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## News and Events

### ***Have Your Say on the Future of VCSE Infrastructure Support in Kent!***

The Kent & Medway VCSE Steering Group is working on an exciting project to shape the future of infrastructure support for community groups and organisations across our region. This could include providing them with advice, training, specialist services like HR or finance, and opportunities to connect and collaborate with others. As someone passionate about making a difference, your insights and experiences are vital to ensuring we create a system that works for everyone.

Why get involved?

- Share what's working well for community groups/organisations like yours

### **Kent4Community**

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

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

- Highlight areas where support could be different
- Help us co-design a sustainable and inclusive support system for the future

How can you contribute?

- Join a free workshop near you - in person workshops in East, West, North and South Kent in January 2025. These sessions are a chance to share your experiences and ideas while meeting others committed to strengthening our communities. When you book please select your preferred date at the time of booking your ticket. Please note that while the event technically begins on 13th January, the ticket you choose will indicate the specific date you wish to attend <https://tinyurl.com/2p9p3r4e>
- Complete the survey - if you can't attend a workshop, you can still make a difference by sharing your thoughts in our short survey. Every response helps shape the recommendations for future support <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VCSEKent>

Your voice matters - this is more than a project; it's a movement to ensure every community group in Kent has the tools and support they need to thrive. Together, we can make a real difference.

**For more information:**

<https://vcsekent.org.uk>

## **Government Announces Business Growth Service**

Businesses across the UK will be able to get quicker and easier help, support and advice, thanks to a new service that will help them grow and thrive. Small businesses consistently say that they find the business support landscape fragmented and complex, with only 26% of UK SME employers reporting in 2023 to have sought external advice or information in the last year.

The Business Growth Service has been designed to address this, offering a UK-wide business support system with a revamped web offer, launching in 2025. It will be developed and will work in partnership with small businesses, local and devolved governments across the UK, with locally led delivery at its core, to ensure the service provides the information and resources smaller firms need from government.

Inspired by successful business support agencies internationally, the Business Growth Service will be an integral part of the Small Business Strategy that will be published in 2025. This will also support the Department of Business and Trade's approach to creating a pro-business environment through the Industrial Strategy and the government's growth mission.

The Government also confirmed £1 billion for the British Business Bank to enhance access to finance for smaller businesses through Start Up Loans; the ENABLE Build; the Growth Guarantee Scheme and Life Sciences Investment Programme.

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/5n78mbr2>

## **Government Announces New National Youth Strategy**

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has announced a new National Youth Strategy that aims to break down barriers to opportunities for the country's young people. The new strategy is expected to prioritise delivering better coordinated youth services and policy at a local, regional and national level and hand power back to young people and their communities. Funding plans include:

- £85 million to support more youth facilities, including £26 million for youth clubs to buy new equipment and undertake renovations via the Better Youth Spaces programme
- £100 million from the next tranche of the Dormant Assets scheme will be used to deliver youth outcomes between 2024 and 2028 to support the provision of services, facilities and opportunities for young people across the country. Further details on what the £100 million can support 'will be set out in due course through the publication of the Dormant Assets Strategy'

Funding will also be used to launch a Local Youth Transformation pilot to provide tools, guidance, peer challenge and funding to help local authorities rejuvenate local youth services. In addition, the Creative Careers Programme will be expanded, and will open up new opportunities to access careers in the arts, and continue to invest in multi-sport facilities that provides young people access to quality sports facilities on their doorsteps.

Further details will be published in due course.

### **For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/5659wrnb>

## **National Lottery Community Fund Commits to £3 billion in 'Life Changing' Funding for England by 2030**

The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) recently published its 'bold new vision' for supporting communities across England over the next five years which includes distributing at least £3 billion in funds by 2030.

NLCF is currently seeking partners for the development phase of three new approaches which will focus on increasing the voice and resilience of communities that support them:

- **Community Power Fund** – £1.2 million in funding is available for the development stage. Community or voluntary organisations and public sector organisations can apply for grants of between £50,000 and £80,000 per partner organisation
- **You Decide Funding** - £2 million in funding distributed between up to five partners. Community or voluntary organisations can apply for a maximum grant of £80,000 to cover their costs. Of the £2 million, at least £1.6 million is for onward granting to communities
- **Grant Holder Support** - £2.1 million is available to deliver a package of funding and support to address the most common challenges that communities face. This funding will help increase the knowledge, skills and

resilience of civil society organisations. Community or voluntary organisations can apply. One grant of £200,000 for a lead partner and £1.9 million to support around 8 to 10 civil society organisations participating in the partnership and development work.

Expressions of interest for all three programmes will open on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/yfxxhcsh>

## 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 Music** - specifically supporting rehearsal and recording studios, promoters, festivals, and venues for live and electronic music performance
- **Museums Unlocking Collections** - aimed at enabling museums to develop their collections-based work and increase public engagement with, and use of, their collections
- **Universal Library Offers** - aimed at enabling public libraries with their delivery of the four Universal Library Offers: Reading, Health and Wellbeing, Digital and Information, and Culture and Creativity

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>

## **Art Fund - Student Opportunities**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to harness the talent of university students to help realise a project at a museum or gallery in the UK. The programme enables students to explore an interest in the arts alongside future career options, while providing organisations with extra capacity which is skilled and accountable.

Eligible applicants are UK public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries, archives, agencies and other visual arts organisations that:

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

They will fund the costs associated with paying students for the time they spend supporting an organisation in delivering projects.

**Deadline:** 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**For more information:**

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

## **BBC Small Indie Fund**

Funding is available to small independent production companies across the UK working in TV and film, with a particular focus on diverse-led companies.

In 2023/24 the 57 small companies on the fund included 44 with at least two individuals from underrepresented groups in leadership roles and 38 based outside of London.

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/commissioning/small-indie-fund>

## **Create South East**

This is not a grant scheme, but a free programme for creative businesses operating in Essex, Kent and Sussex who want to become investment ready. The programme of support offers resources, mentoring and funding.

The programme is particularly keen to hear from companies working in the following target disciplines or sub-sectors: design and designer fashion; film, TV, video, radio and photography; music, performing and visual arts.

**Deadline:** None specified. Companies can apply at any time by submitting an Expression of Interest form.

**For more information:**

<https://createsoutheast.org.uk/programme>

## **DOC SOCIETY Funds**

Grants in the region of £20,000 are available to support independent filmmakers and artists making documentary projects that would not be commissioned by a UK broadcaster. The Foundation also helps filmmakers in other ways, such as arranging mentoring, offering advice, and additional funding to ensure that films get seen by the right people once they are completed.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://docsociety.org/more>

## **Elephant Trust**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to artists, small organisations and galleries within the UK to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds.

**Deadline:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

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

## **Music for All - Community Project Funding**

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to UK-based community groups that aim to bring musical projects to their local communities. The funding is for groups that need assistance to fulfil their potential in developing truly sustainable music programmes.

In the current round, support will be available in the following distinct areas:

- Learning and cognitive challenges
- Groups working with those facing financial hardships
- Working with children in early years age group 0–4
- Physical mobility or accessibility need
- Choral groups

**Deadline:** 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

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

## **Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Arts Fund**

Grants of between £90,000 and £300,000 for activity lasting up to three years, are available to support the core costs of not-for-profit cultural organisations working at the intersection of art and social change within the UK.

This fund is focused on supporting organisations to become more sustainable and to deepen the impact of the work. This can include support for specific posts, skills development, underpinning of the strategy or business model and for project delivery which is central to their organisation's mission and vision.

