grants of up to £30,000 are available to support not-for-profit organisations that provide lifetime support to those in need among serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans, and their immediate families. 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
- Reducing dependence on alcohol and drugs
- Reducing poverty
- Disability and mental health
- Marriage guidance
- Care during old age

A new small grants scheme will be opening soon with grants of between £50 and £500. Once the programme opens, it will remain open for applications as it is a rolling programme and there are no deadlines.

Deadline: 30th July 2024, 15th October 2024

For more information:

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

Wolfson Foundation – Funding for Places

The main grants programme provides support for places. These grants are for capital initiatives, i.e. buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment. The Foundation funds a broad range of organisations working across the fields of education, science and medicine, health and disability, heritage and arts and humanities.

The size of the grants varies across different programme areas. The usual grant ranges are:

- Charities working with disability – between £20,000 and £75,000
- Charities working in mental health – between £20,000 and £75,000
- Charities working with older people – between £20,000 and £75,000
- Historic buildings and landscapes – between £15,000 and £100,000
- Hospices and palliative care organisations – between £30,000 and £125,000
- Libraries and archives – between £15,000 and £100,000

- Museums and galleries – between £50,000 and £500,000
- Performing arts organisations – between £50,000 and £150,000
- Public engagement with science organisations – between £100,000 and £250,000
- Secondary schools and sixth form colleges – between £15,000 and £50,000 (for equipment); £15,000 and £100,000 (for new build and refurbishment)
- Special needs schools and colleges – between £20,000 and £75,000
- Universities and research institutions – between £250,000 and £1 million

Match funding is required for projects where the total project cost is above £50,000.

Imminent Deadline: 1st July 2024 - deadlines for Stage 1 applications are generally 5th January and 1st July each year but these can vary between specific categories, so applicants are advised to check the Foundation's website before applying

For more information:

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding>

Health and Disability

[Guide to Disability Grants](#)

An online service which aims to provide free accessible information on grants to support disabled adults and parents/carers of disabled children.

For more information:

<https://www.disability-grants.org>

[Adamson Trust](#)

Grants are available to help with the cost of holidays or respite breaks for disabled children (aged 3 to 17 years) with physical, mental, or emotional impairments. Individual families can apply and, in addition, the Trust accepts applications on behalf of groups of children, organisations and other registered charities.

Imminent Deadline: 30th June 2024, 30th September 2024

For more information:

<https://www.theadamsontrust.co.uk>

[Barchester Healthcare Foundation](#)

Grants of up to £2,500 are available for small local groups and small local charities to improve the quality of life and combat loneliness in older people as well as adults with a physical or mental disability.

Funding is intended to help with the following:

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

Priority will be given to innovative projects that help older people and those with a disability to get active, meet people, and reduce isolation.

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme – closed to new applications until 1st July 2024

For more information:

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

David Solomons Charitable Trust

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for registered charities in the UK providing services or other benefits for people with learning disabilities.

In particular, the scheme wishes to support the following:

- Smaller, local projects which focus on care and treatment of those with learning difficulties
- Research into learning disabilities

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered three times a year

For more information:

davidsolomonscharitabletrust@gmail.com

Department of Health and Social Care – Community Automated External Defibrillators Fund

Grants of up to £750 are available for community organisations (such as sports clubs, local theatres, community halls, etc.) across England to buy an automated external defibrillator (AED) to install in a public place.

Deadline: The scheme closes on 21st September 2024. The funding is based on a first come first served basis.

For more information:

<http://tinyurl.com/5n6t5wpr>

Department for Education - Senior Mental Health Lead Training

Grants of £1,200 and access to quality assured training is available to help develop a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing. The grants can 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.

Deadline: 31 December 2024

For more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/senior-mental-health-lead-training>

Elaine and Angus Lloyd Charitable Trust

Grants averaging between £1,000 and £3,500 are available for charitable organisations undertaking a variety of social welfare activities in Kent and Surrey. The grant is intended to support general charitable activities in the areas of advancement of health or saving of lives, disability, and people with disabilities.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

ross.badger@hhllp.co.uk

Lloyds Bank Foundation - Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations

Unrestricted grants of up to £75,000 for three years (£25,000 per year) are available for registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations, and community interest companies which are led by and working for Deaf and Disabled people in England and Wales or the Isle of Man. The Foundation can also provide up to £500 of accessibility support to enable groups to apply for this programme, including BSL interpreters, language translation, scribes and dyslexia software.

Deadline: 28th August 2024

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/2rfyfyp>

Macmillan Grants

One-off small grants of up to £200 for adults, young people or children with cancer in the UK, to cover a wide range of practical needs such as:

- Energy bills
- Home adaptations
- Cost of travel to and from hospital

- Purchasing new clothes to fit changed body shapes/sizes
- A short holiday in the UK during, between or after treatment

Macmillan Grants are means-tested payments to help with the extra costs that living with cancer can bring. Applications must be made through a health or social care professional, such as a social worker, district nurse, or a benefits adviser.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p95z92e>

Motability - Reducing Barriers to Driving Programme

Grants of between £100,000 and £2 million are available to local not-for-profit groups for projects which improve and expand private transport options for disabled people and their families in the UK.

