

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)

VCSE Organisations Can Apply for Funding to Improve Energy Efficiency
Deadline:
12pm on 14th August 2024.
Details:
<p>Eligible voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in England can now apply for funding to help reduce their energy costs and improve their energy efficiency. The £25.5 million VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme is 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.</p> <p>The VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme is being provided by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme is open to voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in England that meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a registered VCSE with a charity number • Must have a turnover of less than £25 million • Must be based in England • Must be responsible for the premises they wish to improve <p>The VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme offers two types of funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 the 20th June 2024. • Capital grant: Organisations that have received an energy assessment may be eligible for a capital grant of between £2,000 and £150,000 to install the recommended energy efficiency measures in their premises. <p>The funding can be used to install a range of energy efficiency measures, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LED lighting • Energy-efficient heating and ventilation • Insulation • Smart meters
How to apply:
https://www.groundwork.org.uk/vcseenergyefficiency/

Funding to Improve Energy Efficiency of Social Housing
Deadline:
Further details coming in summer
Details:
As part of the effort to make England’s homes greener and more energy efficient, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero is making around £1.2 billion in funding available to improve the energy performance of social housing in England.

The funding will be available to:

- local authorities
- combined authorities
- registered providers of social housing (including housing associations and arms-length management organisations (ALMOs) that are registered providers)
- registered charities that own social housing

The Fund is aimed at supporting the installation of energy performance measures that will help to:

- deliver warm, energy-efficient homes
- reduce carbon emissions
- tackle fuel poverty
- support green jobs
- develop the retrofit sector
- improve the comfort, health and well-being of social housing tenants

The two strands of funding will be the following: The Challenge Fund and Strategic Partnerships.

How to apply:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-housing-decarbonisation-fund-wave-3>

2. Community Funding & Environment (incl. Transport)

Funding Available to Increase Employment Opportunities for Disadvantaged Adults

Deadline:

16th September

Details:

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to support projects that equip people (18 or older in order) from disadvantaged groups with the critical life skills necessary to gain employment.

Priority will be given to projects that target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups facing major hurdles to employment, especially women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers.

The funding is being made available through the Thomas Wall Trust. Eligible applicants will be UK charities that has been registered with the Charity Commission for at least 3 years, will be applying for project or running costs for a charity that equips people (aged 18 and over) with the skills ready for employment, and will have an annual turnover of between £25,000 - £500,000.

How to apply:

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

Funding Available to Support Older People Maintaining Independence

Deadline:

Applications can be submitted any time

Details:

Grants of up to £7,000 are available to charities in the U.K to support preventative and early community based intervention programmes that focus on helping older people stay in their own homes and maintain their independence.

The funding is being made available through the Charles Hayward Foundation Small Grants programme and is looking to support projects that address isolation and depression in older people through activities like informal daycare or social and recreational programmes; provide support and assistance for older individuals living in their own homes; cater to the emotional and practical needs of older caregivers, and meet the specific requirements of people with dementia.

How to apply:

<http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/older-people/>

Funding for Projects that Combat Abuse and Violation of Human Rights

Deadline:
26 th July
Details:
<p>The A B Charitable Trust, established in 1990, specialises in supporting unpopular causes that champion human dignity and focus on small and medium-sized charities working close to the ground. They are offering grants typically between £10,000 and £30,000 aimed at UK-registered charities who help to combat abuse and human rights violations.</p> <p>Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • migrants and refugees • criminal justice and penal reform • human rights, particularly access to justice <p>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. Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range £10,000 to £30,000.</p>
How to apply:
http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/application.htm

Grants up to £2,000 for Projects Tackling Loneliness in Adults with Disability and Older People
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted any time.
Details:
<p>Small community groups, local charities and individuals can apply for grants of between £100 and £2,500 for equipment and to support projects that tackle loneliness amongst older people (65+) and adults with a disability (18+).</p> <p>The funding, which is being made available through Barchester’s Charitable Foundation, supports actions that combat loneliness by connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. The types of activities supported can include: activity projects, equipment and materials for use by members, member transport and day trips, outings and group holidays in the UK.</p>
How to apply:
https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/

