

PLEASE NOTE

GRANT FUNDS ARE INCLUDED ONLY ONCE BUT MAY BE RELEVANT TO MORE THAN ONE THEMATIC CATEGORY

1. Strategic Funds & Council Specific (Borough-wide significance)

Funding to Boost Accessibility and Quality of Adult Social Care
Deadline:
EOI 12 th January
Details:
<p>The Accelerating Reform Fund will make a share of £42.6 million in government funding available to local authorities in England to support projects that will benefit unpaid carers and those needing care.</p> <p>The fund will support a minimum of two projects per region which trial and expand new approaches to providing care and improving services, with at least one of those having a particular focus on unpaid carers.</p> <p>Examples of suitable projects could include utilising digital tools to support the carer workforce, and increased social prescribing.</p> <p>Local authorities are invited to register their interest in partnership with others in their integrated care systems to fund local innovation projects, which will be assessed for potential rollout across the country.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/innovation-projects-in-adult-social-care-receive-426m-boost

2. Community Funding & Environment (incl. Transport)

Funding for Social Sector Organisations During the Cost-of-Living Crisis
Deadline:
First come first serve
Details:
<p>Crowdfunder is partnering with Access to launch The Cost-of-Living Resilience Fund. This is a new match funding initiative in which they will match each donation given, up to the value of £150, to support projects which build stability and resilience for organisations providing services to help deprived people during the rising cost of living.</p> <p>The funding could be used to help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refurbish premises • develop new services or products to bring in additional revenue • invest in current activity to allow growth or expansion of services <p>The fund will award up to £50,000 of match funding per organisation to services including the provision of: debt and financial advice, warm spaces over winter, food banks or food delivery boxes, support with housing needs, access to transport.</p> <p>Dependent on the level of deprivation, 3:1 match funding may be available.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/?campaign=access1-3

Funding Available for Christmas Activities for Older People
Deadline:
No specific deadline given
Details:
The McCarthy Stone Foundation Christmas Connections 2023 grants programme is offering grants of up to £1,000 for UK charities and community groups in order to help people over 65 to feel connected and supported over the festive period. To apply, organisations must have an annual income of less than £250,000 and the project could be a variety of activities such as day trips out, Christmas meals, and Christmas care packages. These grants are part of the foundation's commitment to supporting initiatives that address the social well-being of older individuals, particularly during the holiday season.
How to apply:
https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/

Funding for Projects that Help the Homeless
Deadline:
15 th December
Details:
Grants of up to £5,000 are being made available by Help the Homeless in order to support small charitable organisations with a turnover of less than £500,000 that aim to help homeless people return to the community and enable them to rebuild their lives.
Organisations typically may operate residential or training facilities to assist homeless people.
How to apply:
http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/

Energy Bill Support for Eligible British Gas Customers
Deadline:
Until funding is awarded
Details:
The British Gas Energy Support Fund has been set up in response to the increasing cost of living and rising inflation to help vulnerable people who are struggling to pay their energy bills. The funding will help eligible British Gas customers with fuel debt of £250 to £1,500 to pay their energy bills over the coming months.
Eligible applicants will be British Gas credit or pre-payment meter customers in England, Scotland or Wales who have not received a grant from the British Gas Energy Trust in the last 12 months. They are seeking a grant to clear an outstanding debt on a current or open gas, electricity or dual fuel energy account in their name or be a member of that household. The energy account funded must relate to the main residence, and the applicant must have electric and/or gas debt between £250 – £1,500. The applicant must be in or facing Fuel Poverty and have already received help from a money advice or guidance agency.
In exceptional circumstances, the Trust will consider grants over £1,500.
How to apply:
https://www.britishgas.co.uk/british-gas-energy-support-fund.html

Funding for the Care of Animals Suffering from Cruelty and Neglect
Deadline:
31 st March 2024
Details:
The Animal Defence Trust is providing grants for registered animal welfare charities in England and Wales that care for animals that have suffered from cruelty and suffering. The Trust aims to promote animal welfare and protect animals from cruelty and suffering through various means, including supporting research to reduce the use of animals in scientific experiments and conducting inspections of animal transportation to ensure

humane treatment, via funding to be used for capital projects or animal protection initiatives. However, applications for running costs may also be considered in cases where funding is limited.