Consideration will be given to how organisations have been impacted by systemic inequities, such as (but not limited to) racial inequity, socio-economic disadvantage, having disabilities, living in isolated rural communities or experience of the immigration system. Priority will be given to applications which are actively anti-racist and intersectional in their approach.

The funding will cover work that involves any of the following: crafts, creative writing (including poetry), dance, design, film, music, opera, photography, digital arts and media, theatre and drama, the visual arts and cross-arts practices.

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 (first stage)

**For more information:**

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/arts-fund>

## **Universal Music UK Sound Foundation School Fund**

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to schools to support the purchase of musical instruments and equipment.

**Deadline:** Trustees review applications and offers are made twice a year; March and October. The next deadline is 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://www.umuksoundfoundation.com/umuksf-school-awards>

# **Business, Economy 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. Loans must be between 20% to 30% match funded from private sources such as business reserves or bank loans.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

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

### **BT Group Apprenticeship Fund**

The Fund aims to support SMEs, charities, and public sector organisations across England by providing access to £4 million in apprenticeship funding over four years.

The Fund, designed to support up to 550 apprentices, focuses particularly on developing digital skills, aligning with BT's emphasis on technology. As more than a third of mid-sized businesses report difficulty in recruiting apprentices, the funding is expected to have a positive economic impact, estimated at £21 million.

The programme also seeks to promote local economic growth, reduce the digital divide, and enhance social mobility by providing fast access to apprenticeship funding for smaller organisations. Through levy transfers, it aims to help develop local skills and create opportunities for businesses and individuals alike.

**Deadline:** Applications can be made at any time

**For more information:**

<https://btgrouplevytransferservice.babington.co.uk>

### **Innovate UK - AI Solutions to Develop AI Competencies in Key Sectors Competition**

UK registered organisations can apply for grants of up to £100,000 for AI solutions to support AI upskilling in BridgeAI key sectors. This competition aims to develop responsible and ethical AI personalised learning solutions to build AI competencies in key sectors: construction, transport and logistics, creative industries, and agriculture and food processing. The lead organisation must be a UK-registered business of any size and must include at least one SME.

**Deadline:** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/3hyt8ktm>



## **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. 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>

## **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>

## **Home Building Fund**

The Home Building Fund is government finance to increase the number of new homes being built in England. Applications are being accepted from private sector businesses (small builders, community builders, custom builders and innovative housing developers and regeneration specialists and businesses) to build new homes or prepare sites for development. It provides two types of finance:

- **Development loans** (start from £250,000, with house builders typically borrowing between £2 million and £5 million) - these are:
  - For meeting the development costs of building homes for sale or rent
  - To be taken out over five years
- **Infrastructure loans** (up to £250 million) – these are:
  - To prepare the site for the infrastructure needed for housing to progress and land to be prepared
  - To be taken out over 20 years

Loans can be tailored to individual circumstances and eligible costs will be discussed with each applicant and depend on the type of funding requested.

Homes England wants to encourage innovation, both in the kind of homes that are built and the way they are delivered.

**Deadline:** None specified. Originally December 2024, the Home Building Fund for SMEs is being extended beyond March 2025

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2699rscs>

## **Let's Do Business Loans**

Growth loans of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available for businesses who want to grow and are unable to access conventional bank support in areas of the South East and East of England. A business loan over an agreed term up to a maximum of six years with monthly repayments of capital and interest.

Start Up Loans are also available.

**Deadline:** None specified - rolling programme

**For more information:**

<https://www.letsdobusinessfinance.co.uk/business-loans>

## **Maker Relief Fund - Heritage Crafts Association (HCA)**

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to professional craftspeople in the UK who are facing financial hardship. Applicants should fit into one or more of the following categories:

- People on low incomes
- Working class people

- Black and ethnically diverse people, including Gypsy, Roma and Travellers.
- People with disabilities, who identify as neurodiverse, and/or have chronic physical or mental health issues
- Members of the LGBTQIA+ community
- People with caring responsibilities

Grants can be used by the recipient as they wish; there are no restrictions.

**Deadline:** Applications can be submitted at any time until the end of October 2025.

**For more information:**

<https://www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/makerrelieffund>

### **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:** 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (opens 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

**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:** 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (opens 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

**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>

## **Samsung - Solve for Tomorrow Competition**

The competition invites young innovators aged between 16 to 25 who have tech ideas for new products, services or apps that could make a real difference to people and communities most in need. The competition will be split into two groups, Participants will enter one of the below groups, based on age:

- 16-18 years-old
- 18-25 years-old

First prize: £10,000, plus business industry mentorship to evolve the winning concept in each group. Each Applicant who forms part of the winning Participant team will also receive a designated Samsung laptop and phone.

There will be one Runners-Up Prize, per group which will consist of a cash prize of £1,000, and mentorship from Samsung for up to three months following the final.

**Deadline:** 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://www.samsung.com/uk/solvefortomorrow>

## **Shanly Foundation – Careers in Construction Grants**

Grants of up to £50,000 (or £150,000 over three years) are available for charities and community interest companies working to support people towards employment in construction within selected areas in England, including areas in **Kent** (parts of Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling and Tunbridge Wells). This fund aims to support organisations working to deliver pathways into a career in the construction industry through supporting discrete projects and activities as well as providing unrestricted funding.

Applications are welcome from charities representing the disadvantaged, disabled, long-term unemployed, youth groups, etc. Funding is available for:

- Specific activities with a defined scope of work and project timescale

- Operating/core costs (it is unlikely that the Foundation will fund more than 2% of the organisation's total annual budget)
- Unrestricted funding (cannot be used for endowments or reserves).
- Capital projects for building works, repairs, or equipment

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 (opens 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025)

**For more information:**

<https://shanlyfoundation.com/careers-in-construction>

### **Skidders' Charity Foundation - Young People's Vocational Development (Individuals Programme)**

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for young people (aged 16 to 26), to take courses (up to level 4) that will help them move into employment. Funding can be given for course fees, equipment/materials, travel costs, childcare and living costs. The funder will consider certain priorities when the fund is experiencing high demand:

- Fewer existing qualifications
- Little or no past working experience
- Lower income households

**Deadline:** There are no application deadlines, so you can apply at any time

**For more information:**

<https://skidders.org.uk/young-peoples-vocational-development-individual>

### **Skidders Company - Young People's Vocational Development (Charities Programme)**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to charitable organisations supporting NEET young people (not in education, employment or training) primarily in London and Kent, to help them enter the workplace.

Funding is available for specific projects, rather than general organisational costs. Pro-rata staffing and operational costs will be considered where appropriate.

The foundation particularly (but not exclusively) looks to support programmes of work where young people receive a vocational qualification as part of their employment progression. Where immediate employment for young people is not possible, clear progression routes should be evident – such as moving on to further qualifications or through developing clearly employable skills during the project.

**Deadline:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**For more information:**

<https://skidders.org.uk/young-peoples-vocational-development-charities>

## **Soroptimist International - Diamond Education Grant**

Grants (averaging £1,000) are available to women in need of financial support to help them enter or return to employment.

The funding is designed to help women enter or return to work, or transition into growing industries by gaining new skills. It prioritises women in greatest financial need and those facing significant barriers, ensuring the grant has the most meaningful impact. Preference will be given to applications from those aged 30 or over.

Awards are made towards the cost of course fees or books/equipment, not for living expenses. The funding is for one year only. Vocational courses are preferred.

**Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 for grants towards courses in the academic year September 2025 to June 2026

**For more information:**

<https://sigbi.org/what-we-do/our-charities/deg>

## **The King's Trust**

The aim of the Trust is to provide practical and financial support to young people (ages 16-30) in the UK that are not in work, education or training. The scheme helps develop key skills, confidence and motivation, enabling young people to move into work, education or training. 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 King'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 King'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.kingstrust.org.uk/how-we-can-help>

## **Royal Bank of Scotland - Social and Community Capital Loans**

Loans of between £30,000 and £500,000 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

Examples of recently funded projects:

- **Crisis** - provides counselling to people in the local community with difficulties such as depression and anxiety. Crisis received funding for a new building to enable them to accommodate more clients
- **Heron Educational Foundation** - Heron provide affordable housing for local people and support children and young people in education and beyond

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

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

## **Tycoon Enterprise Competition**

A competition designed to encourage entrepreneurial young people from across the UK to start their own business and make a profit whilst they are still in school or further education. It has been set up with the intention of encouraging and inspiring pupils to pitch a business plan to their tutors, in the hope of receiving seed funding.

Business start-up costs can be funded. The maximum start-up loans for participants (participating as an individual or as a team) are as follows:

- Tycoon 750: Primary Schools (Key Stage 1-2) (students 6-11) - £750
- Tycoon 1K: Secondary Schools (Key Stage 3-5) (students 11-18) - £1,000

If successful in their bid for funding, the students will have one month in which to commence trading and make a profit. At the close of the competition, students will

repay their original loans to the Tycoon Bank, and remaining profits can be used by the school or donated to local charitable causes.

**Deadline:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**For more information:**

<https://www.tycoon.com>

## **Unloc Young Entrepreneurs Challenge**

A competition is designed to support young entrepreneurs (aged between aged between 16 and 25 years) who have a fresh and innovative technology-led idea for a business, or have started one already. The overall winner receives a £10,000 grant, a mentorship package and pro-bono support. The winner also attends the One Young World 2025 Global Summit in Munich, Germany.

**Deadline:** 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://youngentrepreneurschallenge.com>

## **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:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**For more information:**

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

## **World of Opportunity Programme**

Heathrow Airport Limited are offering grants of £2,000 to 12 SMEs across the UK as well as expert guidance in research and export strategies. The funds are intended to help SMEs grow their export potential and reach new international markets.

**Imminent Deadline:** 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/srh8xkfk>



# Community

## **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:** None specified

**For more information:**

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

## **Better Community Business Network Grant Initiative**

A small number of grants of up to £3,000 are available to small not-for-profit groups with projects that address a community issue or support a local community initiative; and provide benefits to the local community. Causes supported by the funders include, but are not limited to:

- Education – schools, extra-curricular clubs
- Health – hospitals, cancer research, healthy eating, mental health and wellbeing
- Ex-offenders – mentoring, rehabilitation
- Homelessness/Poverty - shelter projects, food banks
- Arts and Culture - sport activities, library funds
- Environment - natural disasters, regeneration projects
- Elderly – befriending, social clubs
- Disability - help lines, inclusion
- Social cohesion - committee programmes

**Deadline:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**For more information:**

<https://bcbn.org.uk/grant-initiative>

## **Community Automated External Defibrillators Fund**

Match funding of up to £750 is available for community organisations across England to buy an automated external defibrillators (AED) to install in a public place.

To be eligible, applicants must locate the secure defibrillator cabinet outside in an area that is accessible to members of the public 24 hours per day and be able to provide an electrical power source to ensure the defibrillator cabinet light and heater operate to keep the device at the right temperature.

**Deadline:** Applications will be accepted until all the funding has been allocated

**For more information:**

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

## **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
- 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:** 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**For more information:**

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk>

## **Gatwick Airport Community Trust Fund**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to charitable organisations in specified areas directly affected by operations at Gatwick Airport. Support is given to local projects which protect and enhance the social and environmental wellbeing of the community. Projects must fall within the Trust's area of benefit which covers parts of East and West Sussex, Surrey and **West Kent** (including Tunbridge Wells, Edenbridge, Leigh, Westerham, Speldhurst and Penshurst). View map of the Trust's area of benefit to check eligibility <https://gact.org.uk/area-of-benefit>

Grants will represent contributions to physical projects, additional facilities, or set-up costs of a new service. Funding is for projects targeted towards the following:

- Development of young people

- Art projects, including amateur drama, music and art
- Sporting facilities
- Environmental improvement and conservation
- Improvements to community facilities such as village halls
- Support for the disabled
- Support for the elderly
- Encouragement of additional volunteering or giving in the area

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**For more information:**

<https://gact.org.uk>

### **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/One Stop Store Team.

**Deadline:** Quarterly deadlines, the next deadline is 24<sup>th</sup> 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 (with annual income under £75,000) 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 £6,000 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>

## **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>

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

Grants of between £300 and £20,000 are available (for up to two years) 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 – Partnerships**

Grants (over £20,001) are available for voluntary and community organisations working together in partnership in England to help their community. The funding is intended for projects or partnerships that do at least one of the following:

- Bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage

The following types of partnerships are eligible:

- Cross-sector partnerships
- Local organisations working together in their area
- Local and national organisations working together around a particular theme

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. However, please note the Lottery are starting to make some changes to the scheme to fit their new strategy. They strongly recommend that you do not apply until the launch our new criteria in Spring 2025

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/5n8sfrv3>

## **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. All projects must:

- Benefit communities across the UK (by working in different places, or by sharing learning between countries)
- Scale up their impact by expanding their work (by helping more people, or doing more for people they already work with)
- Support people experiencing poverty, disadvantage and discrimination
- Help make significant changes to services or systems that affect people's everyday lives

And meet one of these aims:

- Improve relationships between people with different life experiences
- Help people and communities who find it difficult to meet face-to-face to make meaningful connections online
- Help people from all backgrounds to influence the future of their communities
- Help children and young people facing specific challenges change the systems that affect them
- Help more organisations to involve and listen to children and young people

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. It is expected that around 20 projects will be funded a 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>

## **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>

## **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:** 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**For more information:**

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

## ***Shanly Foundation - Core Grants***

Grants are available for local groups to support local good causes within selected counties within England, including **Kent**. Eligible organisations include:

- Organisations that assist the physically and mentally disabled, the elderly, and members of the local communities that may be disadvantaged through no fault of their own
- Organisations that help rehabilitate citizens back into local communities
- Local sports and social clubs
- Local scouting, guiding, rotary, and similar community organisations
- Outdoor activity centres for young people
- Woodland and environmental conservation organisations
- Social and community events that help raise funds to support local good causes

Funding is available for:

- Specific activities with a defined scope of work and project timescale
- Operating/core costs (it is unlikely that the Foundation will fund more than 2% of the organisation's total annual budget)
- Unrestricted funding (cannot be used for endowments or reserves)
- Capital projects for building works, repairs, or equipment

Most general grants awarded are under £10,000 and the majority of these are under £5,000.

**Deadline:** None specified

For more information:

<https://shanlyfoundation.com/core-grants>

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

Grants of up to £25,000 are available to constituted not-for-profit and community-led organisations operating in remote rural areas for projects that improve the lives of those living in isolated rural communities in the UK.

The funding is for communities to create tangible change. This could be a project that generates a new income stream for the local community, or the delivery of training to develop skills opportunities for young people. It could also be activities to



increase community awareness and engagement in the local environment, or an initiative to bring the community together to plan for the impacts of climate change.

