

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)

Round 4 of Community Ownership Fund
Deadline:
EOI open
Details:
<p>The UK government has announced that the final round of the £150 million Community Ownership Fund is now open for expressions of interest.</p> <p>This is a £150 million initiative from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and is designed to help community groups take ownership of assets that are at risk of being lost, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community centres • cinemas and theatres • galleries • museums • music venues • parks • post office buildings • pubs • shops • sporting and leisure facilities <p>Eligible applicants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voluntary and community organisations • parish, town and community councils <p>The maximum grant available per project is £2 million although it is expected that most awards will be for up to £250,000 of capital funding. 20 % match funding is required (10% in exceptional circumstances).</p> <p>Revenue funding of up to £50,000 or 20% of total capital funding applied for is also available. Successful organisations will be invited to submit a full application when the round 4 bidding window opens.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-prospectus/community-ownership-fund-round-4-prospectus

2. Community Funding & Environment (incl. Transport)

Funding for Village Hall Improvement Projects
Deadline:
December 2024
Details:

DEFRA and ACRE are offering grants intended to support smaller capital projects in village halls such as boiler replacements, insulation, toilet upgrades and new kitchens.

Awards can be made to cover 20% of eligible project costs, up to a maximum amount of £5,000. The balance of funding must for the works proposed must be in place, or at least confirmed within 6 weeks of making an application to small grants fund.

The fund is expected to stay open until December 2024, however it may be withdrawn before this.

How to apply:

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

Funding For Projects That Benefit Disadvantaged And Disengaged Young People

Deadline:

1st September

Details:

The Peter Cruddas Foundation provides funding for projects that benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in England and Wales. The Foundation gives priority to programmes calculated to help disadvantaged young people (16 - 30) in the UK towards pathways into education, training and employment.

There is no minimum or maximum amount and projects can be funded for more than one year. Priority is given to applicants able to demonstrate that they can manage the amount they have applied for and how they intend to continue (if appropriate) after the funding has been spent. Capital projects are not eligible for application.

How to apply:

http://www.petercruddasfoundation.org.uk/how_to_apply.htm

Funding for Charities Supporting Vulnerable & Disadvantaged People

Deadline:

Depends on demand

Details:

The Leathersellers' Small Grants Programme 2023-24 will consider applications from charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) registered and operating in the UK. We will not consider applications from Community Interest Companies (CICs).

Funding is aimed at organisations that are that are providing vital services for vulnerable people in deprived communities across the UK. The Small Grants Programme will award grants of up to £5,000 to organisations with an annual income of less than £200,000. Partnerships are encouraged.

To apply, charities and CIOs must meet the following criteria:

- Operate in a geographical area of deprivation in the UK.
- Deliver activities to meet an identified need for vulnerable members of the community
- Have a planned expenditure of under £200,000 in 2023/24

They do not fund the following:

- Medical research
- Hospices
- Parent teacher associations (PTAs)
- Capital restoration projects for the sole purpose of conservation/heritage
- Services that charge participants for access, irrespective of a beneficiary's ability to pay

How to apply:

<https://leathersellers.co.uk/small-grants-programme/>

Funding for Projects that Raise Quality of Life

Deadline:

Applications can be made at any time

Details:
The Bernard Sunley Foundation are a family grant making foundation which supports charities in England and Wales working to raise the quality of life and provide greater opportunities for the young, the elderly, the disabled and the disadvantaged.
Grants are available to charities, specialist schools, CIOs, and other not-for-profit organisations including scout and guide groups, and housing associations, which are working to raise the quality of life for people in England and Wales.
The Bernard Sunley Foundation aims to provide greater opportunities for the young, elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged by supporting capital projects in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community • Education • Health • Social welfare
How to apply:
https://bernardsunley.org/

Grants for Animal Welfare Charities
Deadline:
1 st May 2024
Details:
Charities registered in the UK and working to offer sanctuary, rehoming and rehabilitation to animals in the UK and/or internationally can apply for grants through the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust. Organisations involved with the conservation of wildlife, the rescue, rehabilitation and (where possible) release of animals are also eligible to apply. The funding supports general running costs or capital purchases. The Trust encourages repeat applications from charities when further financial support might be given if funds allow. In the past the maximum grant awarded has been £35,000
How to apply:
https://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/

Funding to Empower Young People to Fulfil Their Potential
Deadline:
31 st July 2024
Details:
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. The company is particularly interested in enabling children of primary school age to develop a strong foundation for a successful life and future. All projects must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be for children/young people under 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
How to apply:
https://www.ironmongers.org/helping-charitable-organisations

£5,000 Grants Available to Help Disadvantaged Adults Into Work
Deadline:
29 th April
Details:
The Thomas Wall Trust are welcoming proposals which target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups demonstrably facing major hurdles to employment, especially; women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities and refugees.