Grants be used for:

- Activity which reduces or mitigates barriers to driving experienced by disabled people, without replicating the support offered by the Motability Scheme
- Continuation funding for schemes programmes and initiatives that already exist, and which provide best practice solutions, but need further support to remain operational or scale the service they can provide to help more disabled people
- Staff or volunteer training and costs
- Full cost recovery which includes indirect costs

Deadline: Applications can be made at any time. Grants available until March 2025.

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8tsnd3>

NHS Blood and Transplant - Community Grants Programme

Grants of up to £20,000 (per year for a two-year funding period) are available to community, faith and belief organisations for projects that positively engage Black, Asian, mixed heritage and minority ethnic communities in organ donation, blood donation, and living kidney donation.

Imminent Deadline: 30th June 2024

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/y55tje9t>

Heritage

National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Grants to support the heritage sector to provide activities that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. Four new investment principles will guide all decisions - projects to take all four investment principles into account in their applications:

- Saving heritage: conserving and valuing heritage, for now and the future
- Protecting the environment: supporting nature recovery and environmental sustainability
- Inclusion, access and participation: supporting greater inclusion, diversity, access and participation in heritage
- Organisational sustainability: strengthening heritage to be adaptive and financially resilient, contributing to communities and economies

Two levels of grants will be available to not-for-profit organisations and private owners of heritage:

- Grants from £10,000 to £250,000
- Grants from £250,000 to £10 million

Funding can support a broad range of activity and a wide range of direct project costs, including: volunteer expenses, event costs, training costs, small capital works, repair/maintenance, new staff, professional fees, costs to improve access. Funding can also be used for the purchase of land and/or buildings that are important to the UK's heritage and are for sale at or below market value.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding>

National Heritage Memorial Fund

Funding is available for charities, not-for-profit organisations and public bodies to help with the cost of acquiring historic land, buildings, works of fine and decorative art and other objects of interest which are important to national heritage. The Fund can be used to help organisations buy:

- Works of fine and decorative art
- Museum collections
- Archives
- Manuscripts
- Items of transport and industrial history
- Historic buildings and land

There is no set minimum or maximum amount of funding. Assistance will only be given where there is no other source of funding.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.nhmf.org.uk/funding>

Social Inclusion

A B Charitable Trust

Grants of up to £30,000 are available for small to medium-sized charities registered and working in the UK that defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals. To be eligible, projects should address at least one of the following:

- Migrants and refugees
- The justice system and penal reform
- Human rights and access to justice

Deadline: 26th July 2024, 25th October 2024

For more information:

<https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk>

Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation

Grants are available for registered charities to support a range of good causes that will benefit those most in need. To be eligible, projects need to address one or more of the Foundation's current funding priorities:

- Victims of modern slavery
- Victims of domestic abuse
- Ex-offenders and their families
- Homelessness
- Medical research
- Support for people with terminal illnesses / life limiting conditions and their carers
- Drug and substance misuse
- Support for people with intellectual disability
- Care leavers
- Worship and associated community outreach
- Amateur sport
- Care for the elderly

Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Previous grants have ranged from £5,000 to £2.25 million.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.albertgubayfoundation.org>

Al-Mizan Charitable Trust

The Al-Mizan Charitable Trust supports families across the UK who are facing difficult financial circumstances. It is able to offer small grants up to £500 to fund a range of goods and services that would better the family's circumstances and situation. Grants are awarded regardless of their faith or cultural background.

The Trust prioritises funding applications that seek to:

- Provide access to education or vocational skills
- Increase employability
- Break the cycle of poverty, deprivation, or disadvantage
- Improve the quality of life of individuals or families who are struggling or unable to access new opportunities
- Relieve suffering and give individuals or families a new start following an event or period of crisis

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

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

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

Grants are available for UK charities to support the following priority:

- Food Poverty with a focus on providing nutritious meals, food education, cooking skills, and eliminating food waste

Grants of £1,000 are available for charities with an operating income of between £100,000 and £1 million. Grants of £5,000 are available for charities with a minimum operating income of over £1 million. There is no maximum level.

Deadline: 31st July 2024 (opens 1st July) for grants of up to £1,000; for the next round the deadline is 30th September 2024 (opens 1st September 2024) – grants of up to £5,000 will be available for this round

For more information:

<https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk>

B&Q Foundation Grants

One-off grants of up to £10,000 are available to UK registered charities for projects that improve homes and communities spaces for those who are experiencing homelessness, in financial hardship, impacted by health, disability or other disadvantage or distress.