There is particular interest in innovative solutions to the challenges facing rural areas. The grants can be used for:

- Direct costs to deliver activities in the community – such as project staff, materials, equipment, room hire, volunteer expenses and project evaluations
- Organisational development – such as business planning, testing new ways of working, staff training/development, developing governance etc.
- Core or fixed costs to support the day-to-day running of the organisation – such as core salaries, utilities, equipment
- Refurbishing or developing of land and buildings providing that planning permission is in place and a rent/lease agreement has been secured if necessary

**Deadline:** Opens 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Expression of Interest deadline is 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/yth4bnx9>

### **Turning Point - Community Innovation Fund**

Grants of up to £2,500 are available for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations for project ideas that improve wellbeing and connectivity in Turning Point communities across England.

There is currently a Turning Point service in **Thanet**. The funding is intended to help local people and community groups in Turning Point locations to launch activities that will reduce social isolation and improve the ‘five ways to wellbeing’:

- Be more active
- Meet new people (connect)
- Learn new things
- Help other people (give)
- Feel calmer (take notice)

**Deadline:** Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next panel meeting. There are two meetings per year. If you submit an application now it will be considered for their next funding round in Spring 2025.

**For more information:**

<https://www.turning-point.co.uk/about-us/community-innovation-fund>

### **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

**Deadline:** 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**For more information:**

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

## **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 in England. 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:** Community Grants are decided on a quarterly basis, so if you wish to apply you will need to do so before the corresponding date each quarter. The next deadline is 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

**For more information:**

<https://www.warburtons.co.uk/goodstuff/financial-giving>

## **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**. 50% of the people benefiting from the funding must be West Kent Housing Association residents.

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

### **Banister Charitable Trust**

Grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 are available to charitable organisations that are working to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the UK.

In the past, this has included:

- The purchase of land
- Improving access to a nature reserve
- Creating a lakeside path
- Orchard projects
- Protecting and recovering threatened plant species
- Habitat restoration
- Conservation, research and education
- Education centre gardens and wildlife areas
- Bird boxes for churches and village halls
- Volunteering projects

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

Email: [charitabletrusts@ludlowtrust.com](mailto:charitabletrusts@ludlowtrust.com)

## **Energy Redress Scheme**

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations for projects supporting people in or at risk of fuel poverty across England, Scotland and Wales. Funding can support both capital or revenue costs for projects lasting up to two years.

The amount of funding available through the scheme varies throughout the year and will be reviewed on a quarterly basis. For Round 10 a total of £40 million is available under the following funding streams:

- Main Fund offers grants of between £50,000 and £2 million for projects that will support households in vulnerable situations
- Small Project Fund offers grants of between £20,000 and £49,999 for projects that will support households in vulnerable situations
- Innovation Fund offers grants of between £20,000 and £1 million for projects that will develop innovative products or services to benefit households
- Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund offers grants of between £20,000 and £1 million for projects that will reduce UK carbon emissions and empower households to reduce their carbon footprint

Note that the Main and Small Fund are only open to registered charities. Community Interest Companies, Community Benefit Societies or Cooperative Societies; please see the Carbon Emissions Reduction and Innovation Fund Guidance.

**Imminent Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (organisations that have not yet registered with the scheme must do so 10 working days before the relevant fund closes to allow time for eligibility checks to take place)

**For more information:**

<https://energyredress.org.uk/apply-funding>

## **Energy Resilience Fund - The Architectural Heritage Fund**

A mixture of grant and loan funding is available to support community organisations and social enterprises in England to install energy saving measures or technology and purchase energy efficient or environmentally friendly vehicles or equipment.

Funding of £25,000 to £250,000 is available via a blend of grants (40%) and loans (60%). The loan repayment term is one to ten years. Loans have a 2.5% arrangement fee and an interest rate of 8.5% fixed per annum. Funds can be used for:

- Installing energy-saving measures or generation technology to buildings or land (including new builds)
- Purchasing energy-efficient or environmentally friendly vehicles or equipment

This includes paying for a wide range of aspects that may be required to successfully undertake the projects, and can include but is not limited to capital costs, labour costs, project management costs, revenue losses from disruption, building management systems and training in buildings management for staff.

**Deadline:** None specified. Applications can be made at any time

**For more information:**

<https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/energy-resilience-fund>

## **Fisheries Improvement Programme**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for projects to improve habitat, address climate change and provide infrastructure for anglers is available for clubs, non-government organisations, local authorities, commercial fisheries and landowners in England. To be eligible, the projects must involve a form of angling covered by a valid Environment Agency non-migratory trout and coarse fishing licence. Evidence of match funding is required, whether it is secured contributions or in-kind support.

Proposals from river, canal and stillwater fisheries are welcome. Proposals from small angling clubs with limited finances; usually run by volunteers and with smaller needs are particularly encouraged.

The funding criteria is as follows:

- Sustainable and resilient fisheries: maintain, improve and develop fisheries to address impacts and pressures, or
- Accessible angling: providing better angling access and safe facilities for all

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://anglingtrust.net/funding/fisheries-improvement-programme>

## **HDH Wills Charitable Trust**

Grants of up between £1,000 and £5,000 are available to support registered charities that are concerned with the preservation of wildlife and the environment. Grants may be made towards revenue, capital or project expenditure.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://hdhwills.org>

## **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>

### **McDonald's - Neat Streets Grant Fund**

Five grants of up to £10,000 are available to support new projects to run campaigns that aim to support litter reduction and boost recycling in the UK. Projects should be based on the replicable campaigns on the Neat Streets website:

- Tidy Roadsides - targeted at drivers and roadside litter
- (Name of city)'s Binning (e.g. Maidstone's Binning) - targeted towards young adults and aimed at urban environments
- Love Your Forest - targeted towards visitors to forests and other areas of natural beauty
- Neat Streets - targeted at tourists to the beach
- In The Loop - targeted to tackling recycling on-the-go in towns and cities

Grants can be used to support the purchase of new bins and signage, events and the development of a campaign. Approximately 70% of the funding must be spent on purchasing or upgrading infrastructure with the rest going towards communication materials, event budgets and litter picking equipment, and overheads.

Applicants must provide £5,000 from their own resources or from other sources.

**Deadline:** 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://neatstreets.org.uk/neat-streets-grant-fund>

## **Sea-Changers Innovation Fund**

Grants are available to UK-based charities and not-for-profit organisations to support new ideas and experimental solutions in the field of marine conservation.

This includes any innovation that may:

- Address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges
- Prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and/or species
- Add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK and ways to overcome them

Eligible projects include:

- Research - for example, new ways to measure and monitor marine environmental issues
- Direct action - for example new solutions to reduce pollution
- Species protection - for example, projects that support, replenish or protect threatened marine species in new ways
- Education/community engagement - for example, involving people, businesses and/or communities in marine conservation

**Deadline:** 28th February 2025

**For more information:**

<https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/innovation-fund>

## **Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust**

Funding is available for projects to further the advancement of horticulture in the UK and abroad. Funding is available for:

- The advancement of research in any branch of horticulture and the publication of the results of such research
- Assisting in the creation, development, preservation and maintenance of gardens accessible to the public
- Promotion of the cultivation of plants which have horticultural value and new plants
- Assisting in the publication of books or other works related to the science of horticulture

Examples of projects are as follows:

- Gardeners' training schemes run by appropriate organisations
- Restoring gardens of historic interest
- Developing new gardens for public access and enjoyment
- Study visits by horticulturists or botanists with strong horticultural links

**Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**For more information:**

Email: [d.rae@rbge.org.uk](mailto:d.rae@rbge.org.uk)

## **Stobart Sustainability Fund**

Grants are available to UK non-profit organisations, community groups, educational institutions and small businesses for projects that address climate change, reduce carbon emissions or protect the environment.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://eddiestobart.com/the-stobart-sustainability-fund>

## **Woodland Trust - Igniting Innovation: Conservation Challenge**

The Trust is offering six individuals or small groups aged 16-25 a chance to develop and deliver projects that will help nature.

