

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The fund is expected to stay open until December 2024, however it may be withdrawn before this.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

Onward Community Grants for North West Community Orgs

Deadline:

15th May 2024

Details:

Community organisations located in Merseyside, Greater Manchester, and Lancashire will soon be able to apply for grants from the Onward Community Fund.

The fund is provided by Onward, a provider of homes in the North West. Grants of up to £2,500 are available to support local projects that make a positive difference in the communities they serve.

This year the fund is interested in supporting projects that aim to support people and communities facing increased challenges due to the cost-of-living crisis.

In the last financial year, the Onward Community Fund supported 63 local community organisations.

How to apply:

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

Steel Charitable Trust Rolling Grants Available for Community Projects

Deadline:

11th July

Details:

Charities, charitable incorporated organisations, and municipally funded museums across the UK can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 for projects that positively impact local communities.

The funding is made available through the Steel Charitable Trust Rolling Grants programme, which supports a variety of projects and activities that make a real impact in the areas of:

- arts and heritage
- education
- environment
- health (specifically programmes and activities that aim to support, maintain and improve mental health in any demographic; and health care for older people)
- social or economic disadvantage (specifically projects focusing on disadvantaged children; and housing and homeless people)

There are no specific focus areas within the categories of arts and heritage, education, or environment.

How to apply:

<https://steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

Funding to Support Members of the Armed Forces and Their Families

Deadline:

30th July

Details:

Armed Forces charities and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £40,000 to support serving armed forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families.

The funding is made available through the Veterans Foundation.

The types of grants awarded include:

- Grants of up to £30,000 for projects. This grant could be spread over up to three years.
- Grants of up to £75,000 are available exclusively for salaries over a two-year period.

The Veterans Foundation gives priority to charities and organisations who can demonstrate that they are directly involved in the provision of support to those in need, as well as well-run organisations of low to medium wealth.

How to apply:

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

Major Grants Programme Launched to Address Veterans' Housing Needs

Deadline:

5pm on 19th June

Details:

Charities and registered social housing providers with experience in supporting Veterans are invited to apply for grants of £75,000 to £500,000 through the Major Capital Grants programme. This new initiative, launched by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, aims to alleviate the housing challenges faced by Veterans, contributing to the government's ambition to reduce Veteran homelessness and end rough sleeping. The Trust is also able to offer larger grants of £500,000 to £1million for exceptional projects. These larger grants will be subject to additional eligibility criteria, including secured match funding of at least 30% at the time of application.

The grants will be awarded across four funding rounds, supporting projects that involve new builds or significant refurbishment, including extensions, of rental accommodation offering high-quality support for Veterans with a housing need.

How to apply:

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

Screwfix Foundation Grants for Maintaining/Repairing Community Facilities

Deadline:

10th May

Details:

The Screwfix Foundation has re-opened for applications from charities and not for profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress or other disadvantage throughout the UK.

Grants in the region of £5,000 are available for all kinds of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities.

How to apply:

<https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/>

Funding to Support Local Community Projects

Deadline:

Applications can be made at any time

Details:

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to registered charities for projects that positively impact communities across England, Scotland, and Wales.

The Morrisons Foundation provides funding to support projects that:

- tackle poverty and social deprivation
- enhance community spaces, facilities and services
- improve the health and wellbeing of local communities

The funding will support both capital spend and direct project delivery costs.
Priority is given to smaller organisations with an annual income of less than £1 million.
How to apply:
https://www.morrisonfoundation.com/grant-funding-request/

Grants to Help Older People and Adults with Disabilities
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time
Details:
Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a grant-giving charity that helps older people and other adults with a disability across England, Scotland & Wales lead more fulfilled lives and reach their full potential.
The Foundation's focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community, helping combat isolation and loneliness and enabling people to be active and engaged.
Funding of between £100 and £2,500 (£1,000 for individuals) is available for individuals and small community groups to help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life. Applications for individuals must be completed by a third-party sponsor such as a health care professional, social worker or charity/support group representative.
How to apply:
https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/apply