A wide range of organisations can apply including: foodbanks, community centres, religious organisations, disability charity/services, homelessness charities, mental health charities/services, children's/ youth charities, elderly care charities/groups, poverty relief services, community cafes, domestic abuse charities, social/supported

accommodation, environmental charities/groups, sports clubs, refugee/asylum charities, LGBTQ+ charities, racial equality charities, and so on.

The funding can support decorating, renovating, or creating spaces, both indoors and outdoors, where people can feel at home and have a sense of belonging. Projects could include creating community gardens, redecorating properties, installing new boilers, and creating new buildings or rooms. The funding will cover the full cost for the completion of the project, including staff time required.

Deadline: 9th August 2024, 15th November 2024

For more information:

<https://bqfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant>

Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust (Kent)

Grants of between £500 and £75,000 are available to local not-for-profit organisations for projects that improve the quality of life for people in Kent, and most notably those who are the most disadvantaged.

The Trust offers five funding programmes:

- Investing in Young People – discretionary grants supporting disadvantaged young people in Kent by helping to improve their academic performance or vocational skills, or by breaking down the barriers that prevent them from participating in education, employment or training
- Investing in Communities – up to £15,000 for supporting smaller charities in Kent delivering essential services to the most vulnerable people in the community and working at grass roots and local community level
- Investing in Families – up to £60,000 (per annum over 3 years or up to £40,000 one off grant), meeting the needs of families in Kent with a wide-range of problems, including debt, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health issues, domestic abuse, caring for a sick or disabled family member and the short and long-term impacts of bereavement
- Investing in Rehabilitation – up to £75,000 for charitable organisations working to support the rehabilitation of offenders with the overall aim of reducing reoffending and making the communities of Kent safer
- Grants to individuals – up to £500, supporting disadvantaged young people living in Kent, helping them to navigate the difficult journey into adulthood and employment, and are intended to meet the costs of practical items, such tools, IT equipment, furniture, childcare, course fees, interview clothes

Imminent Deadline: 31st June 2024, 31st October 2024

For more information:

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

Dulverton Trust

Grants of up to £35,000 are available to UK registered charities working to produce significant impact in the Trust's priority areas: youth opportunities, general welfare, conservation, heritage, Africa (Kenya and Uganda), and international stability and reconstruction.

Youth opportunities – the Trust supports work that engages people primarily on basis that they are from lower-income backgrounds (the charities supported tend to work with children who are in receipt of Free School Meals or Pupil Premium funding or reside in geographies that sit in the 20% most deprived on the IMD scale). Funding is intended for initiatives that support young people to develop life skills (e.g., employability skills, skills to succeed at school, social and emotional skills).

General welfare - The Trust supports a wide range of charities that benefit disadvantaged people and communities, with a particular interest in the following:

- Strengthening and supporting family relationships
- Work with offenders, especially young offenders, with a focus on desistance
- Helping young homeless people to move forward
- Maintaining active living and independence for older people. This does not include help with medical and mental health problems or disability
- The welfare of those who care for others
- Developing tolerance and understanding between faiths and communities and the promotion of social cohesion

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme, with bids considered in February, June and October

For more information:

<https://www.dulverton.org>

Help the Homeless Grant Scheme

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to small and medium-sized charities registered in the UK working to assist homeless people to rebuild their lives and return to the community. Projects must assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offering shelter or other forms of sustenance.

Recent success: Dover Outreach Centre received a grant to help with the refurbishment of move-on accommodation in central Dover which they run as part of their work to get homeless people off the streets and into stable accommodation.

Imminent Deadline: 15th June 2024, 15th September 2024, 15th December 2024

For more information:

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

The Henry Smith Charity

The Charity has refined its grants programme to reduce social and economic disadvantage:

- Improving Lives Fund - grants of between £20,000 and £70,000 to charitable organisations that help people when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate or are simply not available – this scheme will close on 28th June 2024
- Strengthening Communities Fund - grants of between £20,000 and £70,000 to support small charitable organisations working at grassroots level in the most disadvantaged areas of the UK - this scheme will close on 28th June 2024
- Christian Projects - for projects that promote the Christian faith in the UK
- Holiday Grants for Children - grants between £500–£2,500 or recreational trips for groups of children aged 13 and under in the UK who are disabled or disadvantaged. Scheme is currently closed – reopens in July 2024
- County Grants - grants of up to £20,000 for smaller organisations working with disadvantaged people and communities in one of eight English counties, including **Kent**

The grants can be used for revenue costs (running costs, salaries, project costs) and capital costs (one-off capital expenditure such as building refurbishment or equipment), depending on the fund.

Imminent Deadline: Continuous rolling programme, however please note that 'Improving Lives' and 'Strengthening Communities' programmes will close on 28 June 2024 whilst it undergoes strategic review.