Shortlisted projects have the opportunity to win:

- Project funding up to £6,000
- 12 months mentorship from experienced conservation experts

**Deadline:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/ycyj3y>

## **Faith and Places of Worship**

### **The Al Tajir Trust**

Grants are available to charitable organisations in the UK that are promoting Islamic culture, history and Muslim-Christian relations.

Recent funding projects have included exhibitions, electronic media, publications and other activities to make aspects of Islamic culture and history better known to a wider audience in the United Kingdom and in the Middle East.

**Deadline:** None specified, but applications will be considered at the next trustees' meeting (usually held in March, July and November)

**For more information:**

<https://altajirtrust.org.uk>



## **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>

## **Friends of Friendless Churches - The Cottam Will Trust**

Grants are available for the purchase, for the advancement of religion, of objects of beauty to be placed in ancient Gothic churches. From time to time grants of up to £15,000 have been awarded.

Grants can be made for items such as: statues, murals, paintings, Paschal candlesticks, vestments, Commandment Boards, stained glass, altars and altar frontals. Although grants are normally made for new works of art, the purchase of salvaged items has also been funded.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://friendsoffriendlesschurches.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:** 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

**For more information:**

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

### **MHLCT Warm Spaces Fund 2024-25**

Grants of up to £1,000 are available for churches in **Thanet** (as well as Isle of Wight and Cumbria) to help with the cost of running their warm spaces this winter.

Church buildings must be registered as a Warm Space with the Warm Welcome Campaign.

**Imminent Deadline:** 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.laingfamilytrusts.org.uk/what-we-fund/mhlct-warm-spaces-fund-2024-25>

### **Protective Security for Mosques Funding Scheme**

Grants are available to provide protective security measures to mosques and associated Muslim faith community centres and Muslim faith schools within the UK.

The scheme is part of the Government's Hate Crime Action Plan. The scheme is intended to reduce the risk and impact of hate crime at places of worship and associated faith community centres.

The funding can cover the costs of security measures from the following list: CCTV, fencing and/or railings, manually operated pedestrian and vehicle gates, door hardening, locks and mail box/mail bag, reinforcing single glazed windows (with anti-shatter film or bars/grilles only), intruder alarms including integrated smoke/heat detection, door entry access control (fob or keypad), video intercom systems, lighting (building mounted).

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/places-of-worship-security-funding-scheme>

# 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>

## **Britford Bridge Trust**

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available to UK registered charities involved in the prevention or relief of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of health or the saving of lives; and the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science.

Examples of previously funded charities include:

- British Disabled Angling Association
- Cambridge Science Centre
- Campaign for National Parks
- Children's Hospital Charity
- Crafts Council
- Friends of the Elderly
- Sports Aid Trust
- Young Women's Trust

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**For more information:**

<https://thebritfordbridgetrust.org/about>

## **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: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025. For the small grant programme applications can be submitted at any time.

**For more information:**

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

## **European AI and Society Fund - AI Accountability Grants**

Grants of up to €200,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations in the UK that want to promote social justice by establishing accountability over the use of AI systems in Europe – at either EU, national or local level. The funding is intended to support work that will contribute to addressing how AI affects people and society.

The Fund does not prescribe which approaches, tactics and regulations to use. The Fund wants to hear from organisations and coalitions in the field where there are opportunities to make change happen.

**Deadline:** 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (first stage – a short concept note)

**For more information:**

<https://europeanaifund.org/newspublications/ai-accountability-grants>

## **Grocers' Charity Grant**

One-off grants of up to £5,000 are available to small UK registered charities for work in the specific areas of: relief of poverty, disability and inclusion, the elderly, health, military, environment and conservation, and the arts and heritage.

Previously funded projects include:

- SEED Charity - supporting people with eating disorders and their carers, providing information, motivation, support and hope on the journey to recovery. They also provide education and early intervention to prevent eating disorders from developing in the first place.
- The Taxi Charity for Military Veterans - organising outings, entertainment and transport, plus provide items, services or facilities for former servicemen and women who are disabled, elderly, infirm, impoverished or otherwise in need of charitable assistance
- The Goed Life – enhancing the lives of those with learning disabilities through finding meaningful employment

**Deadline:** 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (first stage)

**For more information:**

<https://grocershall.co.uk/the-charity/apply-for-a-grant>

## **Lawson Trust for Kent**

Grants are available to local charities in **Kent** that address one or more of the Trust's funding priorities:

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

Applicants can apply directly to the Trust or to the Lawson Endowment for Kent via the Kent Community Foundation.

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> and [https://kentcf.org.uk/funding\\_support](https://kentcf.org.uk/funding_support)

## **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

## **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 £40,000 and £75,000
- Charities working in mental health – between £40,000 and £75,000
- Charities working with older people – between £40,000 and £75,000
- Historic buildings and landscapes – between £15,000 and £100,000
- Hospices and palliative care organisations – between £50,000 and £150,000
- 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 £250,000 and £750,000
- 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 £40,000 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.

**Deadline:** Generally 5<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> July each year for Stage 1 applications 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 for voluntary and community organisations and charities to help with the cost of holidays or respite breaks for disabled children (aged 3 to 17 years) with physical, mental, or emotional impairments.

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**For more information:**

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

## **Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Hidden Voices Programme**

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for UK registered charities and CICs for collaborative projects which address the unique mental health and wellbeing needs of marginalised groups in Armed Forces communities focusing on prevention and early intervention. Projects should be focused on supporting either serving or Veteran families who are ‘seldom heard’, to access defined or bespoke mental health and wellbeing support. Here ‘seldom heard’ refers to anyone who is under-served and may have barriers to, or specific needs when accessing support services. Potential beneficiaries may include, for example:

- Black and minority ethnic individuals
- Carers
- People with disabilities
- Members of the LGBT+ community
- Those for whom English is an additional language
- People from Foreign & Commonwealth communities

The funding can be used for most things need to run the project or activity, including people’s time, costs of delivering work online or buying/hiring equipment. It can support both new projects as well as the continuation or expansion of existing work which offers collaborative approaches to support under-served cohorts.

**Deadline:** 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/hidden-voices-programme-2024-25>

## **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

**For more information:**

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

### **David Solomons Charitable Trust**

Grants of up to £1,000 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](mailto:davidsolomonscharitabletrust@gmail.com)

### **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.

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> 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@hllp.co.uk](mailto:ross.badger@hllp.co.uk)



## **Fight for Sight – The Capacity Building Fund**

Grants of between £10,000 and £20,000 are available to support vision loss charities within the UK to become more sustainable. This fund is designed to support organisations to overcome barriers to increasing their capacity. This could include (but is not limited to):

- Contributions to core costs
- A merger of organisations
- Strengthening of systems and processes

This funding is not designed for specific projects. Any applications referring to the continuation of a project must show strong evidence to support the initiative's potential to promote long term sustainability of services or support.

**Deadline:** 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/nhjpcx8v>

## **Kent - Perinatal Mental Health Peer Support Groups for Expectant or New Mothers Grant Scheme**

Grants of up to £11,000 are available for local organisations who deliver or can deliver targeted perinatal mental health support groups for new or expectant mothers within Kent. It is expected that the programme will meet the following outcomes for expectant or new mothers:

- Feeling safer when interacting with the health system more widely
- Awareness of services that are available to them, particularly with regards to their mental health
- Feeling more confident to access support, knowing when and how to access support and knowing who to ask if they are not sure
- Building strong relationships with other mothers

If successful, you must complete your project by 31 March 2025.