3. Youth, Schools & Colleges

£200 Million Boost to Help Schools Attract & Keep Top Teachers
Deadline:
From September
Details:
The Department for Education is making a £200 million investment to support schools and colleges in England in attracting and retaining the teachers they need in vital subjects.
From September, up to £6000 will be available for teachers working in key STEM and technical subjects such as maths, construction engineering, and manufacturing, as well as early years education.
The incentive is being offered through the government's levelling up premium doubling payments scheme to support schools in disadvantaged areas nationwide in recruiting and retaining the teachers they need.
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/teachers-to-get-up-to-6000-extra-to-teach-vital-subjects

Grants to Support College & Charity Projects in Horticulture, Plant Sciences, Fine Art & Art History
Deadline:
4pm on 23 rd May
Details:
UK charities and charitable organisations, including schools and colleges are eligible to apply for grants to support projects in the areas of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horticulture (Gardening) and Plant Sciences • Fine Art and Art History
The Foundation is especially interested in supporting horticultural training through bursaries and apprenticeships. Applications should be made by the sponsoring institution: individuals may not apply.

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.

How to apply:

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

Development Programme to Support Early Career Teachers of Physics

Deadline:

Before the end of June 2024

Details:

The Ogden Trust is inviting applications for its Early Career Teacher Development programme, which offers free mentoring and support for early career physics teachers from initial teacher training through to their fifth year of teaching.

There are two strands within the programme to offer the support needed as teachers progress through their early teaching career:

- Teaching Core Physics programme - provides half termly coaching in local peer groups for secondary (or middle school) teachers in their first or second year of teaching physics at any level
- Developing Physics Specialisms programme - offers individual mentoring for second to fifth year teachers teaching GCSE and/or A Level physics

All those who successfully apply for the Early Career programme will be invited to a fully funded two-day festival in August, where they can build networks, share practice and develop skills.

How to apply:

<https://www.ogdentrust.com/about-us/news/supporting-early-career-teachers-of-physics/>

Royal Society of Chemistry – Outreach Fund

Deadline:

10th June

Details:

Individuals such as researchers and organisations such as museums, schools, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, arts groups and libraries, etc can apply for grants to run chemistry-based events and activities for public audiences and in schools through the Royal Society of Chemistry's Outreach Fund. The Royal Society of Chemistry are currently prioritising funding for projects that have one or more of the following outcomes:

- Audiences are engaged with issues around sustainability linked to chemical sciences
- Under-served audiences are better connected with or represented by the chemical sciences
- RSC members have opportunities to develop and/or use their engagement skills
- Well-being is enhanced or supported through the activity of the project or partnership
- Families connect with chemistry in fun, creative and participatory ways
- Audiences are engaged with chemistry in and through local contexts

How to apply:

<https://www.rsc.org/prizes-funding/funding/find-funding/outreach-fund/>

Funding for Projects that Combat Abuse and Violation of Human Rights

Deadline:

26th April

Details:

UK-registered charities that work towards combating abuse and violations of human rights can apply for grants of usually between £10,000 and £30,000 through the A B Charitable Trust. The A B Charitable Trust (ABCT) was set up in 1990 and supports unpopular causes that champion human dignity and focus on small and medium-sized charities working close to the ground.

Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support:

- migrants and refugees
- criminal justice and penal reform
- human rights, particularly access to justice

The Trust generally makes one-off grants to charities registered and working in the UK with annual incomes of between £150,000 and £1.5m that do not have substantial investments or surpluses.

How to apply:

<http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/application.htm>

4. Faith & Places of Worship

The National Churches Trust's Medium Grants Programme Opens for Applications

Deadline:

13th August

Details:

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, across the UK towards project development and investigative work up to RIBA planning stage 1, to support churches preparing for a major project, and in developing their project to the point at which they can approach a major grant funder. Grants will never exceed 50% of the net project costs for this phase.

The National Churches Trust's Medium Grants Programme is also now able to offer grants of up to £10,000 for urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects costing between £20,000 and £80,000. Grants will never exceed 50% of the net project costs.

How to apply:

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

5. Health & Sport

£150,000 Fund to Support Fishing

Deadline:

17th May

Details:

The Angling Trust, in partnership with the Environment Agency, is inviting applications for the latest round of the Angling Improvement Fund (AIF).

