

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)

£7.8 Million Fund to Increase Resilience of the UK Food System
Deadline:
4pm on the 19th March 2024
Details:
<p>UK research organisations are invited to apply for share of £7.5 million in funding to develop initiatives that will strengthen the resilience of the UK food system.</p> <p>The funding, which is made available by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, will support interdisciplinary projects that improve the resilience of the UK food system to cascading risks and systemic shocks, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further pandemics • climate change and extreme weather • food safety • pests and diseases • trade and geopolitics • labour shortages • food price spikes • civil unrest <p>The full economic cost (FEC) of a project can be up to £1.75 million. 80% of the FEC up to £1.4 million will be funded, and the duration of this award is three years. Organisations must collaborate with at least one stakeholder organisation (government, business and the third sector).</p>
How to apply:
https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/strengthening-the-resilience-of-the-uk-food-system/

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

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.

Dependent on the level of deprivation, 3:1 match funding may be available.

How to apply:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/?campaign=access1-3>

Funding Available for Tackling Loneliness for Older People

Deadline:

5pm on 16th March 2024

Details:

Organisations must have a turnover under £250,000 p.a. to apply, work in an area with high deprivation affecting older people, and should be delivering 1-1 services to alleviate the impact of loneliness. The funding will support the core and project costs of smaller organisations with annual incomes under £250,000 working in deprived areas.

To help ensure an equitable allocation of funds and to help with the selection of grant applicants, the Foundation has taken the decision this year to adopt a place-based approach. Funding will be prioritised to organisations able to demonstrate they are working in specified locations across our six grant-award regions. Halton is included amongst specified regions in the North.

How to apply:

<https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/>

Grants for Good – Projects with Positive Impact

Deadline:

15th March

Details:

The Matthew Good Foundation has opened the next round of its Grants for Good Fund. The aim is to support small charities, not-for-profit groups and social entrepreneurs who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community or the environment.

The Fund will share £15,000 between five shortlisted projects every three months, which will be voted for by John Good Group employees. The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £5,000, second place £3,500, third place £2,500 with fourth and fifth place both receiving £2,000.

As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation wants to hear from people with innovative ideas that need some funding to get their projects up and running.

To be eligible, applicants will have to have had an income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months

How to apply:

<https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/>

Funding for the Care of Animals Suffering from Cruelty and Neglect

Deadline:

31st 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:
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/

Funding for Organisations that Support Disadvantaged Young People
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted any time
Details:
<p>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.</p> <p>The Foundation is particularly focussed on supporting organisations that have an emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>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.</p>
How to apply:
http://allentane.org.uk/young-peoples-programme/

£5,000 Grants Available to Help Disadvantaged Adults Into Work
Deadline:
29 th April
Details:
<p>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.</p>

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/>

Big Issue Accessible Loans For Social Enterprises/Charities

Deadline:

Monthly deadlines

Details:

Big Issue Invest has launched a new fund to help charities and social enterprises grow their social Impact, consisting of:

- flexible loans of between £20,000 to £400,000 are available with up to 20% as a grant
- repayment over 1 to 8 years
- interest rate between 7.5%-8.5%
- potential for up to 12 months of initial interest-only period
- no early repayment charges

The Big Issue have a range of loan products within Impact Loans England that support charities and social enterprises that are registered and delivering social impact in England. We are also able to make a small number of loans in Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

Their investments are designed to support Social Enterprises to grow, diversify, or buy new assets. We will, however, consider most purposes for impactful organisations, including refinancing existing debt.

They aim to work with a broad range of impact organisations, that are tackling poverty from a variety of angles, from homelessness and housing to education & employment, health & well-being, and access to arts & culture, and many more.

Organisations interested in applying must in the first instance register their interest on the Big Issue Invest website.

How to apply:

<https://www.bigissue.com/invest/impact-loans-england/>

Grants of up to £10,000 for Projects Supporting Disadvantaged People

Deadline:

Depends on demand (closes after 150 applications)

Details:

UK-based registered charities can apply for grants of between £1,000 to £10,000 to enhance the lives of people facing social and economic challenges, particularly amongst the sick, elderly, disabled, and other disadvantaged groups in the UK.

The Greenhall Foundation is providing the funding, which will support special projects or the purchase of specific equipment, rather than general operating costs or charity salaries. The Foundation gives preference to appeals where they can provide a significant proportion of the required funding.

Trustees meet in May and November each year to consider applications.

- May meetings are open to Charities in all income brackets.
- November meetings are only open to Charities with an annual income of £250,000 or less.

Previous grants awarded include funding for education programmes for individuals with disabilities, support for the elderly through the provision of daily nutritious meals, and mental health support for young people facing poverty, social isolation, and unemployment.

How to apply:

<https://greenhallfoundation.org/>

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 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 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 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 for International Educational & Work Placements
Deadline:
4pm on 21 st March 2024.
Details:
Schools, colleges and universities can now apply for funding to provide young people with international study and work opportunities. The funding is being made available through the Government's Turing Scheme, which aims to give students the chance to develop new skills, gain international experience and boost their employability, particularly for young people from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds.
Funding will vary depending on the type of placement and the country visited, and will help to cover:

- travel costs for a return journey
- living cost contributions
- organisational support
- passports, visas application fees, vaccines, medical certifications and travel insurance for disadvantaged students
- language learning for students on FE placements
- specialist support for students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) – including students with additional learning needs (ALN) in Wales and additional support needs (ASN) in Scotland
- staff accompanying students on schools and FE placements.