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/jys5undy>

## **Kristina Martin Charitable Trust**

Grants are available for UK registered charities whose work supports those with mental health issues and provides support and activities which tackle, in particular but not exclusively, suicide, online bullying and grief, fostering hope and resilience, working both in the UK and beyond. The current funding round is for the following themes:

- Breaking the link between homelessness and poor mental health

- Reduction in the effects of social media on mental health
- Reduction of Social Isolation
- Improving mental health outcomes for children and young people

A total of £60,000 is allocated to each theme. The Trustees aim to provide grants on an 'unrestricted' basis, where possible. Examples of previously funded groups include:

- Campaign Against Living Miserably
- Child Bereavement Trust
- Combat Stress
- Place2Be
- Rethink Mental Illness

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**For more information:**

<https://sites.google.com/kmct.org.uk/kmct/home>

## Heritage

### **National Lottery Heritage Fund - Enterprise Grants**

Grants of between £250,000 and £5 million are available to enterprising community organisations and commercial organisations working in partnership with community organisations to help rescue neglected historic buildings and sites and return to viable productive use. Funding is for projects that connect people and communities to the UK's heritage. Priority will be given to projects that focus on heritage assets which are both:

- Considered to be 'at risk'; for example identified on an 'at risk register'
- Formally designated; for example listed or locally listed building, scheduled monument or in a conservation area

Funding can be used for activities such as:

- The purchase of a heritage asset in need of investment
- Essential conservation work, such as structural repairs to a historic building
- Repairs and adaptations to bring vacant and derelict buildings and sites to bring back into commercially viable use
- Training in conservation, mentoring, learning, management or digital skills for people delivering the project
- Preparing a development appraisal
- Employing project staff

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme. The next deadline is 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025, to receive a decision by the end of June 2025

**For more information:**

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/heritage-enterprise#heading-5>

## **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:** Continuous rolling programme. The next deadline is 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025, to receive a decision by the end of June 2025

**For more information:**

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

## **Social Inclusion**

### **Adult Social Care Learning and Development Support Scheme (LDSS)**

Eligible adult social care employers in England can claim financial contributions towards learning and development, helping the non-regulated workforce complete courses and qualifications. This funding is for eligible courses and qualifications that have been both paid for and started between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (inclusive).

Adult social care services include the services outlined below, or services which are similar to such services:

- Adult residential
- Adult day
- Adult domiciliary

- Adult community care

**Deadline:** 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/23k4ybue>

### **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>

### **Arnold Clark Community Fund - Cost of Living Support**

Grants of up to £2,500 are available for UK registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations for projects, including those whose work directly supports those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis, such as foodbanks, accommodation, poverty relief and where people/communities in the UK are the primary and immediate focus of investment.

Projects should be located within a 50-mile radius of Arnold Clark branches – areas of Kent are eligible.

**Imminent Deadline:** Funding will continue on a rolling monthly basis, but next deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund>

### **Baobab Community Fund**

Grants of between £5,000 to £30,000 (per year for up to five years) are available for Black and Global Majority individuals, organisations and collectives who are working

towards racial justice in the UK. Applicants must meet all four “Baobab By and For” principles:

- **Representation:** groups and organisations have 75% or three quarters of leadership (e.g. director, founder, leader, coordinator, management or board) that identify as Black African/Caribbean and Global Majority people
- **Self-led:** individuals, groups and organisations centre and encourage lived experience in their practices and take an intersectional approach to serve the communities they represent. 75% or three quarters of leadership have lived experience of the issues they work on
- **Services:** the main focus of the groups and organisations is to serve Black African/Caribbean and Global Majority communities. 75% of the people and communities accessing the services are Black African/Caribbean and/or Global Majority People of Colour
- **Purpose:** the purpose and practices of groups are intentionally challenging oppressive systems

Flexible funding is available. The fund is intended not to be restrictive, as long as the work is charitable in purpose and involves the promotion of racial justice. This could be work that the group has been carrying out for years, or a new aspect of racial justice work in its development stages.

**Deadline:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 (1<sup>st</sup> stage application). Please refer to the Baobab website for details of five 'Ask Us Anything' sessions which will be held throughout December and January.

**For more information:**

<https://www.baobabfoundation.org.uk/baobab-community-fund-apply>

## **Bentley Advancing Life Chances Small Grants Programme**

Grants of up to £500 are available to support charitable organisations working with vulnerable, disadvantaged or under-represented communities in 19 locations across the UK. Eligible organisations must be based within a 20-mile radius of a Bentley location – there are Bentley locations in **Tunbridge Wells** and London.

The programme's areas of focus are:

- Access - remove the barriers and improve access to services, education and employability
- Empowerment - development of the life skills that enable people to be more self-confident, successful and thrive in life
- Quality of Life - provide support to live a healthier life both physically and mentally
- Better Future - safeguarding the environment, improving nature-deprived areas, drive improvement to 'place' and boosting community spirit

Past projects:

- **Ward End Community Allotment** - the regeneration of two plots within a local allotment, creating a thriving natural habitat and supporting 50 young people to reconnect with their local environment

- **Breakfast Bonds** - a safe space for single parent families going through crisis, compounded by poverty and strained relationships to join each morning for nutritious breakfast

**Imminent Deadline:** 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/3hcc4hvf>

## **Canterbury City Council – Resettlement Schemes Community Projects Fund**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations across Canterbury to deliver projects and activities that support the wellbeing and integration of families that have been resettled through the UK and Afghan Resettlement Schemes.

Funding is for projects and activities for resettled families in Canterbury that meet one or more of the following priorities:

- Projects that support the mental health and well-being of children and young people
- Projects and activities that enhance the learning and development of young people
- Projects that promote the mental health and well-being of adults
- Projects that help adults to improve their English skills and their understanding of life in the UK

5% of the project budget may be allocated to core costs. Proposed projects should be delivered between 1 March 2025 and 27 February 2026.

**Deadline:** 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/3ca5wm37>

## **Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust (CFCT)**

Grants of up to £15,000 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 currently has five funding programmes:

- Investing in Communities – up to £15,000 (up to £5,000 a year over 3 years) 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
- 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 as tools, IT equipment, furniture, childcare, course fees, interview clothes. Applications will only be accepted from CFCT referral partners.

**Deadline:** None specified, applications can be submitted at any time

**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 November

**For more information:**

<https://www.dulverton.org>

### **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation - Strategic Legal Fund**

Grants (averaging £12,000) are available to not-for-profit frontline organisations and community groups to support strategic legal work in the UK which benefits asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants who are experiencing disadvantage or discrimination as a result of their migration status.

The funding will cover 'any reasonable revenue costs' that are incurred to undertake proposed pre-litigation research or to prepare third party intervention. This includes temporary staffing, freeing up or extending existing staff hours, volunteer expenses, travel and subcontracting with other voluntary and community organisations.

**Deadline:** 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**For more information:**

<https://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/about>

### **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.

**Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**For more information:**

<https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-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:** None specified

**For more information:**

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



## **LGBT Financial Recognition Scheme**

Financial payments are available for LGBT veterans who served in HM Armed Forces between 27 July 1967 and 11 January 2000 and who have been affected by the Ban on LGBT personnel serving in HM Armed Forces.