The AIF is funded by income generated through the sale of fishing licences, and aims to improve habitat and facilities for anglers across the country. £150,000 of funding is available in this round.

Who is eligible:

- Angling clubs
- Commercial angling venues
- Syndicate fisheries
- Community organisations
- Local authorities who provide angling facilities

This latest round will award grants of up to £6,000 for projects seeking to tackle predation of fish stocks by mammals and fish-eating birds.

The types of work that can be funded include:

- Installation, repair and material costs of otter proof fencing
- Provision of fish refuges including marginal planting (Stillwaters only)
- Removal or modification of bird loafing and roosting sites
- Non-lethal equipment such as auditory and visual deterrents
- Fees to bona-fide professional contractors to implement the project
- Other measures aimed at reduction of predation

Joint applications between 2 or more organisations are welcome.
How to apply:
https://anglingtrust.net/funding/aif/

6. Arts, Culture & Heritage

Grants of up to £100k Available to Enable Museums to Better Engage with the Public
Deadline:
16 th September
Details:
Accredited museums or partnerships of museums and other organisations can apply for grants of up to £100,000 for projects lasting up to two years that aim to bring their collections closer to people by enhancing accessibility and engagement with the public.
The funding, which is being provided through the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation’s Collection Fund aims to award approximately 12 grants per year, distributed across two funding rounds. The funding focuses on existing collections, and applicants are expected to centre their proposals around these collections. The Foundation encourages museums to build on their previous experience and apply for funding to develop their projects further.
The grants offered should support projects that align with the strategic aims of applicants, particularly in relation to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Foundation is also interested in funding community-led initiatives that utilise museum collections to address social and climate justice issues in ways that are relevant to local contexts and relationships.
How to apply:
https://www.museumsassociation.org/funding/esmee-fairbairn-collections-fund/

Grants for Cultural Organisations Working to Create Social Justice
Deadline:
31 st May
Details:
Grants ranging from £90,000 to £300,000 are available to build the capacity of cultural organisations that use art to create positive social change, particularly amongst historically underfunded communities across the UK.
The Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Arts Fund provides core funding to arts organisations over three years, to increase their sustainability and to deepen the impact of their work. The Foundation will fund up to 50% of an organisation’s annual turnover.
How to apply:
https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/access-and-participation-fund/

Funding to Support Young Creatives to Launch a Project, Idea or Business
Deadline:
28th June 2024
Details:
Youth Music, a national charity funded by the National Lottery, has announced that round 7 of the NextGen Fund has opened for applications.
The fund supports emerging musicians and behind the scenes creatives aged 18-25 (and under-30s who identify as d/Deaf or Disabled) from across the UK to launch a creative project, idea or business. Grants of up to £2,500 could help people including singers, songwriters, producers, djs, managers and agents who do not have the financial means to invest in themselves, to start a record label, launch a single, or provide a platform that supports underrepresented voices.

Funding can also cover costs linked to career development, audience development or marketing, equipment and software, and business development.

How to apply:

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

7. Climate Change

Grants Available to Protect Family Finances from Climate Change and the Impact of Net Zero Policies

Deadline:

1pm on the 3rd June 2024

Details:

Charities, voluntary organisations, think tanks, campaigning groups, research bodies and universities can apply for funding for strategic work that will protect and improve the finances of people on low-to-middle incomes as the UK adapts to climate change and works towards meeting Net Zero targets. The abrdn Financial Fairness Trust's Climate Change and Household Finances in the UK grant programme invites proposals from organisations seeking funding for policy work, campaigning and research focused on three areas that influence financial wellbeing: income; spending; and assets.

Applications are particularly encouraged for work focusing on:

- transport
- consumerism
- energy use
- labour market transitions
- Scotland and UK-wide work
- other Net Zero and financial wellbeing themes

There is no minimum or maximum funding amount, but most grants range between £10,000 and £200,000.

How to apply:

<https://www.financialfairness.org.uk/en/media-centre/media-centre-news-article/new-funding-programme-climate-change>