Grants for Community & Environmental Projects
Deadline:
14 th August
Details:
<p>Not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding to deliver projects that improve communities and the environment.</p> <p>The funding is made available through the SUEZ Communities Fund for projects that improve public amenities, repair religious or historic buildings, or support biodiversity in areas surrounding Suez landfill sites.</p> <p>The maximum grant amount for projects in England is £50,000. Funding typically covers the cost of materials, equipment, and/or contractors for improvement work.</p>
How to apply:
https://grantscape.org.uk/fund/suez-communities-fund/

3. Youth, Schools & Colleges

Capital Projects Funding for Secondary Schools and Sixth Forms
Deadline:

Stage 1: 10 th June
Details:
Secondary schools and colleges can apply for grants to improve the teaching of science, computer science, design & technology, art, languages, music and performing arts at GCSE and A-Level. Grants are generally awarded for new buildings, refurbishment, and technical equipment.
Two types of grants are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £15,000 – £50,000 (equipment projects) • £15,000 – £100,000 (new build and refurbishment projects) The funding is being made available through the Wolfson Foundation’s Secondary Education Programme.
The school or college should meet all of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be state funded • have at least two years of exam results available • have been inspected by Ofsted / Estyn / HMIE / ETI and have an overall outcome of ‘Good’ or above • demonstrating an achieved level of excellence OR significant progress towards excellence through, for example, inspection reports and progress made by students • if a predominantly denominational or faith-based school, it should have a non-discriminatory entry policy regarding religious allegiance. At least 10% of pupils must be of other denominations, faiths or none.
How to apply:
https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-secondary-schools-sixth-form-colleges/

Funding of Up To £500 Worth of Free Equipment to Deliver Outdoor Learning
Deadline:
6 th September
Details:
Early Years, Infant, Primary and Secondary school settings in England, Scotland and Wales can apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor resources and two hours of professional outdoor training to deliver outdoor learning and play.
The funding is being made available through the Learning through Landscapes’ Local School Nature Grant Programme and is funded by the players of People’s Postcode Lottery.
There will be four funding rounds throughout the year which will support a total of 900 schools.
How to apply:
https://naturegrants.ltl.org.uk/guidance.php

Funding for School Library Books
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time
Details:
UK schools and early years’ settings can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to buy books for their libraries and encourage more children to read for pleasure. The LoveReading4Kids Funding for Schools Scheme will help schools to provide children with a range of non-curriculum books to improve their reading standards, particularly amongst children experiencing disadvantage or underrepresentation.
Areas for Consideration will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools with income deprivation or cultural deprivation • FSM • IDACI • Literacy levels • Schools looking to improve standards
The application must come directly from the school, and decisions take up to three months.
How to apply:

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

Funding for Education/Development Projects for Young People

Deadline:

Applications reviewed on rolling basis at 8-week intervals

Details:

Schools, colleges, and community groups in England can apply for grants to BlueSpark Foundation to support the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting, and other projects. BlueSpark is particularly keen to support projects that will help enhance the self-confidence, teamwork skills, and future employability of children and young people. In most cases, grants will be made on a relatively small scale.

The Foundation makes grants of up to £5,000. However, the majority of grants awarded are below £2,000. The funding available can be for physical assets (such as iPads, sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions), services or facilities (such as sports coaching or music or drama tuition), or simply for the provision of experiences (such as theatre visits).

How to apply:

<http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/>

Funding for SEN Schools and Colleges

Deadline:

Stage 1 deadline: 1st July 2024

Details:

Schools and colleges for those with SEN can apply for grants between £20,000 and £75,000 for new buildings, refurbishment projects, or equipment. The funding is available through the Wolfson Foundation's Funding for Special Schools and Colleges grants programme.

The funding is available for projects focused on helping pupils at secondary level develop skills that will help them gain employment or live independently after leaving school or college.

The applicant organisation should be a registered charity or local authority and must be registered with the relevant regulatory authority, where applicable, and have at least a good rating.

The project should be for a new building, refurbishment work or equipment and aim to produce one or more of the following outcomes:

- Increased access to services for new and existing users
- Improved quality and range of services
- Improved financial stability of the organisation

How to apply:

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-special-schools-and-colleges/>

Funding for Rugby Themed Engagement with Disabled & Disadvantaged Young People

Deadline:

Applications can be submitted at any time

Details:

Schools and not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding through the Wooden Spoon Society's Capital Grants programme. Wooden Spoon is a British and Irish Rugby charity that supports projects that help mentally and physically disadvantaged children under the cognitive age of 25. Each year, the charity supports around 70 projects.