How to apply:

<https://www.animaldefencetrust.org/grant-applications.htm>

Funding for Innovative Community Projects

Deadline:

Eligible causes can apply at any time

Details:

Organisations seeking to raise up to £50,000 with innovative ideas that benefit their communities now have an opportunity to apply for funding through Aviva's Community Fund initiative. Aviva has partnered with the fundraising platform Crowdfunder to offer this funding to small charities, schools, and community interest groups in the UK. Eligible causes can apply for funding at any time. Aviva is looking to support projects that boost community resilience in the face of uncertainty, with a focus on two key areas:

- Climate Action focuses on promoting healthy and thriving communities by preventing, preparing for, and protecting against the impacts of climate change.
- Financial Wellbeing aims to help people take control of their wellbeing by providing them with tools to become more financially resilient and independent.

To participate, the project must also be raising funds to develop a new approach, product or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group. All beneficiaries must be based in the UK. Once applications are submitted, applicants will need to create a fundraising page on Crowdfunder, which Aviva employees and the public can browse and donate funds to.

How to apply:

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

Funding for Organisations that Support Disadvantaged Young People

Deadline:

Applications can be submitted any time

Details:

The Allen Lane Foundation is making available funding between £5,000 and £25,000 to support charities in a range of activities, including core costs, project work, and capital expenditure. The funding is aimed at charities and not-for-profit organisations working with young people aged 12-21 who are socially excluded or marginalised, and who may have experienced significant issues within their lives.

The Foundation is particularly focussed on supporting organisations that have an emphasis on:

- Young people within the criminal justice system or those at risk of offending
- Looked after children or care leavers
- Those with significant mental health concerns or complex needs
- Young people who have been traumatised by challenging family backgrounds, neglect, violence or abuse
- Those that have fallen through the gaps in care and/or education
- Those already affected by, or vulnerable to, exploitation
- Whose experiences could seriously impact their transition into adulthood

Organisations that work across a local area, such as a village, estate, or town, must have an annual income of less than £100,000 to be eligible. Organisations that work across the entire UK must have an annual income of less than £250,000 to be eligible.

How to apply:

<http://allenlane.org.uk/young-peoples-programme/>

Funding to Support Members of the Armed Forces

Deadline:

30th January 2024

Details:
The Veterans Foundation is making funding available to Armed Forces charities and other not-for-profit organisations in order to support serving armed forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families. Grants of up to £30,000 over a three-year period are available for projects, or grants of up to £40,000 are available exclusively for salaries over a two-year period.
The Foundation prioritise organisations who are directly involved in providing support to those in need, as well as organisations that are well-run and of low to medium wealth.
How to apply:
https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/

Funding for Charities Helping in the Cost-of-Living Crisis
Deadline:
31 st January 2024
Details:
The SIB group has launched The Cost of Living Fund to help organisations address the cost-of-living crisis. The COLF will provide funding in the form of grants from £40,000-£150,000 aimed at organisations that already assist people impacted by the cost-of-living crisis and can be used for a variety of purposes, including fixed asset purchase, hiring new employees, and marketing. Grants are provided in conjunction with an RLF loan which can range from £150,000-£1.5 million.
To apply for the programme, organisations must meet certain eligibility criteria, including being a registered charity or social enterprise and having a minimum turnover of £400,00. Applications are open now and close on 31st January 2024.
How to apply:
https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/cost-of-living-fund/

Funding to Fight Food Poverty in the Cost-of-Living Crisis
Deadline:
Projects must be delivered by the 31st December.
Details:
Crowdfunder’s Cost of Living Crisis Emergency Fund will match each donation from the general public up to £250 as part of a new initiative supporting not-for-profit organisations and charities in the UK that are helping the fight against food poverty during the cost-of-living crisis. The funding is for revenue costs and is aimed to be used to help projects such as food banks, providing free meals during the school holidays, helping with food education/budgeting, supporting community fridges or other community food projects.
How to apply:
https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/cost-of-living-crisis-emergency-fund

Funding Available to Charities Delivering Specialist Services
Deadline:
25 th January
Details:
Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales is re-opening its specialist grants programme. Through this programme, Lloyds Bank Foundation offer unrestricted grants of up to £75,000 over three years to small, local, specialist charities across England and Wales.
Applicants should be specialist charities with an annual income of £25,000-£500,000 that address one of the following themes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addiction • Asylum seekers and refugees • Care leavers • Domestic abuse • Homelessness

- Offending
- Sexual abuse and exploitation
- Trafficking and modern slavery

How to apply:

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

Funding of Up To £2,500 For Community Projects in the North West

Deadline:

26th January

Details:

Community organisations located in Merseyside, Greater Manchester, and Lancashire can apply for grants from the Onward Community Fund, which is provided by Onward, a leading provider of quality, affordable homes for rent and sale in the North West.