For more information:

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

Hilden Charitable Fund (UK programme)

Grants of up to £7,000 per year for up to two years are available for charitable organisations working in following programme areas:

- Asylum Seekers and Refugees - for organisations working to provide essential services which help meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees and support their integration/participation in the wider community
- Penal Affairs – for work "through the door" where organisations go into prisons with projects and support to help prisoners (especially women) cope and/or maintain family bonds and to be better able to resettle positively when released. Post-release projects which support positive settlement and reduce the risk of re-offending are also welcomed

Unrestricted grants of core or project funding are available. However, to be eligible for unrestricted funding, all of an organisation's work must meet the Fund's criteria. For example, a general community group which only undertakes some of its work with refugees would not be eligible because its other work does not meet the criteria. Funding is directed largely at supporting work at the community level.

Deadline: 11th July 2024

For more information:

<https://www.hildencharitablefund.org>

Inman Charity

Grants of between £2,000 and £5,000 are available to UK registered charities for projects with a social welfare focus and those working with disadvantaged people. The Charity is particularly interested in supporting the following areas:

- Medical research
- Care of the elderly
- General welfare
- Hospices
- The deaf and blind
- Care of people with physical and mental disabilities
- The Armed Forces

Deadline: 31st August 2024

For more information:

<https://www.inmancharity.org>

Kelly Family Charitable Trust

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for UK registered charities, working locally or regionally, whose activities nurture and support family life. Activities should involve all or most family members in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members.

The three principal areas 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., relationship counselling, mediation
- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drugs abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment

The trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. Applications are also considered for core funding from relatively new organisations seeking to become established.

Deadline: 1st September 2024

For more information:

<https://kfct.org.uk>

Kent Community Foundation - Fidelity UK Foundation Kent Community Development Fund

Grants between £5,000 and £18,000 are available for capital and infrastructure projects that strengthen robust registered charities that are working with the most disadvantaged in society, especially children and young people, in Kent and Medway.

The funding should focus on helping organisations strengthen their impact, effectiveness and/or sustainability - therefore strengthening their ability to achieve their mission. This could include investment in leadership, strategic planning, fundraising, financial management or impact measurement.

Applications will typically be considered for the following:

- Capital expenditure - including equipment, new construction, renovation and expansion which are critical to sustainability and achieving mission
- Strategic organisational developments - including mergers and planning initiatives which use expert consultants to determine new, transformational paths
- Project funding may be considered if organisations can demonstrate how the project will be funded, financially viable or self-sustaining beyond the initial funding period

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://kentcf.org.uk/funding>

Leeds Building Society Foundation – Small Grants

Small Grants of between £250 and £1,000 are available for projects that support those in need of a safe and secure home for those who are disadvantaged or in vulnerable circumstances. Grants may only be used for capital expenditure (that is, to purchase items/equipment used to directly help those in need).

Projects must meet the Foundation's purpose through one or more of its criteria themes. Examples of eligible projects include:

- 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

Deadline: 9th September 2024, 11th November 2024

For more information:

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

The Phoenix Way – Children and Youth Round

Grants of up to £75,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations, and charities to deliver projects and activities that work with Black and racially minoritised children and young people to prevent and reduce violence. Funding is for projects that deliver one of the following activities:

- Diversion from the criminal justice system - targeting support for children and young people who have been arrested but not taken to court
- Supportive home - support to help families facing challenges and help them create a safe, loving environment
- Education - activities designed to reduce absence or exclusion, or improve behaviour management policies for children and young people
- Trusted adult relationships – Ensuring trusted adults build relationships to support children and young people at risk of becoming involved in violence, and support for young people to be assigned an adult mentor, key, or case worker
- Positive activities – Sport, Art, and other activities designed to support children and young people and keep them safe from becoming involved in violence
- Therapies - Therapy to help children and young people deal with challenges and protect them from involvement in violence.

Funding can be used to support a new project, an existing project, or the expansion of a project. It can pay for:

- Staff costs
- Running costs
- Activities costs
- Equipment
- Other resources that are needed to support project delivery

For this round, youth-led organisations (those with at least 70% of leadership under the age of 30) will also be invited to apply for the Future Phoenix Awards. The Future Phoenix Awards will provide five special awards of £13,000 to youth-led applicants.

Deadline: 3rd July 2024

For more information:

<https://www.ubele.org/our-work/the-phoenix-way>

Quaker Housing Trust

Grants and loans are available for a wide range of charitable social housing projects in Britain with a focus on helping small charitable organisations to enhance the quality of their housing provision or to create new homes for people in often desperate need of housing. The Trust supports housing projects providing homes for a wide range of people of all ages including:

- People with mental and physical health problems
- People with learning difficulties

- People who would otherwise be homeless
- Women escaping domestic violence
- Single parents and young families
- People moving out of institutional care
- People with addiction problems
- Refugees, asylum seekers, migrants
- Survivors of trafficking

Best Practice Grants - funding for organisations at the early stages of developing a project. There are two areas which can be funded under this programme:

- The Environmental Assessment Grant which will fund professional fees associated with identifying and using environmentally-friendly options for a housing project.
- The Feasibility Study Grant which will help with professional fees associated with testing the feasibility of specific proposals to improve, expand or create new genuinely affordable rented housing.