The scheme provides two types of payment to recognise the discrimination and the detriment suffered by LGBT personnel under the Ban:

- **LGBT Dismissed or Discharged Payment**. A payment of £50,000 for veterans who were dismissed or administratively discharged, including officers who were ordered or instructed to resign or retire by their respective Service Board, solely on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity during the Ban
- **LGBT Impact Payment**. Between £1,000 and £20,000. This is for those who were impacted in other ways. This LGBT Impact payment is open to all those who experienced pain and suffering under the Ban, including harassment, intrusive investigations and indeed in some cases imprisonment

**Deadline:** 12<sup>th</sup> December 2026

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/yc5swr22>

## **Lloyd's Bank Foundation - Funding Programme for Specialist Small Charities**

Grants of up to £75,000 are available to strengthen the capacity and capabilities of small, local specialist charities supporting people facing complex issues in England. Applicants must be providing in-depth services in one of the following eight themes:

- Addiction
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Care Leavers
- Domestic Abuse
- Homelessness
- Offending
- Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Trafficking and Modern Slavery

**Deadline:** 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/funding/specialist-programme>

## **Make it Big with Pathway Fund - Round 2**

Eight grants of £25,000 (plus tailored support and capacity-building resources) are available for Black and Global Majority-led charities and social enterprises based in England to help strengthen their foundations and prepare for social investment.

The funding is for enterprise projects that are able to solve a problem experienced within Black and Global Majority communities a result of the Cost of Living Crisis, while bringing in trading income for the organisation. The funding is for projects with achievable outcomes within a 9-month timeframe that:

- Address Real Issues: target challenges like poverty alleviation and racial equity, driving meaningful change for Black and Global Majority communities
- Have Growth Potential: use this funding to scale existing, income-generating projects that support sustainable financial growth
- Showcase Community Impact: demonstrate a solid track record of community impact and engagement

Up to £8,500 of the grant is repayable only if applicants successfully secure social investment.

**Deadline:** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Expression of Interest)

**For more information:**

<https://www.doitnownow.com/make-it-big-with-pathway-fund>

### **Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Migration Fund**

Grants are available to support not-for-profit organisations in the UK who are working towards the Foundation's vision of a world in which everyone is free to move and no is forced to move. The funding will support work that helps:

- Build a society based on respect, care, and interdependence
- Contextualise and tackle root causes of injustice migrants face
- Build collective power within migrant communities
- Foster solidarity between communities, leading to greater understanding and helping to overcome division
- Strengthen infrastructure for the migrant justice and related fields, including through supporting greater connection, learning and exchange
- Explore alternative futures built on self-determination, justice, acknowledgment and repair for the harms of the past, and where all of us are free to choose where we live

There are two levels of funding:

- Grants of up to £60,000 per year for three to four years
- Grants of up to £50,000 per year for five years
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The Fund can support the following:

- Core funding for salaries, organisational costs, etc
- Funding dedicated to a specific programme
- Funding for partnerships

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/migration>

## **Shanly Foundation – Action Against Homelessness Fund**

Grants of up to £50,000 (or £150,000 over three years) are available for charities and community interest companies working to combat homelessness within selected counties within England, including Kent. This fund aims to support organisations working to combat homelessness through supporting discrete projects and activities. Funding is available for:

- Specific activities with a defined scope of work and project timescale
- Operating/core costs (it is unlikely that the Foundation will fund more than 2% of the organisation's total annual budget)
- Unrestricted funding (cannot be used for endowments or reserves).
- Capital projects for building works, repairs, or equipment

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 (opens 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025)

**For more information:**

<https://shanlyfoundation.com/action-against-homelessness>

## **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 at committee meetings (held in spring and autumn) with deadlines circa six weeks prior. Next deadline is 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://skidders.org.uk/the-relief-of-poverty-and-hardship>

## **Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation - Small Change Big Difference Fund**

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to support registered charities and good causes in local communities to alleviate poverty, improve health and save lives.

The Foundation only accepts recommendations of UK registered charities from members and colleagues, rather than directly from the charities.

Priority will be given to charities:

- Whose aims are a strong fit with the Foundation's priorities to alleviate poverty, improve health, and save lives.
- Based in areas of high deprivation.
- Who support marginalised groups e.g. ethnic minorities, women and girls, people with physical and mental disabilities, LGBTQ+

The Foundation will assist with specific tangible items rather than donating to general funds or expenses.

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**For more information:**

<https://www.ybs.co.uk/your-society/charitable-foundation>

## **Sport and Physical Activity**

### **Hargreaves Foundation**

Grants are available for charities and educational institutions that support those under the age of 18 years, and living with a mental health condition, disability or growing up in poverty through the mediums of sport and education.

The Foundation can fund clearly defined projects, initiatives or the purchase of specific items that support one or more of the following:

- Enables individuals to experience the mental and physical health benefits of participatory sport
- Ensures participatory sport is accessible
- Provides sporting or educational activities that foster life skills
- Aims to improve academic engagement and attainment
- Encourages the development of skills and personal attributes to aid future employability

Examples of past projects:

- **Action for Kids Charitable Trust** – towards specialist mobility equipment not available on the NHS to disabled children and young people. The right piece of equipment can mean the difference between playing outside with friends or watching from the side lines

- **The Change Foundation** – funding for the Netball 4 Change project. They supported vulnerable young women to learn about online safety through the rules and game of netball

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://www.thehargreavesfoundation.org>

### **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 - Active Lives Grant Programme**

Grants of up to £30,000 are available to UK charities to support grassroots sports projects which provide opportunities for self-development for people living in the most disadvantaged areas in the UK who encounter physical, mental, social, or economic barriers.

All applications to Active Lives must fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

- Offer high-impact, life-enhancing opportunities for those who live in the top 40% of areas of deprivation (IMD deciles 1–4)
- Remove barriers to participation for people with disabilities, especially those living in the most deprived areas (as defined by IMD)
- Work in the top 10% most deprived areas (IMD decile 1) is the highest priority

Projects must also:

- Meet the needs of people who are living with disabilities and/or living in the most deprived areas

- Focus on grassroots involvement rather than elite participation in physical activity
- Focus on skills development and confidence building for individuals
- Incorporate effective strategies for wider impact, perhaps through training, partnerships and/or dissemination activities
- Demonstrate a high degree of involvement across the organisation from beneficiaries and those with lived experience

**Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025

**For more information:**

<https://peterharrisonfoundation.org/about-our-grant-programmes/active-lives>

### **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. 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>

### **Utilita Football Rebooted - Grassroots Fund**

Grants are available for FA-accredited community football clubs and leagues to improve the experience and accessibility of football to local people. Examples of eligible costs and activities include:

- Vouchers for materials to fix up a clubhouse
- Money to help pay for tradespeople to make improvements to a clubhouse

- Gifts to show appreciation to volunteers
- Support to recover from crime or vandalism
- Funding to help make a facility safe
- Help to improve a game and playing environment

**Deadline:** Applications may be made at any time

**For more information:**

<https://www.teamgrassroots.co.uk/fund>

## Children and Young People

### 7stars Foundation

Grants are available to support young people (aged 16 years and under) 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 offered across the following streams:

- **Project grants** of up to £2,500 to cover the costs of projects that respond to one or more of the funding priorities of the 7stars Foundation
- **Shine Bright** funding of up to £1,500 for groups to purchase educational, wellbeing, or recreational items for young people, aligned to funding priorities of the Foundation
- Grants of up to £500 for **individuals** represented by a safeguarding, legal, social or outreach referee. Grants are to promote happiness, offer opportunity, or fulfil potential
- **Social Impact** funding for three charities across the year for projects that align with the following awareness days in 2025:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February - Race Equality Week
  - 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February Children's Mental Health Week
  - 16<sup>th</sup> March - Young Carers Action Day
  - 18<sup>th</sup> March - Child Exploitation Awareness Day
  - 17<sup>th</sup> May - International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia
  - 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June - PRIDE month
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July - Alcohol Awareness Week
  - 10<sup>th</sup> October - World Homeless Day
  - 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October - Black History Month
  - 10<sup>th</sup> December - Human Rights Day

**Deadline:** 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 for March funding review; 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 for June funding review; 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 for October funding review

**For more information:**

<https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding>

## **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 - 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 - 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. The Services aim to process applications within 10 working days.