As part of Onward’s aim to support local groups and projects, community groups from the Onward neighbourhoods (including Halton) can bid for up to £2,500 for their neighbourhood. Examples could include: IT training, youth projects or community events.

Projects should aim to address one or more of the following:

- Theme 1: WORK – supporting community-based employment, training, volunteering and enterprise opportunities.
- Theme 2: FOOD – supporting food resilience in communities during a challenging economic period.
- Theme 3: GREEN – improving access to and use of greenspace in communities to improve wellbeing.
- Theme 4: DIGITAL – providing a digital skills and support offer.

For this year’s fund, Onward are particularly looking for projects that aim to support our people and communities that are facing increased challenges as a direct result of the cost-of-living crisis.

How to apply:

<https://www.onward.co.uk/community-fund/>

Awards for All Now Offer Funding up to £20,000

Deadline:

16 weeks before the start of the project or activities

Details:

The National Lottery Community Fund’s well-known Awards for All programme have increased their maximum grant amount from £10,000 to £20,000. This means that grants of up to £20,000 are available for voluntary/community organisations, schools, charities and etc across the UK to fund programmes or support organisations in delivering new or existing community-led activities. Eligible projects must achieve at least one of the following objectives:

- Bring people together to build strong relationships within and across communities
- Improve places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help individuals reach their potential by providing early support
- Assist individuals, communities, and organisations facing difficulties due to the cost-of-living crisis

How to apply:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k>

3. Youth, Schools & Colleges

Funding for Capital Projects in Secondary Schools & Sixth Forms

Deadline:

Stage 1 application deadline: 10th January 2024

Details:

Secondary schools and colleges can apply for The Wolfson Foundation’s Secondary Education Programme is making two types of grants available:

- £15,000 – £50,000 (equipment projects)

- £15,000 – £100,000 (new build and refurbishment projects)

These grants are aimed at improving the teaching of science, computer science, design & technology, art, languages, music and performing arts at GCSE and A-Level. Grants are generally awarded towards new builds, refurbishment and technical equipment.

How to apply:

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-secondary-schools-sixth-form-colleges/>

Funding for Schools to Establish Breakfast Clubs

Deadline:

Rolling deadline

Details:

Kellogg's is offering grants of up to £1,000 to schools in the UK to help establish breakfast clubs for children most in need. Priority for the programme will be given to schools that have either 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding/eligible for free school meals or schools based in areas which are classified as falling into the 10% most deprived according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

How to apply:

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

Funding to Help School Trusts Grow in Capacity

Deadline:

Next deadline for applications: 1st February 2024

Details:

The Department for Education has announced that the second round of the Trust Capacity Fund is now open for applications. The funding provides grants of up to a maximum of £750,000 depending on the funding strand applied for, and has a particular focus on supporting strong trusts and strong schools forming trusts to take on underperforming schools in education investment areas (EIAs).

Eligible applicants will be an academy trust or local authority-maintained school in England considered by the Education and Skills Funding Agency to be of good financial health with a record of meeting, or driving improvements in, school standards.

How to apply:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-to-the-trust-capacity-fund>

Funding for Primary School Libraries

Deadline:

Applications can be submitted at any time

Details:

The Foyle Foundation makes available grants from £2,000 - £10,000 for UK state schools as part of the Schools Library Programme. The aim of the programme is to help schools establish school libraries or improve existing ones. Priority is given to primary schools up to Key Stage 2, but secondary schools that need books and reading resources for catch-up reading programs for Key Stage 3 pupils and/or transition reading programs for feeder/local primary schools will also be considered. Additionally, the foundation can also consider applications from special schools for all SEN age groups.

How to apply:

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

Funding to Buy Books for School Libraries

Deadline:

Applications can be submitted any time

Details:

The LoveReading4Kids Funding for Schools Scheme is offering grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to UK schools and early years' settings in order to buy books for their libraries and encourage more children to read for pleasure. Funding is aimed at helping schools to provide children with a range of non-curriculum books to improve their reading standards, and particularly hopes to help reading standards amongst children experiencing disadvantage or underrepresentation. Any grant awarded will be made in the form of credit to be spent within six months on the LoveReading4Kids online bookstore. Applications can be submitted at any time, with decisions taking up to three months.