Main Grants and Loans Programme - funding for projects that create homes. Projects must be well-progressed in terms of planning, with feasibility studies undertaken, a robust budget established and relevant planning permissions secured.

Examples of funded projects:

- Ella's - offers housing and support to women who have survived trafficking and exploitation
- Pathways - offers quality accommodation to those struggling with trauma, abuse and addiction

Deadline: 4th September 2024, 13th November 2024

For more information:

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

Skidders Company - Relief of Poverty and Hardship Grants

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to charitable organisations to fund projects that support people in Kent (and London) who are experiencing the negative impact of poverty and deprivation. The foundation wants to fund grassroots organisations that are working in local communities to enable local and contextual responses to the needs these places face, and it aims to prioritise a longer-term approach, focusing on the underlying causes of poverty and hardship. It looks to support projects with a track record of success, or where the specific model of work is proven to be successful.

Funding is primarily focused on the relationship between families and poverty. This, however, is broadly interpreted, meaning the foundation will consider applications linked to the following priority groups:

- Families

- Older People
- People with Disabilities
- Early Years
- Domestic Violence

Deadline: Applications will be considered in September and March each year - with deadlines approximately 6 weeks prior. The next deadline is 8th August 2024.

For more information:

<https://www.skinner.org.uk/charities/scf/hardship>

Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation

Grants of up to £6,000 are available to UK registered charities whose purpose is to:

- Benefit children and adults particularly those living in socially deprived areas, through education to develop core skills and support wellbeing and mental health
- Benefit the wellbeing and welfare of children and adults by preventing or reducing poverty and homelessness in the community
- Support the elderly and improve their wellbeing by reducing isolation, helping reduce the effects of Dementia and Alzheimer's and support later life/palliative care

Deadline: 31st July 2024, 1st November 2024

For more information:

<https://www.skiptoncharitablefoundation.co.uk>

Smallwood Trust - Women's Urgent Support Fund

Grants of between £15,000 and £60,000 over three years are available to small, local community organisations who are providing frontline services for women in England to manage the impact of the cost-of-living crisis. Grants will enable organisations to respond to the spike in demand of priority basic needs from women who are most at risk of poverty, because of the cost-of-living-crisis.

Priority will be given to organisations and/or services supporting the following groups:

- Women experiencing racial inequality
- Disabled women
- Women with No Recourse to Public Funds
- Women that are the sole parent to children under 18 years
- LGBTQ+ communities experiencing financial insecurity

At least 50% of grants will be committed to projects that support women experiencing racial inequality and/or disabled women. Grants can pay for core and frontline staff salaries, running costs/overheads, services and goods, and other organisational costs.

Imminent Deadline: 21st June 2024 (Expressions of Interest)

For more information:

<https://www.smallwoodtrust.org.uk/grants-to-organisations-2>

Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund

Grants are available for smaller UK based charities and charitable incorporated organisations that can demonstrate impact with ex-offenders, young offenders or young people at risk of offending, either within a local area or nationally. There are two levels of funding:

- Small grants of up to £5,000
- Main Grants have no maximum amount

Grants are normally awarded for one year only; however, in exceptional cases, applications for multi-year funding of up to three years, will be considered.

Deadline: 4th July 2024, 14th November 2024

For more information:

<https://weavers.org.uk>

Woodward Charitable Trust - General Grants

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to fund core costs of smaller registered charities in the UK working in the following areas:

- Children and young people (up to 25 years) who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in antisocial behaviour - this covers gang violence and knife crime, education and mentoring, as well as projects that work to raise self-esteem and employment opportunities and encourage an active involvement in and contribution towards the local community
- Disadvantaged families – this covers parenting support and guidance, mental health, food poverty, refuges and domestic violence projects
- Prisoners and ex-offenders and specifically projects that maintain and develop contact with prisoners' families and help with the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders after their release

The majority of an applicant's beneficiaries (more than 50%) must be within at least one of these areas to be eligible. The Trust only makes grants for core costs rather than specific projects.

Deadline: 26th July 2024

For more information:

<https://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk>

Sport and Physical Activity

Cycling UK - Big Bike Revival Grants Programme

Grants of up to £3,500 are available for voluntary groups, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations to support the delivery of Big Bike Revival events across England (outside of London) for people who do not normally cycle.

The programme supports people returning to cycling, starting as complete beginners, and other people who do not cycle regularly. This includes reaching new people, including groups who are underrepresented in cycling or face challenges and perceived barriers to cycling, such as:

- Women
- People on low incomes or unemployed
- People who suffer from poor mental health
- People who are not meeting physical activity guidelines
- People who are lacking confidence
- Military veterans
- People who are experiencing substance abuse
- Ethnic minorities
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- People experiencing transport poverty

The fund will support events and activities that use the 'fix-learn-ride' model to provide sessions on fixing unused or broken bikes, learning sessions such as maintenance workshops or cycle training/upskilling, or offering low mileage-led rides on local routes to build up the confidence of participants.