The Trust offers grants up to £5,000 for specific projects rather than general organisational costs* that improves communication skills for disadvantaged adults and supports NEET people into employment. Beneficiaries must gain at least one accredited vocational qualification during delivery.

The Thomas Wall Trust will fund UK charities that have been registered with the Charity Commission for at least 3 years, have an annual turnover between £25,000 and £500,000 and a project based on an already proven successful model.

How to apply:

<https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities-2/>

Major Grants for Charities/Housing Providers to Aid Veterans

Deadline:

EOI 17th June 2024

Details:

Registered charities and social housing providers that can show they work with veterans are eligible to apply for the Covenant Fund's new Major Capital Grants Programme. Under this programme, the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust will award grants of between £75K and £500K.

The fund is supporting projects that need help to refurbish or extend existing accommodation or build new accommodation to house Veterans. The funding is aimed at projects that will:

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

How to apply:

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/2023/11/20/new-major-funding-programme-to-support-veterans-housing-needs/>

Funding to Support Families in Need

Deadline:

No deadline given

Details:

Voluntary sector organisations in the UK working on the front lines of family support can apply for grants of £10,000-£100,000 (maximum £50,000 annually) for a period of one to three years.

These funds, made available through the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, can be used for core costs, salaries, running expenses, and project costs (up to 50% of the total project cost).

The programme prioritises organisations with an annual income up to £500,000 located in, or serving projects within, the most deprived 15% (urban) or 50% (rural) of the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). Focus areas include family support in deprived communities, with particular interest in

- early intervention programmes,
- families coping with addiction,
- and assistance for prisoners' families.

How to apply:

<https://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants/major-grants>

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 to Help School Trusts Develop Growth Capacity

Deadline:

25th June

Details:

The Department for Education has announced that the next round of the Trust Capacity Fund is now open for applications. The trust capacity fund (TCaF) supports the growth of multi-academy trusts (MATs). It is for trusts which have had a growth project approved by a regional director.

DofE particularly encourage applications for funding which:

- relate to education investment areas
- involve taking on groups of schools
- involve taking on underperforming schools

Funding is available to academy trusts or local authority-maintained schools forming a MAT.

How to apply:

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

Funding for Trips for Young People with Additional Needs

Deadline:

Applications can be made at any time

Details:

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

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

Applications for family activities are accepted from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers. Applications for group activities are accepted from organisations such as SEN schools and groups, young carers and women's refuges.

How to apply:

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

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 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/

Grants for Schools to Promote Understanding of the Countryside
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted any time
Details:
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. 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. Previous projects supported include:
<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/

4. Faith & Places of Worship

Funding to Promote/Maintain Church Choral Service
Deadline:
30 th June
Details:
Cathedrals, choral foundations, parish churches, choir schools, and other relevant institutions that promote and maintain the choral services of the Church of England, the Church in Wales, and the Church of Ireland can apply for funding from the Ouseley Trust.
Applications must be submitted by an institution and, in the main, this will be a cathedral, parish church, choir, college or school. They fall into the following categories: courses, grants for musicians including fees for individual choristers at choir schools, the purchase of liturgical music and other projects of an innovative kind which may, in exceptional circumstances, include commissions.

In every case, the trustees look for clear evidence that a grant would serve to promote and maintain a high standard of choral service.
How to apply:
http://www.ouseleytrust.org.uk/

Grants for Urgent Structural Repairs to Churches
Deadline:
2 nd July 2024
Details:
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.
Grants of between £500 and £5,000 (exceptionally up to £10,000) are available to churches across the UK requiring urgent maintenance works and small repairs identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection, Building Survey or Condition Report are also available via the Trust’s Small Grants programme.
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:
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.
100 applications will receive a fully funded AED, and 1900 applications will receive partial funding and require £750 of match funding.
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.
How to apply:
https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/dhsc-community-automated-external-defibrillator-aed-fund-1

Funding for Grassroots Football
Deadline:
12 th April
Details:
Grassroots community groups across the UK can apply for grants of £1,000 to launch or expand accessible football for under-represented young people living in the UK’s most deprived areas. The funding which is being made available through the Barclays Community Football Fund, will support activities working with women and girls, racially diverse communities, young people with disabilities, and the LGBTQ+ community from lower socio-economic areas.

The scheme welcomes applications from not-for-profit organisations including community groups, youth groups and traditional football clubs. Groups must meet the following criteria:

- You operate in an area of high deprivation and support the hardest to reach young people. We use the Government Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) to establish eligibility and only organisations located in or supporting young people from IMD areas 1-3 are eligible to apply.
- We recognise the disproportionate impact that the pandemic and cost of living crisis has had on young people with disabilities and will consider disability football applications from groups that sit outside of IMD areas 1-3.
- You are already delivering football activities to young people under the age of twenty five, or you are wanting to start with our support.
- You are delivering services directly to beneficiaries from one or more of our priority groups as follows: women and girls, racially diverse communities, young people with disabilities, from the LGBTQ+ community and from lower socio-economic areas.