How to apply:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/the-lovereadings4kids-funding-for-schools-scheme>

Funding to Support the Teaching & Learning of Physics

Deadline:

Next closing date for applications: 4th December

Details:

The Ogden Trust is making available grants of up to £5,000 to schools, colleges and charities to support them in carrying out projects that aid the teaching and learning of physics. As part of the Physics Education Grants programme, a small number of grants will be awarded for projects that are based around physics and developed with current evidence in mind – partial funding may be considered for general science projects where there is a clear physics component.

How to apply:

<https://www.ogdentrust.com/funding/physics-education-grants/>

Funding to Support Education in Marginalised Communities

Deadline:

Applications can be made at any time

Details:

The British & Foreign Schools Society is offering grants of between £10,000 and £90,000 to charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2.5 million, and UK based state-funded schools, academies, colleges, and other educational establishments regardless of their income size, provided they can demonstrate a network effect beyond one individual school for projects that focus on improving the educational outcomes and life chances of displaced young people, young carers, and care experienced young people.

BFSS will fund between 25% to 100% of the total project costs, but will give preference to projects with some degree of matched funding. There is a two stage application process and applications can be submitted at any time. Applications shortlisted at this stage will be invited to submit a Stage 2 proposal.

How to apply:

<https://bfss.org.uk/grant-giving/>

Funding for Projects to Aid Disadvantaged Students in the North

Deadline:

15th January

Details:

The Let Teachers Shine competition is expected to award ten grants of up to £25,000 aimed at projects by teachers in the North of England that help disadvantaged young people in realising their academic potential. The aim of the funding is to find the best teachers with fresh, imaginative and practical ways to raise attainment amongst disadvantaged students in English, Maths or Science.

How to apply:

<https://shinetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/let-teachers-shine/>

Grants for Schools to Promote Understanding of the Countryside

Deadline:

Applications can be submitted any time

Details:
<p>UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research.</p> <p>Whilst the Trust does not specify a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years.</p> <p>Previous projects supported include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busby Primary School which received a grant of £2,000 to build a 'vertical garden' for environment enhancement as well as the children's educational value; • a grant of £1,400 to Bickleigh-On-Exe Primary School to create an all-weather school and community gardening area with poly-tunnel and shed; • Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and • St Joseph's Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion.
How to apply:
https://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/

Funding for Disadvantaged Young People to Enable Them to Reach Potential
Deadline:
15 th December
Details:
<p>Registered charities (including Schools that are registered as charities for young people with disabilities) that work with disadvantaged children under the age of 25 can apply for funding of up to £10,000 through the Ironmongers Company's grants programme. Funding is particularly aimed at enabling primary age children to develop a strong foundation for the future.</p> <p>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 support this activity.</p> <p>Desired benefits of projects could include supporting those with special educational needs, or fostering social, emotional or life skills. Preference will be given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience.</p> <p>Grants will range from a few hundred pounds up to around £10,000. The average grant awarded is £4,000. The Company would like their support to make a recognisable difference, therefore preference will be given to requests where the grant would cover a significant element of the cost and to those from smaller charities.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.ironmongers.org/helping-charitable-organisations

4. Faith & Places of Worship

Grants for Urgent Structural Repairs to Churches
Deadline:
5 th March 2024
Details:
<p>As part of the National Churches Trust's Large Grants Programme, listed and unlisted Christian places of worship needing major, urgent structural repairs can apply for grants of up to £50,000. The funding will cover up to 50% of larger, more complex projects costing over £80,000 incl. VAT. Funding is also available for projects costing more than £30,000 incl. VAT that improve facilities such as kitchens and accessible toilets, etc to enable increased community use. Priority will be given to architecturally and historically significant buildings.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/large-grants

5. Health & Sport

Funding Available for Defibrillators
Deadline:
21 st September 2024
Details:
<p>The Department of Health and Social Care is inviting community organisations to bid for funding through the £1 million Community Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Fund, which aims to provide 2000 new defibrillators in community spaces across England.</p> <p>100 applications will receive a fully funded AED, and 1900 applications will receive partial funding and require £750 of match funding.</p> <p>Funding will be allocated to community spaces which could include town halls, community centres, local shops, post offices and local parks, to ensure that defibrillators are evenly spread throughout communities and easily accessible. Applicants are expected to demonstrate, therefore, that defibrillators will be placed in spaces where they are most needed, such as places with high footfall, vulnerable people, rural areas or due to the nature of activity at the site. Funding will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/dhsc-community-automated-external-defibrillator-aed-fund-1