Through the programme, funding is available for: buildings and extensions, equipment and activity aids, sensory rooms and gardens, playgrounds and sports areas, soft playrooms.

If a project is educational or disability sports-focused, a key rugby element must be used to engage children and young people.

How to apply:

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

4. Faith & Places of Worship

Funding for Small Church Repairs

Deadline:

30th June

Details:

Grants of between £500 and £5,000 available from the National Churches Trust Small Grants Programme. The funding is available for 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.

The funding will enable listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, to investigate or address small problems and control building deterioration. This could include improvements to rainwater systems; removing vegetation growth from buildings; replacing gutter systems; addressing lost, damaged, or slipped roof tiles; internal repairs to ceilings and walls; and electrical work.

Project costs should be up to £20,000 incl. VAT and awards will never exceed 50% of the costs.

How to apply:

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

Funding for Choral Foundations & Choir Schools

Deadline:

30th 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.

Grants are available in the following areas:

- Courses for individuals or groups
- Endowment grants for scholarships or bursaries
- Fees for individual choristers having places at recognised choir schools
- Purchase of liturgical music
- Other projects (e.g. outreach) of an innovative kind that are likely to further the object of the Trust in a direct and effective way. In very exceptional circumstances, these may include music commissions.

No maximum grants size is specified.

How to apply:

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

5. Health & Sport

Grants to Help UK Hospices Build Career Pathways for Volunteers

Deadline:

5pm on the 7th June 2024

Details:

As part of a Hospice UK programme in partnership with Helpforce and the Rank Foundation. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to help UK hospices build career pathways for volunteers.

Hospice UK's Volunteer to Career programme is a clinically led programme in which hospices recruit local volunteers considering a career in healthcare and train them for 60 hours of certificated training over the course of one year.

A dedicated Clinical Lead at each participating hospice will support volunteers throughout the year. The funding will contribute towards the cost of supporting clinical leads in undertaking this work.

How to apply:

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/rank-foundation-grants>

New Funding Programme to Encourage People to Get Active

Deadline:

Applications can be made at any time

Details:

Sport England has launched a new fund to encourage more people to get active.

The Movement Fund, which is worth £160 million over the next four years, will offer crowdfunding pledges, grants and resources to provide physical activity opportunities for the people and communities who need it the most.

Eligible projects could receive up to £15,000 to cover a wide range of costs and items that will help deliver positive change, particularly for those facing barriers to activity such as:

- people living on low incomes
- disabled people or those with long-term health conditions
- older people
- people from culturally diverse communities
- pregnant women and parents with very young children
- girls aged 5-16
- LGBTQ+ people
- people who are in foster care
- people who provide care without pay

How to apply:

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding-and-campaigns/our-funds/apply-funding>

Funding to Improve Mental Health of Young Women

Deadline:

Stage One: 8th July 2024

Details:

The Young Women in Mind grant programme is now re-opened to applications.

The programme provides grants of between £60,000 and £100,000 (spread over three years) to improve the mental health of women aged 16-25 by increasing their access to high-quality, age—and gender-specific mental health provision.

The funding could be used, for example, to support:

- young women who are falling between the gaps in statutory child and adult mental health services
- young women who face structural barriers to accessing mental health provision (e.g. gender, language, or cultural needs)
- young women who have presented at other services (housing, domestic abuse etc.) and have been identified as having mental health needs

This round of funding is aimed at the North of England, as well as Northern Ireland. Funding can be used to cover project costs, staff costs and fees, advocacy, and learning and evaluation costs.

How to apply:

<https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/young-womens-mental-health-grants/>

Women's Urgent Support Fund is Open

Deadline:

EOI – 21st June

Details:

The Women's Urgent Support Fund is supported by over £5.4 million of funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK, to respond to the cost-of-living crisis. Thanks to National Lottery players, £5.43 million will be awarded in grants to c.100 small, local community organisations led by and serving women, enabling 20,000 women to access vital specialist support services over five years.

The Women's Urgent Support Fund Round 2 is a continuation of Round 1 and will support organisations providing frontline services for women to manage the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

Administered by the Smallwood Trust, the Fund will award three-year grants of between £15,000 and £60,000 to enable around 35 women's-led community organisations to respond to the increase in demand for urgent and basic needs from women in England who are most at risk of poverty due to the crisis.

