

**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)**

<b>FINAL REMINDER: VCSE Organisations Can Apply for Funding to Improve Energy Efficiency</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>
12pm on 14th August 2024.
<b>Details:</b>
<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"> <li>• Must be a registered VCSE with a charity number</li> <li>• Must have a turnover of less than £25 million</li> <li>• Must be based in England</li> <li>• Must be responsible for the premises they wish to improve</li> </ul> <p>The VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme offers two types of funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>The funding can be used to install a range of energy efficiency measures, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LED lighting</li> <li>• Energy-efficient heating and ventilation</li> <li>• Insulation</li> <li>• Smart meters</li> </ul>
<b>How to apply:</b>
<a href="https://www.groundwork.org.uk/vcseenergyefficiency/">https://www.groundwork.org.uk/vcseenergyefficiency/</a>

<b>Funding to Improve Energy Efficiency of Social Housing</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>
Clarification period closed. Application launch TBA; expected imminently.
<b>Details:</b>
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)

### Grants for Charities Led By/Working With Disabled and Deaf People

**Deadline:**

5pm on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Details:**

Small and local charities in England and Wales led by and working with deaf and disabled people experiencing poverty can apply for a three-year unrestricted grant of up to £75,000. The funding is available through the Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales.

To be eligible, applicants must be led by the communities they serve, provide advice and/or advocacy on social security, deliver services that meet the individual needs of the Disabled people they support, and have an annual income of between £25,000 and £500,000.

The Foundation can also fund up to £500 of accessibility support to enable you to apply for this programme, including BSL interpreters, language translation, scribes and dyslexia software. The Foundation will hold a live webinar on the 13 June 2024 to talk through the eligibility, programme, shortlisting and prioritising criteria for this programme and answer any questions live.

**How to apply:**

<https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/funding/deaf-and-disabled-people-organisations>

### Support for Children in Severe Poverty

**Deadline:**

Applications can be made at any time

**Details:**

Grants are now available to support children and young people in the UK experiencing a crisis or emergency.

The grants which are made available through the BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials programme supports families with children up to the age of 17 who are living with financial, health and social difficulties by providing items that meet children's most basic needs such as:

- cookers
- furniture
- kitchen equipment and small appliances
- children's beds and bedding (including cots)

- washing machines and tumble dryers
- fridges, freezers and fridge-freezers
- baby equipment
- clothing

Applications must come through a registered referral agency supporting the family or young person. The programme is delivered by Family Fund Business Services.

**How to apply:**

<https://www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk/emergency-essentials/>

**Funding to Address Violence Against Women & Girls**

**Deadline:**

30<sup>th</sup> July

**Details:**

Grants of up to £25,000 are available to support organisations run by and for women who advocate for and take action against violence against women and girls (VAWG).

The funding can support organisational development work that empowers and strengthens frontline VAWG organisations.

At least eighteen organisations are expected to be supported.

Organisations with an average annual income of between £100,000 and £500,000 are eligible to apply.

Priority will be given to applications from organisations which are:

- led by and for Black and minoritised women and girls
- led by and for women and girls with disabilities
- led by and for LGBTQ+ women and girls
- operating in the top 10% of the most disadvantaged areas in the UK
- based in Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland

**How to apply:**

<https://rosauk.org/our-programmes/stand-with-us/>

**Funding to Support Core Costs of Small Charities**

**Deadline:**

12pm on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Details:**

UK charities and social enterprises supporting children and young people, disadvantaged families, prisoners, and ex-offenders can apply for funding to help cover their core costs.

Two types of grants are available:

- Small grants - up to £3,000, but usually £1,000 or less
- Large grants - over £3,000. However, only a few large grants are awarded

The funding will support small-scale, local initiatives that effectively use volunteers, encourage past and current users to participate, and ensure that funds awarded will promote community cohesion and the development of skills that will change the outlook and outcomes for their users.

**How to apply:**

[https://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general\\_applications/](https://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general_applications/)

**Funding of up to £5,000 for Social Welfare Projects**

**Deadline:**

End of August

**Details:**

The Inman Charity makes grants of around £350,000 per year. They support a wide range of UK Registered Charities.

The directors are particularly interested in supporting the following areas of charitable work:

- Medical research
- Care of the elderly
- General welfare
- Hospices
- The Deaf and Blind
- Care of the physically & mentally disabled
- The Armed Forces

**How to apply:**

<http://www.inmancharity.org/>

### Grants to Support Disadvantaged Children & Vulnerable Older People

**Deadline:**

EOIs can be submitted at any time

**Details:**

Funding is available for registered charities that are working to support disadvantaged children and young people, as well as vulnerable older people in England and Wales.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity Grants programme awards Small grants of between £1,000 and £5,000, and Large grants of between £10,000 and £60,000 to support projects that are focusing on:

- children affected by domestic abuse
- early years (0-5)
- children with special educational needs and disabilities
- people with dementia and their carers

Small grants are for charities whose annual income is between £25,000 and £500,000 and are unrestricted.