Imminent Deadline: 25th June 2024 - delivery period is until 31st October 2024

For more information:

<https://www.cyclinguk.org/bigbikerevival/delivery-partners>

Boost Charitable Trust

Small grants are available to charities and not-for-profit organisations with a focus on helping disadvantaged individuals in the UK to participate in sport. Boost focuses on five areas of disadvantage:

- Financial hardship
- Physical and learning disabilities
- Mental health
- Medical research and relief
- Social exclusion

Deadline: There is no deadline as this is a rolling round

For more information:

<https://www.boostct.org/get-involved>

Football Foundation

The Football Foundation provides funding for projects to support grassroots football, to improve the experience of playing football for everyone involved. The grant size available depends on the type of investment that the club is applying for. Grants are generally of up to a maximum of £25,000. The following can be funded:

- Fencing
- Goalposts
- Minor works to changing rooms and club house refurbishment
- Pitch maintenance – drainage, maintenance machinery or drainage
- Portable floodlights
- Storage containers
- Improvements to playing surfaces
- Defibrillators
- Energy efficiency

Deadline: Applications are accepted at any time

For more information:

<https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding>

Greene King IPA – Proud to Pitch In

Grants of up to £4,000 are available for grassroots sports clubs to deliver activities within local communities across the UK. Funding is intended for sports activities that have a positive impact on the club and/or the surrounding community. The project beneficiaries must be aged 18 and over. 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

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme – closes 1st November 2024

For more information:

<https://www.actionfunder.org/proud-to-pitch-in>

Laurence Plummer Foundation

Grants are available to individuals and local not-for-profit groups in **Kent and Medway** for projects which remove barriers to participation in physical activity for people from disadvantaged backgrounds. Eligible activities could include:

- Encouraging/facilitating participation
- Working with those who face significant barriers to taking part in sport
- Creating new sports activities
- Encouraging educational training
- Assisting volunteers in sport

- Projects benefitting young people in Medway from disadvantaged backgrounds

Eligible costs: equipment, clothing/footwear/kit, coach education, competition entry/registration.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://thelaurenceplummerfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant>

Peter Harrison Foundation - Opportunities through Sport Programme

Grants of up to £30,000 are available to charities registered in the UK that are running sports projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and develop personal and life skills. Grants are usually made for capital projects. Consideration will be given for revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project. Trustees welcome applications for projects that:

- Provide a focus for skills development and confidence building through the medium of sport
- Have a strong training and/or educational theme within the sporting activity
- Provide sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people
- Have a high degree of involvement from beneficiaries and those with lived experience
- Have a plan for sustainability

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time - Trustees hold quarterly meetings

For more information:

<https://peterharrisonfoundation.org>

Sport England – Movement Fund

Grants of between £300 and £15,000 (and other resources) are available for community groups, local sports clubs and grassroots organisations across England with ideas of how to tackle inequalities and help get more people active. The new £160 million, four-year fund offers crowdfunding pledges, grants and resources to improve physical activity opportunities for the people and communities who need it the most. The new fund replaces Sport England's existing Small Grants Programme and Active Together fund.

There is particular interest in projects providing opportunities for groups facing barriers to activity, such as:

- People living on low incomes
- Disabled people or those with long-term health conditions

- Older people
- People from culturally diverse communities
- Pregnant women and parents with very young children
- Girls aged 5-16
- LGBTQ+ people
- People who are in foster care
- People who provide care without pay
- Projects that address combined hurdles, such as people with long-term health conditions alongside caring responsibilities

The funding could cover: equipment, refurbishing or upgrading facilities, developing new capabilities and leadership skills, project delivery costs, and emergency relief (costs during a crisis, like damage from extreme weather).

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme – no deadlines

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7savy2>

Children and Young People

7stars Foundation

Grants of up to £2,500 (£1,500 through Shine Bright and Social Impact grants) are available to support young people challenged by abuse and addiction, those who are young carers, and those who are homeless or without a safe place to call home.

Funding is intended to cover the costs of projects which:

- Enable young people to have the best start in life and aim high
- Have a direct impact and respond to a need in an immediate manner
- Are hosted in geographical areas of deprivation and socioeconomic disadvantage
- Respond to one or more of the funding priorities of the 7stars Foundation
- Address a lack of provision (due to a lack of funding from alternative sources)
- Provide immediate support, not just in the short-term but with long-term benefits too

Shine Bright funding is for registered charities to purchase items and resources to protect and support the children they serve through the cost of living crisis.