How to apply:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/turing-scheme-international-study-and-work-placements#full-publication-update-history>

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 to Support Teaching & Learning of Physics

Deadline:

17th March

Details:

Through the Ogden Trust’s Physics Education Grants programme, grants of up to £5,000 are available to schools, colleges and other organisations that wish to carry out projects that support the teaching and learning of physics. The funding will be awarded for projects that are based around physics and developed with current evidence in mind.

The grants are split into two strands:

- Curriculum support: to support the teaching and learning of physics from 4-18 in the classroom, including equipment for teaching physics, teaching resources and teacher CPD.
- Enrichment activities: to support physics extra-curricular activities for school and college students from under-represented groups.

Projects may be for the roll-out of an existing scheme or for a new idea.

How to apply:

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

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:

- 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

Grants for Urgent Structural Repairs to Churches

Deadline:

5th March 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.

How to apply:

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

5. Health & Sport

Funding Available for Defibrillators

Deadline:

21st 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:

12th April

Details:
<p>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.</p> <p>The scheme welcomes applications from not-for-profit organisations including community groups, youth groups and traditional football clubs. Groups must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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:
<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 Bring People to Cycling
Deadline:
Opens March 4 th
Details:
<p>The Big Bike Revival programme is for people returning to cycling, complete beginners or people cycling non-regularly (generally means cycling once every two weeks or less)</p> <p>The programme's target audience is people with social, economic and health needs; people from diverse backgrounds; people facing multiple challenges. Delivery partners are typically volunteer-led groups, not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises that are rooted in local communities and working to address a range of local needs. They are experienced in engaging with non-regular cyclists and people in need in terms of social, economic and health deprivation. Partners can apply for grants of up to £3,000 to deliver cycling events to get people back on their bikes this summer.</p> <p>The scheme welcomes applicants from delivery partners based anywhere in England, with the exception of London. The funding, which is made available by the Department for Transport, could be spent on equipment to expand delivery, venue hire for learning events, or instructors to lead bike rides.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.cyclinguk.org/bigbikerevival/current-programme

Match Funding for Sports Crowdfunding Campaigns
Deadline:
Applications can be made at any time
Details:
<p>£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.</p> <p>To be eligible to apply, organisations must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>As well as offering support with the organisation’s crowdfunding campaign.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.sportengland.org/funds-and-campaigns/our-funds/active-together

New Fund Launched to Promote Mental Health through Nature
Deadline:
Stage 1 20 th March 2024
Details:
<p>As part of the People’s Health Trust’s Health Justice Funs, they are launching Nature for Health – funding which will support improved mental health through nature.</p> <p>The funding is aimed at people who have mental health problems and who experience socio-economic disadvantage, discrimination and marginalisation. It is open in Scotland and six regions of England (including North West England) and closes on Wednesday 20 March.</p> <p>Funding through Nature for Health can support adults and young people to have greater access to natural spaces and nature-based activities, be involved in the development and running of nature-based activities in their local area and to experience measurable positive changes to their mental health.</p> <p>It can provide additional support for those who need it to access other services, for example, advice or specialist mental health services. It can also use learning to work with decision-makers locally to make changes that benefit local people’s access to nature.</p> <p>The funding is focussed on smaller grassroots organisations with a strong track record in supporting access to nature and/or providing mental health support.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/news/stories/nature-for-health-launches

6. Arts, Culture & Heritage

Arts Council to Open MEND Round 4 in March
Deadline:

18 th April, midday (EOI)
Details:
Arts Council England is opening 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 for Cultural Organisations to Improve Digital Infrastructure
Deadline:
13 th March
Details:
Nonprofit cultural organisations in the US and UK can apply for grants of up to £150,000 to improve their digital infrastructure. The Bloomberg Philanthropies Digital Accelerator Programme offers two years of funding, technical support, and leadership development to help organisations to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthen their operations • generate revenue • fundraise • engage audiences • expand programming opportunities
The programme supports projects in:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • content creation • CRM/ticketing • digital archives/asset management • websites
Applications are accepted from organisations with an annual turnover of over £500,000 that have been in operation for at least three years.
How to apply:
https://digitalaccelerator.bloomberg.org/digital-accelerator-uk-guidelines/

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:

- 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>

Funding to Protect Oceans and Enhance Marine Biodiversity

Deadline:

19th March

Details:

Marine conservation charities are invited to apply for funding for projects which help to protect the ocean and enhance marine biodiversity.

The ScottishPower Foundation Marine Biodiversity Fund will finance one multi-year project that:

- contributes to the protection and enhancement of the marine/coastal environment, preventing negative impacts and/or enabling the repair and renewal of the marine/coastal environment, including the safeguarding of marine species, and
- shares project knowledge and raises awareness of threats to the marine/coastal environment by engaging with the local community and wider society

Projects must take place in the UK and its territorial waters.

It is anticipated the successful project will receive funding of £200,000 per year for a period of up to three years.

How to apply:

https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/scottishpower_foundation_marine_biodiversity_fund.aspx

UKRI Systems Approaches To Advance The UK's Transition To Net Zero

Deadline:

26th March

Details:

Applicants from across UKRI remit are eligible to lead or participate in a transdisciplinary research programme and apply for funding to establish a flagship transdisciplinary research programme in system approaches to advance the UK's transition to Net Zero.

This investment will support up to two impact driven research programmes to deliver world leading co-created cross-cutting research into the development and implementation of systems approaches to Net Zero.

The full economic cost (FEC) of applicant projects can be up to £5.78 million. UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) will fund 80% of the FEC (£4.62 million). The funding duration is for up to 60 months.

Applicants must be based at a UK research organisation eligible for UKRI funding.

How to apply:

<https://www.ukri.org/councils/stfc/>

Independent Energy Assessment Funding for VCSE Buildings

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.

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/>