How to apply:

<https://thehub.sported.org.uk/barclays-community-football-fund/apply-now.html>

Funding for Breast Cancer Sufferers and Survivors

Deadline:

31st May 2024

Details:

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.

If there is a special reason to do so, the Foundation will consider awarding higher grants.

How to apply:

<https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/getsupport-apply>

Match Funding for Sports Crowdfunding Campaigns

Deadline:

Applications can be made at any time

Details:

£7.5 million of National Lottery funding is available to support clubs and community organisations to set up and run their own crowdfunding campaigns to help improve their sustainability via Sport England's Active Together Fund, a crowdfunding initiative that can match fund successful Crowdfunder campaigns by up to £10,000.

To be eligible to apply, organisations must be:

- local sports clubs
- charities, community, voluntary and social enterprise sector organisations that deliver sport and/or physical activity in their local community
- town or parish councils delivering activity within their community
- education establishments that provide access for their whole community

The initiative will support organisations impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as the emerging energy, cost of living or other local crises, to cover additional costs such as:

- facility refurbishments, maintenance, or improvements
- adapting facilities to ensure a safe return to play
- running new activity to meet demand, post-pandemic, helping the community to recover
- unforeseen events continuing to impact on finances – fire, theft, vandalism or adverse weather
- the emerging energy crisis – changing facilities to lower energy consumption

As well as offering support with the organisation's crowdfunding campaign.

How to apply:

<https://www.sportengland.org/funds-and-campaigns/our-funds/active-together>

6. Arts, Culture & Heritage

Arts Council MEND Round 4 Closes in April
Deadline:
18 th April, midday (EOI)
Details:
Arts Council England opened EOI on the 4 th March for Round 4 of the Museum Estate and Development Fund, which will support museums with capital expenditure from £50,000 to £5 million in funding for work that improves their core infrastructure, and reduces the immediate risks to buildings, visitors, staff and collections. Funding has been provided by DCMS.
Through implementing improvements to core infrastructure, MEND will support museums to achieve the following outcomes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Become more financially resilient and environmentally responsible• Increase the environmental performance of buildings and equipment to help reduce carbon emissions in the museum sector• Improve access for disabled people and accommodate diverse user needs• Strengthen contributions to local communities and regeneration by preserving landmark buildings
How to apply:
https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/our-open-funds/cultural-investment-fund/museum-estate-and-development-fund-mend-round-4#t-in-page-nav-1

Funding to Improve Participatory Arts & Mental Health Provision for Men
Deadline:
12pm on 23 rd April 2024
Details:
The Baring Foundation's Arts Programme has opened a new round of funding for arts organisations who would like to develop new participatory arts opportunities for men with mental health problems.
Grants of £20k to £50k are available for either of the following approaches, or a combination of the two:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work which finds ways to achieve equal representation (or a significant increase) of men in mixed gender creative activities;• Men-only creative activities.
We are looking for projects which provide new and attractive creative opportunities for men who are not already taking part, and target those men who are least likely otherwise to take part. Projects should take place over at least one year, and preferably two or more years.
To be eligible, you must:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• be an established arts organisation of any kind (including museums) operating in the UK;• have delivered creative opportunities to people with mental health problems for at least two years;• have had an annual income of over £75,000 for the last two years.
How to apply:
https://baringfoundation.org.uk/news-story/new-funding-attracting-new-male-participants-into-creative-mental-health-programmes/

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>

Independent Energy Assessment Funding for VCSE Buildings – Capital Grants Available

Deadline:

August 2024

Details:

The VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme is offering independent energy assessments to help identify energy-saving opportunities in VCSE buildings.

Applicant organisations must be a VCSE based in England and delivering frontline services. They must be able to demonstrate that they are financially sustainable, require support around energy and are not suitable for blended finance or loan support through other schemes.

The scheme is funded as part of a package of over £100 million of support being delivered by the Government to help frontline delivery organisations with the increased cost of living.

The VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme currently offers the following funding:

- Independent energy assessment: Organisations can apply for funding to cover the cost of an independent energy assessment. This assessment will help identify the most effective measures for reducing their energy costs. This part of the scheme is now open for applications and will remain open until August 2024.
- Capital Grants: Round 2 of the capital grants application window has now opened in April. This will enable capital grants for groups to improve their energy efficiency as identified in IEA.

The funding can be used to install a range of energy efficiency measures, including:

- LED lighting
- Energy-efficient heating and ventilation
- Insulation
- Smart meters

How to apply:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/vcseenergyefficiency/>