**For more information:**

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

### **Bedgebury Foundation – Inspiring Young Minds**

Grants are available to mainstream schools or charities working schools in East Sussex or **Kent** for innovative projects to benefit specific cohorts and/or whole school learning, wellbeing and mental health. For the 2024-2025 school year the Foundation will only make grants for support that specifically addresses non written communication difficulties, for example, Speech, Language, Hearing Impairment, Social communication or English as a second language. Examples of previous awards under this theme have been licences for assessment tools, SaLT lead interventions and interventions provided by charities or CICs.

**Deadline:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

**For more information:**

<https://bedgeburyfoundation.org.uk>

### **Buttle UK - Chances For Children**

Grants of up to £2,400 are available Individually tailored grants are available for children and young people (aged 2-18, or aged 20 if living independently with little or no support from their family) who have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on their wellbeing and educational engagement. Buttle receive applications where there has been domestic abuse, estrangement, kinship care, parental or sibling bereavement or addiction, plus other very difficult circumstances beyond financial crisis. 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>

## **Complex Needs Open Children's Homes Capital Investment - Department for Education**

Grants for local authorities with capital match funding to create additional beds for children with complex needs and challenging behaviour, recognised to be a response to complex and ongoing trauma. The funding aims to support projects which create additional provision for this cohort of children by:

- Extending or adapting existing provision to provide additional capacity i.e. an annex or pod
- Refurbishing a current local authority owned asset that is not currently being used as a children's home
- Purchasing or building a new property/asset

This bidding round is open to all local authorities, either bidding alone, as part of a consortium of local authorities, or in partnership with the voluntary and community sector/private sector providers.

**Deadline:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/nxcdu8e6>

## **Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Access Without Limits Grants for Community Organisations**

Grants of up to £10,250 are available for voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations to allow them to set up and deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Award to create more opportunities for marginalised young people (14 to 24 years) to access the Award. The grant will be combined with support from a dedicated member of staff who will help the grant recipient set up, launch and deliver the Award programme.

To be eligible, organisations must fit into either of the following criteria:

- Delivery location is in a top 20% area of deprivation (IMD 2 or below)
- Carry out work where the majority of young people are from one or more of the following marginalised groups:
  - Those who have additional needs
  - Those who are deemed 'at risk'
  - Those who receive Free School Meals (FSM)
  - Those who are eligible for Pupil Premium (PP), Pupil Equity Funding or the 16- 19 Bursary
  - Young people at risk of exclusion from education
  - Those who are looked after or in care
  - Young people who are responsible for caring for someone else
  - Parents under the age of 18
  - Young people whose first language is not English, Welsh or Gaelic
  - Asylum seekers
  - Refugees
  - Young people in custody

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

**For more information:**

<https://www.dofe.org/access-without-limits/community>

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

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to smaller charities registered and operating in the UK for projects that will make a significant impact on their work. The Foundation's priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities that are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community.

One-year grants are available for core costs, projects, essential equipment, or building projects.

UK charities that have an annual turnover of less than £150,000 are eligible to apply.

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/small-grants-scheme-guidelines>

### **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:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**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:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

**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 to charities for projects enhancing the lives of children and young people living in the most disadvantaged areas in South East England who encounter physical, mental, social, or economic barriers.

All applications to Positive Futures applications must:

- Offer high-impact, life-enhancing opportunities for children and young people who live in the top 40% of areas of deprivation (IMD deciles 1-4)
- Meet the needs of one of the following groups:
  - Disabled, chronically or terminally ill
  - Facing mental health challenges
  - At risk of crime, truancy or addiction
  - At risk of homelessness or who are homeless
  - Incorporate effective strategies for wider impact, perhaps through training, partnerships and/or dissemination activities
  - Demonstrate a high degree of beneficiary involvement across the organisation and those with lived experience

Work in the top 10% most deprived areas (IMD decile 1) is the highest priority.

**Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025

**For more information:**

<https://peterharrisonfoundation.org/about-our-grant-programmes/positive-futures>

### **John Goldman 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](mailto:johncoldman@benfieldpartners.com)

### **Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Youth Fund**

Grants of up to £150,000 (spread over three years with a maximum of £50,000 per year) are available for organisations whose main purpose is working with and for young people (aged 14-25) who face challenging or complex transitions to adulthood. The Fund wants young people to have their voices heard, and to have agency and autonomy to drive changes and improvements which transform their transitions to adulthood.

The funding is for work that does the following:

- Works in an asset-based way (full explanation on the their website)
- Addresses root causes
- Influences practice
- Shapes policy
- Improves systems
- Influences attitudes or narratives
- Shapes external context

The fund is designed to be a strategic investment in the applicant organisation and will support core operating costs (salaries, organisation and delivery costs) to grow the impact of what they already do. This funding is not for new or untested approaches, projects or finite pieces of work.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/youth-fund>

### **Peter Sell Award**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for Scout or Guide groups in the UK. Projects should widen engagement and involvement in Scouting and Guiding. Additionally, the potential legacy of the award should be demonstrated e.g. the purchase of equipment that can be used in later years or by encouraging engagement of people, some of whom may then remain involved in the long term.

**Deadline:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**For more information:**

<https://lesliesellct.org.uk/the-peter-sell-annual-award>

## **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:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**For more information:**

<https://redhilltrust.org>

## **Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts - JJ Charitable Trust Literacy Small Grants Scheme**

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available for organisations undertaking charitable projects focusing on literacy teaching for children with learning difficulties, including dyslexia. The Trust has a particular focus on areas of social need and those who are at risk of non-inclusion in society and the world of work.

The Trust is keen to support projects that help during transitional points, especially using volunteers and reading mentors. For example, when students move from primary to secondary school, and when they transition to further education, college or the workplace.

**Deadline:** Applications are reviewed quarterly, in March, June, September and December

**For more information:**

<https://www.sfct.org.uk/the-jj-charitable-trust>

## **The Pixel Fund**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for registered UK-based charities and registered to support projects that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults (under 26 years old). Funding is for specific projects that

will provide a measurable difference to the applicant organisation's users, and not core costs.

**Deadline:** None specified. Applicants should first attend a Pixel Fund Applicants pre-meeting to discuss a new idea and ensure they are eligible to apply

**For more information:**

<https://pixelfund.org.uk>

## **Youth Endowment Fund (YEF)**

Grants are available for delivery organisations that work to reduce young people's involvement in violence for well-established projects delivered in England or Wales.

The aim of this call is to fund and evaluate projects that will help YEF build strong evidence for practices and approaches in areas where clear gaps exist. The funding is available to organisations that are working to reduce children's involvement in violence and have the potential for rigorous impact evaluation.

The funding is for projects which are ready for an impact evaluation. The funding can be for both the delivery of the intervention and the evaluation itself.

Projects need to primarily support children and young people (aged 10 to 18 years) who are either:

- At risk of crime or violence ('secondary prevention'), or
- Already affected by violence, offending or exploitation ('tertiary prevention')

Projects also need to be working in one of the following sectors:

- Youth sector
- Children's services
- Youth Justice
- Policing
- Neighbourhoods
- Health
- Education

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/grants/open-call>

## Help and guidance

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

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



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