The funding can be used to pay for:

- emergency support and to meet the priority basic needs of women in the community through, for example, normal charitable support, including welfare packs, food or clothing
- dedicated organisational capacity development
- staff salaries
- project activities
- running costs
- equipment
- organisational development
- contributions to fixed costs

How to apply:

<https://www.smallwoodtrust.org.uk/womens-urgent-support-fund/>

6. Arts, Culture & Heritage

Funding for the Promotion of the Arts

Deadline:

14th June

Details:

Grants are available to UK arts-based organisations for activities and projects that promote the arts for public benefit.

These grants are provided by the Jerwood Foundation, which expects to award up to £2 million annually to support excellence and emerging talent in the arts and crafts.

While no specific grant amounts are stipulated, previous awards have ranged from £1,000 to £150,000, aimed at helping artists and arts organisations develop their skills, imagination, and creativity.

Trustee meetings to consider applications are held three times a year. Successful applicants will be contacted within two weeks of the trustee meeting

How to apply:

<https://jerwood.org/funding/>

Community Radio Station Funding Available

Deadline:

14th June

Details:

The UK's telecommunications regulator Ofcom has been re-opened for applications until 5pm on the 14th June. £400,000 of funding in total is available, with grants in the past ranging from £2,160 up to £19,717 with the average grant being £14,292. Grants can be awarded to support the cost of management, fundraising to support the station, administration, financial management and reporting, community outreach, volunteer

organisation and support. Further information is available by getting in touch with the Community Radio Fund team at communityradiofund@ofcom.org.uk .
How to apply:
https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund

7. Climate Change

Funding to Advance the Transition to Net Zero
Deadline:
1 st August
Details:
Grants of up to £10,000 are available for groups and individuals to support initiatives that accelerate the UK's transition to net zero.
The Octopus Renewables Infrastructure Trust (ORIT) Impact Fund Programme provides grants of up to £10,000 and volunteering support to innovative projects that enhance the environment and improve local communities.
ORIT is particularly interested in supporting initiatives that promote a "just transition", ensuring the benefits of the green economy transition are widely shared.
The programme's main objectives are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support new and innovative approaches to tackling environmental challenges • support new and innovative approaches to tackle social challenges as part of the just transition • support initiatives that help to alleviate fuel poverty
Individuals or groups must have a constitution and a bank account in the organisation's name.
How to apply:
https://www.bizgive.app/#/sharable/company/programme/630b8ffd-a08d-4cfc-900a-9c57a2c704f7/8a267c3af15a26c8fb30359e57295e35f3e6ace3e2424b3fcbd8970c65410b58ca58cb51bf672af3d94eafbe46f9d882a8fc7cf0df4e22d2638aca2f27dc497d

Funding for Environmental and Community Projects
Deadline:
27 th June
Details:
The Veolia Environmental Trust, which provides grants for community and environmental projects, has announced the opening of its next funding round.
The Trust makes the following grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Grants: These grants are open to constituted not-for-profit organisations and local authorities. They provide funding ranging from £10,000 to £75,000, aimed at creating or improving buildings or outdoor spaces for the benefit of the community. The maximum project size eligible for funding is £350,000. • Habitat and Biodiversity Grants: Projects focused on conserving, restoring, or enhancing threatened habitats and/or protecting and increasing biodiversity can apply for grants between £10,000 and £75,000. • Environmental Improvement Grants: For landscape-scale improvement projects, such as habitat creation/management and species protection, grants exceeding £75,000 are available. Please note that the Nature Conservation Grants Schemes are only available to Environmental Bodies (EBs) who are already enrolled with Landfill Communities Fund regulator ENTRUST.
How to apply:
https://www.veoliatrust.org/

Halton Borough Council & Nesta Providing £20 Gift Cards for Halton Residents to Gather Opinions on Climate Change

Sign up to attend one of our focus groups and let us know your opinions on climate change and how it impacts you and your community - and receive a £20 gift card for taking part. Halton Borough Council have partnered with Nesta to host several in-person, immersive and enjoyable sessions throughout June, for anyone over 18 who works, lives or studies in Halton.

You don't need any special skills or prior knowledge and all views are welcome! For more information follow [this link](#) or email **rosie.marr@halton.gov.uk**