£2.5 Million Fund to Deliver Injured Veterans Specialist Mobility Equipment
Deadline:
Applications are expected to be welcomed in early 2024.
Details:
<p>The Veterans' Mobility Fund will deliver £2.5 million in government funding to provide mobility equipment to improve quality of life for seriously injured veterans across the UK. The Fund will deliver grants and equipment for veterans with mobility needs linked to their service providing them with aids usually unavailable through the NHS such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobility scooters• Specialist wheelchairs• Orthotics (eg splints, braces) <p>The fund, which will be administered by Help for Heroes and Blesma, will help deliver support to veterans with physical disabilities through grants across five years.</p> <p>Applicants will be eligible veterans who are ordinarily in receipt of a War Pension or an award from the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fund-reinstated-to-deliver-specialist-mobility-equipment-for-seriously-injured-veterans

Funding for Breast Cancer Sufferers and Survivors
Deadline:
31st May 2024
Details:
<p>The Pink Ribbon Foundation is currently accepting applications for grants of up to £6,000 available to UK charities and constituted not-for-profit organisations in order to support projects and initiatives which will aim to deliver good physical and mental health to individuals with and recovering from breast cancer.</p> <p>If there is a special reason to do so, the Foundation will consider awarding higher grants.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/getsupport-apply

Funding to Support Soldiers, Veterans & Their Families
Deadline:
11 th January 2024
Details:
<p>The Army Benevolent Fund Soldiers' Charity are offering grants to charities and organisations that provide support to soldiers, veterans, and their immediate families in order to fund a variety of projects including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mental health support • educational programmes and employment assistance • family support • housing assistance • independent living • elderly care <p>This might include helping wounded soldiers to adapt to life after service, assisting elderly veterans to keep their independence or supporting soldiers to embark on new careers.</p> <p>ABF the Soldier's Charity offer grants to up to 100 charities each year with grant amounts varying depending on the proposed project. The fund reopens to applications on the 1st December.</p>
How to apply:
https://armybenevolentfund.org/need-our-help/charity-grants/

Funding for Grassroots Level Sports
Deadline:
1 st January
Details:
<p>The Peter Harrison Foundation Opportunities Through Sport grant scheme is making funding available in order to provide opportunities for sport and physical activity at a grassroots level that enable people who are physically, mentally, socially, or economically disadvantaged to develop personal and life skills to fulfil their potential.</p> <p>Small grants of under £5,000 or major grants between £5,001-£30,000 are available for charities or community amateur sports clubs</p> <p>The Trustees welcome applications for physical activity initiatives that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a focus for skills development and confidence building • Have a strong training and/or educational theme • Provide specialised sporting equipment or facilities required to open opportunities • Have a high degree of involvement from beneficiaries and those with lived experience
How to apply:
https://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/opportunities-through-sport

Funding for Community Sports
Deadline:
31 st December
Details:
<p>Flutter Entertainment is funding grants of £2,000 as part of the Cash4Clubs grant programme in order to support the sustainability of community sports clubs and organisations throughout the UK and Ireland.</p> <p>Costs that can be funded include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • venue hire including floodlights / heating • coaching costs • volunteer expenses • equipment • kit • marketing and communications

- training and qualifications
- insurances and affiliations

Applications from deprived areas or those using sports for purposes such as developing skills or reducing crime/anti-social behaviour are particularly welcome.

How to apply:

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

6. Arts, Culture & Heritage

Funding for Activities to Improve Lives in the Community

Deadline:

6th February 2024

Details:

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust is making available grants of between £500 and £6,000 for UK registered charities seeking to enhance and improve people's lives through the advancement of the arts, health and medical welfare, and the environment.