Large grants are for charities whose annual income is between £500,000 and £5 million.

Large grants are restricted to specific projects with defined goals and budgets and may be spent on salaries, equipment, training, monitoring, and administration.

Applicants are invited to submit an expression of interest, and if successful, will be invited to complete a full application.

**How to apply:**

<https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/>

### Funding for Charities Providing Services to Asylum Seekers and Refugees

**Deadline:**

July 11<sup>th</sup> 2024, 3pm

**Details:**

The Hilden Charitable Fund has reopened its UK funding programme and is now accepting applications. The fund is offering grants ranging from £5,000 to £7,000 and focuses on two key areas:

- 1) Asylum Seekers and Refugees: The fund is interested in supporting projects that provide essential services to asylum seekers and refugees, aiming to facilitate their integration into the broader community.
- 2) Penal Affairs: The fund aims to fund projects involving organisations working within prisons to support and assist prisoners, particularly women. The goal is to help them cope, maintain family bonds, and enhance their ability to reintegrate positively into society upon release. The fund also encourages applications for projects that focus on post-release support, promoting successful resettlement and reducing the likelihood of reoffending.

Applications are open to the following types of organisations: registered charities, CIOs, CICs, charitable companies, excepted charities.

**How to apply:**

<https://www.hildencharitablefund.org/>

### Screwfix Foundation

**Deadline:**

10<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**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 due to financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress, or other disadvantage throughout the UK. Grants in the region of £5,000 are available for a variety of projects, such as:

- Improved energy-efficient lighting & heating
- Installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc.
- Installation of a sensory room
- General painting & decorating
- Improving the safety and security of a building

**How to apply:**

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

### New Funding Programme for Organisations Supporting Money Management

**Deadline:**

31<sup>st</sup> July (stage one applications)

**Details:**

Following a strategic review, the MSE Charity has launched its new grants programme. Not-for-profit organisations across the UK will be able to apply for project grants of up to £10,000 to support activities that make a lasting impact on people's thinking, behaviour, and money management.

Examples of activities that could be funded include:

- money management workshops - understanding the basics, how money works in the UK, online banking, staying financially safe, household budgeting, how to generate and supplement low incomes
- training volunteers to deliver workshops or to provide peer-support to others
- upskilling existing staff to access financial capability training to support their clients directly
- providing access to financial inclusion activities for people who are disadvantaged in anyway such as by age, disability, ethnicity or gender

A two-stage application process has been introduced.

The deadline for stage one applications is the 31st July 2024. Applications may close earlier if a large number are received. Successful applicants will be invited to stage two.

**How to apply:**

<https://www.msecharity.com/how-to-apply>

### Funding for Help for the Homeless

**Deadline:**

5pm on 15<sup>th</sup> September

**Details:**

Help the Homeless makes grants of up to £5,000 to small charitable organisations (with a turnover of less than £500,000) whose aim is to help homeless people return to the community and enable them to rebuild their lives.

Typically, such organisations may operate residential or training facilities to assist homeless people. The grants are available for capital costs.

**How to apply:**

<https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding>

### 3. Youth, Schools & Colleges

#### Funding for Chemistry-Based Events

**Deadline:**

9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Details:**

Through the Royal Society of Chemistry's Outreach Fund, individuals, researchers, and organisations such as museums, schools, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, arts groups, and libraries can apply for grants to run chemistry-based events and activities for public audiences and schools.

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

Two levels of funding are available:

- Small grants of up to £5,000
- Large grants of £5,001 - £10,000

**How to apply:**

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

#### Funding to Enhance Mental Health Provision in Schools/Colleges

**Deadline:**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**Details:**

Eligible schools and colleges in England can apply for up to £1,200 in funding from the Senior Mental Health Lead Training Grant, offered by the Department for Education (DfE). The funding is intended to cover the cost of training for senior mental health leads, enabling them to implement effective mental health strategies within their institutions. The training focuses on developing a whole-school approach to mental health, including promoting positive mental health, early intervention, and managing mental health issues among students.

The funding can be used for various purposes related to mental health training. This includes attending accredited training courses, workshops, and seminars that provide practical guidance and best practices for implementing mental health strategies. The grant can also cover the costs of resources and materials needed for training, ensuring that senior mental health leads have access to up-to-date information and tools.

**How to apply:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/senior-mental-health-lead-training>

#### Funding for Projects that Promote Understanding of the Environment and Countryside

**Deadline:**

Applications can be submitted at 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.