Deadline: 31st August 2024

For more information:

<https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply>

Alec Dickson Trust

Grants of up to £500 are available to support volunteering projects in the UK, organised and run by young people (aged 30 years and younger). In general, the Trust aims to support projects which:

- Encourage youth volunteering - particularly those which involve lots of volunteers and encourage people to continue volunteering long term
- Have a positive impact on disadvantaged communities and individuals - particularly projects which address a specific need and have a long lasting and meaningful effect on those it reaches
- Are innovative and try to do things a bit differently, such as using social media creatively or using existing resources in new ways

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme, Trustees meet eight times a year to review applications

For more information:

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

Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust

The Trust offers up to twelve grants a year averaging £400 to support disadvantaged young people to further develop an existing interest in adventurous outdoor activities such as walking, climbing, cycling, kayaking, sailing, horse riding in the UK. The Trust usually supports individuals or small groups.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.andyfanshawe.org>

BBC Children in Need

Grants of up to £120,000 (or up to £40,000 over three years) are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people aged up to 18 years and living in the UK. There are two streams:

- Core Grants - available to cover core costs for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years or under who are living in the UK
- Project Grants - available to support the aims and delivery of a specific piece of work. This work will usually be time-limited, and based on a defined set of activities

Both streams offer funding to organisations whose work aligns with the principles set out in the Children in Need Grantmaking Strategy 2022-2025:

- Sharing power with children and young people
- Acting flexibly
- Using its voice to build awareness and empathy around issues
- Building partnerships to bring communities and investors together

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants>

BBC Children in Need - Emergency Essentials Programme

Funding is available for the purchase of essential items to meet the most basic needs of children and young people in the UK who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances. This programme provides items for the most basic needs of vulnerable children and young people who may be:

- Living in severe poverty and suffering deprivation as a result
- Affected by additional social issues such as domestic abuse, substance misuse, estrangement, disability or serious illness, mental health or behavioural difficulties, abuse or neglect

Funding is available for critical household items as follows:

- Electric cookers
- Furniture, kitchen equipment and small appliances
- Clothing
- Baby equipment
- Fridges and freezers
- Washing machines
- Tumble dryers
- Children's beds and bedding, including cots

Applications must be made through an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and is capable of assessing their needs, and can also administer the grant, such as a teacher, GP, nurse, charity representative, housing or tenancy support worker. The scheme is administered by the Family Fund Business Services (FFBS).

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk>

Buttle UK - Chances For Children

Grants of up to £2,400 are available Individually tailored grants are available for children and young people who have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on their wellbeing and educational engagement.

Grants are for (but are not limited to):

- Items and activities to support learning and development such as laptops, books, wi-fi, educational toys, tuition, etc.
- Clothing and school uniforms
- Social, sporting and leisure activities

- Family activities
- Items for children/young people's bedrooms
- Other household items that are not available from sources such as Emergency Essentials or Local Authority welfare schemes, etc.
- Boarding school fees for children who are unable to stay in their family home

Applications are only accepted from frontline professionals who are working directly with the children/young person.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://buttleuk.org>

Casey Trust

Grants are available for UK registered charities (or UK affiliates) for start-up projects, or new initiatives, taking place in the UK that exclusively support children (up to 18 years) and their welfare. Currently the Trust is particularly looking to support children's projects connected with the arts, mental health, child refugees in the UK.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.caseytrust.org>

Educational Opportunity Foundation

Grants between £10,000 and £90,000 are available for UK registered charities to advance educational opportunities for vulnerable or deprived children and young people in the UK and around the world. Two funding streams available:

- UK projects – supports work to improve the educational outcomes and life chances of care-experienced young people under the age of 25
- International projects – supports projects to improve the quality, sustainability and access to education for young people within international marginalised and vulnerable communities

Applications are particularly welcomed under the following priority areas:

- Addressing the specific challenges that children and young people who have been displaced by conflict face in accessing quality education
- Enhancing the opportunities and reducing barriers for girls to access education

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://educationalopportunity.org.uk/home/grants>

Gibbons Family Trust (Thanet)

Small grants (currently averaging £1,889) are available to assist children and young people under the age of 25 that live in Thanet. Grants are made at the discretion of the Trustees for a wide variety of reasons. Eligible projects include:

- Residential and day care establishments for children and young people, including those who are disabled
- The maintenance and educational advancement, training and recreation of children/young people

Imminent Deadline: 30th June 2024, 31st August 2024

For more information:

<https://gibbonstrusts.org.uk>

Ironmongers' Company

Grants of up to £10,000 (average award £4,000) are available to provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK to fulfil their potential. Projects must meet all the following criteria:

- For children and young people under the age of 25 who are disadvantaged
- Consist of educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills
- Have clear aims and objectives to be met within a planned timescale

The Company is looking for projects that deliver clearly defined educational benefits to a specific group of children or young people. Items of equipment will be considered only where a full explanation is given of how they will be of use to this activity. Projects could, for example, achieve the following:

- Support special educational needs
- Foster social, emotional or life skills

Preference is given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience.