Examples of possible services provided:

- Arts: Promoting access to the arts, providing performance development opportunities for early career artists, and supporting charities that engage young people on the fringes of society through music and drama projects
- Environment: Conserving the countryside, encouraging voluntary work and active involvement in hands-on activities, particularly those that benefit young people, and supporting rural crafts and skills in heritage conservation
- Medical Welfare: Supporting charities that alleviate the suffering of adults and children with medical conditions, providing music and art therapy to improve quality of life, and providing breaks for carers without regular support

How to apply:

<https://doilycartecharitabletrust.org/how-to-apply/>

Funding for Projects in Horticulture, Plant Sciences, Fine Art & Art History

Deadline:

15th December

Details:

The Finnis Scott Foundation is making grants to support projects in the areas of horticulture, plant sciences, fine art and art history available to UK charities/charitable organisations including schools and colleges.

They are especially interested in supporting horticultural training via bursaries/apprenticeships.

The Foundation will consider applications for one-off grants up to £10,000, but because of the high demand, most grants are currently £5,000 or less. Exceptionally, when funds permit, grants of as much as £60,000 are made, payable over several years.

How to apply:

<https://www.finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

Funding for Small Museums

Deadline:

8th December

Details:

The Arts Scholars Charitable Trust are providing grants of up to £8,000 as part of their funding of The Association of Independent Museums' (AIM) Brighter Day Grant Scheme. This funding is being made available to ensure the future viability of museums across the UK, and to provide support for museums that are at risk of closure, important skills/knowledge being lost, or being rendered unable to care for their collections effectively.

Funding is aimed at educational, training, curatorial, and exhibition projects in order to help museums care for and sustain their historic and decorative arts collections. This could include work that will improve collections care and reduce energy use and costs, improvements to gallery or storage areas that enable collections to be displayed or stored appropriately, the purchase of equipment for storage and display of historic and decorative art collections, business reviews that consider how collections can be used to increase visitors and income, the digitisation of historic and decorative art collections, upskilling and skill sharing for staff and volunteers or creating training opportunities for people from backgrounds under-represented in museums (eg non-university or from culturally diverse backgrounds).

Priority will be given to small museums that have had difficulty finding support, including non-Accredited and local authority museums.

How to apply:

<https://aim-museums.co.uk/for-aim-members/grants/aim-brighter-day-scheme/>

Funding for Arts, Library & Museum Projects

Deadline:

Applications can be made any time

Details:

Funding in the form of grants up to £100,000 are made available through the National Lottery Project Grants programme which aims to support thousands of individual artists, community and cultural organisations to create and sustain quality work and help people across England to engage with arts and culture. The fund, which is for arts, library and museum projects, is administered by the Arts Council England which has recently published updated guidance for the programme, and made the process of applying clearer and more accessible.

The fund is currently giving priority to:

- supporting the grassroots live music sector,
- enabling museums to develop their collections-based work and increase public engagement with, and use of, their collections
- work that supports, enhances and enriches libraries.

How to apply:

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

7. Climate Change

£8.5 Million Fund Available for Community Projects Reducing Energy Consumption

Deadline:

Depends on demand/availability of funding

Details:

The National Lottery Community Fund are making £8.5 million of total funding available for 8-12 projects in order to inspire and support communities across the UK to address the energy and climate crisis. The fund is looking for projects that show how communities can address climate change while tackling the energy challenges through community-led climate action.

The NLCF encourage applications from projects that:

- encourage communities to use energy in an environmentally friendly way
- bring communities together so that they can explore ways to promote energy efficiency
- enable communities to understand and engage with opportunities for clean energy generation, which do not use fossil fuels.

All projects should consider how everyone in the community can get involved with climate action. Benefits should include:

- improving health and well-being
- creating local 'green' jobs, such as jobs providing low-carbon heat for homes, community energy champions and energy advisors
- reducing carbon emissions
- supporting communities to be more resilient.

The fund is aimed at projects that aim for long-term change, and projects that have the potential to have a positive impact beyond the communities they're directly working with.

How to apply:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-energy>

Awards for Sustainable Energy Projects

Deadline:

25th January

Details:

Ashden, a climate solutions charity that supports projects in sustainable energy, has announced that the UK and international competitions for its 2024 Ashden Awards are now open for entries. Winners of the Ashden Awards will receive a cash grant of up to £25,000 and a package of supplementary support. The competition is open to businesses, NGOs, government organisations, social enterprises and community groups. The work submitted for an award must be innovative: for example, it could feature new technology, new approaches to marketing and distribution, or a new way of sharing training and skills. It might involve improved financing mechanisms or an innovative business model.

How to apply:

<https://ashden.org/awards/apply/>