Deadline: 31st July 2024, 15th December 2024

For more information:

<https://www.ironmongers.org/charitable-grants>

Peter Harrison Foundation - Positive Futures for Children and Young People Programme

Grants of up to £30,000 are available for charities in the South East of England to assist young people who are physically, mentally or socially disadvantaged. The Trustees welcome applications for the following types of projects:

- Work with or benefit disabled, chronically or terminally ill children and provide support for their parents and carers
- Support children and young people who face mental ill health

- Help to engage children or young people at risk of crime, truancy or addiction
- Support young people at risk of homelessness or provide new opportunities for homeless young people

Deadline: 1st July 2024, 1st October 2024

For more information:

<https://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org>

The Phoenix Way – Children and Youth Round

Grants of up to £75,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations, and charities to deliver projects and activities that work with Black and racially minoritised children and young people to prevent and reduce violence. Funding is for projects that deliver one of the following activities:

- Diversion from the criminal justice system - targeting support for children and young people who have been arrested but not taken to court
- Supportive home - support to help families facing challenges and help them create a safe, loving environment
- Education - activities designed to reduce absence or exclusion, or improve behaviour management policies for children and young people
- Trusted adult relationships – Ensuring trusted adults build relationships to support children and young people at risk of becoming involved in violence, and support for young people to be assigned an adult mentor, key, or case worker
- Positive activities – Sport, Art, and other activities designed to support children and young people and keep them safe from becoming involved in violence
- Therapies - Therapy to help children and young people deal with challenges and protect them from involvement in violence.

Funding can be used to support a new project, an existing project, or the expansion of a project. It can pay for:

- Staff costs
- Running costs
- Activities costs
- Equipment
- Other resources that are needed to support project delivery

For this round, youth-led organisations (those with at least 70% of leadership under the age of 30) will also be invited to apply for the Future Phoenix Awards. The Future Phoenix Awards will provide five special awards of £13,000 to youth-led applicants.

Deadline: 3rd July 2024

For more information:

<https://www.ubele.org/our-work/the-phoenix-way>

Triangle Trust 1949 Fund

Grants of up to £80,000 over two years (up to £40,000 a year) are available for charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies in the UK that are working to support young people with criminal convictions or young people at high risk of offending for the first time. In 2024, the focus is specifically on young women and girls who have been in the criminal justice system or who are at a high risk of entering it.

Deadline: for the Autumn 2024 schedule: stage one application window opens on 18th September and closes on 30th October 2024

For more information:

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

John Coldman Charitable Trust

Grants are available for educational or charitable organisations in **Kent** for supporting young people or communities in need.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

johncoldman@benfieldpartners.com

Red Hill Trust

Grants of between £1,000 and £5000 are available for organisations across South-East England to deliver a variety of educational projects and activities that benefit children and young people with social, emotional, and mental health difficulties.

Funding is for education or training projects and activities. This can include therapies, well-being programs, and the use of nurture provision. For example:

- Equipment costs to set up primary nurture groups
- Performance arts to help teenagers with behaviour problems
- Support for farming and gardening projects at special schools
- Support programmes for children bereaved or acting as carers
- Conversion and reequipping of classrooms for therapeutic education
- PSHE and anger management courses for referred students
- Mentoring and residential experience projects

The trustees prefer to provide grants for equipment, buildings, or activities, rather than to subsidise salaries.

Deadline: 15th September 2024

For more information:

<https://redhilltrust.org>

Help and guidance

Organisations offering support and advice to businesses and the voluntary sector:

Organisation	Area	Telephone	Email
Business & IP Centre Kent (BIPC Kent) https://www.bipckent.org.uk	Kent		bipc@kent.gov.uk
Council for Voluntary Service North West Kent (CVSNWK) https://www.cvsnwk.org	Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley	01474 354479	office@cvsnwk.org
Funding For All https://www.fundingforall.org.uk	Kent		info@fundingforall.org.uk
Imago http://www.imago.community	Kent and Medway	01892 530330	hello@imago.community
Involve Kent https://www.involvekent.org.uk	Kent	03000 810005	hello@involvekent.org.uk
Kent Volunteer Partnership https://kentvolunteers.org.uk	Kent		info@thekentvolunteerpartnership.org.uk
Red Zebra Community Solutions https://redzebra.org.uk (under construction)	Kent	01227 262313	info@redzebra.org.uk
Swale Community & Voluntary Services (SCVS) http://www.swalecvs.org.uk	Swale	01795 473828	office@swalecvs.co.uk
Kent & Medway Growth Hub https://www.kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk	Kent and Medway	03333 602300	business@kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk
Kent Community Foundation (KCF) http://www.kentcf.org.uk	Kent and Medway	01303 814500	admin@kentcf.org.uk
Stronger Kent Communities (SKC) https://tinyurl.com/3up6e3w5	Kent	01227 314160	contact@strongerkentcommunities.org.uk
Social Enterprise Kent (SEK) https://sekgroup.org.uk	Kent	01227 469970	info@sekgroup.org.uk

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