**How to apply:**

<https://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/>

## 4. Faith & Places of Worship

### Funding for Christian Charities that Promote Social Inclusion

**Deadline:**

31<sup>st</sup> July

**Details:**

The Anchor Foundation provides grants of up to £12,000 per year to Christian Charities in the UK or overseas that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts. Funding can be awarded for up to three years.

The Foundation will consider applications for either capital or revenue funding. Only in exceptional circumstances will grants be given for building work.

Previously funded projects include:

- The Karis Neighbour Scheme which received a grant of £700 for revenue costs at a drop-in centre for women refugees in Birmingham.
- Discovery Camps which received a grant of £1,500 to subsidise holidays for children arranged by churches in and around Dundee.
- Scargill House which received a grant of £5,000 to facilitate cross cultural engagement and understanding amongst children using arts based residential courses in Yorkshire.

**How to apply:**

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

### Funding for Christian UK Charities and Organisations

**Deadline:**

End of August

**Details:**

The Childs Charitable Trust is a grant-making trust that supports Christian UK registered and excepted charities and organisations in the UK and overseas.

Projects will be considered that fall into the following categories: youth, outreach, society, education.

Applicants must be registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator or the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland or be 'excepted' charities. Organisations with a turnover over £5,000,000 should contact the office prior to applying, to check eligibility.

No minimum or maximum funding amounts are specified. The primary focus for grants allocated is on those organisations who actively share the Christian gospel in their work.

**How to apply:**

<https://childscharitabletrust.org/>

## 5. Health & Sport

### Funding to Help People with Parkinson's Stay Active

**Deadline:**

Open until funding is all allocated

<b>Details:</b>
Community groups and organisations across the UK can apply for grants of up to £3,000 to help people with Parkinson's to become and stay active.
The funding, made available through the Parkinson's UK Physical Activity Grants Programme, will support new activities that encourage people affected by Parkinson's to participate in physical activity and sport or increase their participation in these areas. This could be anything fun that encourages people, particularly those from isolated and ethnic communities, to get moving such as a walking group, a dance class, or playing table tennis.
Examples of what the fund will support include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• equipment</li> <li>• facility hire</li> <li>• maintenance of equipment</li> <li>• coaching fees</li> <li>• training</li> <li>• Parkinson's specific online support</li> <li>• up to 10% of core costs</li> </ul>
<b>How to apply:</b>
<a href="https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/information-and-support/grants-physical-activity-providers">https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/information-and-support/grants-physical-activity-providers</a>

<b>Grants for Charities Focused on Mental Health of Children and Young People</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>
Eligibility depends on booking meeting
<b>Details:</b>
Funding is available for registered charities that are core-focused on mental-health-related matters to support projects that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults across the UK.
The funding is made available by the Pixel Fund. It awards grants of between £2,500 and £5,000 for specific projects that will provide a measurable difference to children and young adults under 26 years old.
No single grant is ever more than 5% of an organisation's annual income, and charities must have submitted at least a first full set of accounts on the Charity Commission website before the Fund will consider granting to an organisation.
To apply, potential applicants need to attend a Pixel Fund Q&A Drop-in Meeting. This will enable potential applicants to access the application process.
Eligible organisations will be invited to submit a full application.
<b>How to apply:</b>
<a href="https://www.pixelfund.org.uk/">https://www.pixelfund.org.uk/</a>

## 6. Arts, Culture & Heritage

<b>Funding to Make Visual Art Education More Inclusive</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
<b>Details:</b>
Grants of up to £25,000 per year are available for innovative projects that support UK visual art organisations, such as museums, non-commercial galleries, art education organisations, and studio providers, to make art education more inclusive and engaging for young people, regardless of background or ability.
The Freelands Foundation's Inclusive Practices Fund will support projects that create a sense of community and belonging to help young people in primary and secondary school connect with the arts. Specific attention



will be paid to representation of minority ethnic artists and the norms of engagement that may impact young people's experience.

Projects should meet one or both of the two following areas of interest:

- Investigating engagement
- Nurturing belonging

Projects could take the form of action research, reflective practice, or an opportunity to trial a new or adapted way of working, collaborating with diverse audiences, artists, schools or communities.

**How to apply:**

<https://freelandsfoundation.co.uk/funding/inclusive-practices-fund-2024>

### Essential Works Funding for Not-For-Profit Theatres

**Deadline:**

17<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 12 noon.

**Details:**

The Theatres Trust has re-opened its small grants programme for not-for-profit theatres across the UK to carry out essential works. Priority will be given to building improvements that protect theatre use and remove barriers to participation and attendance.

The Small Grants Programme, supported by The Linbury Trust, will provide grants of up to £5,000 to support essential small projects that significantly improve a theatre's resilience, sustainability, or accessibility.

**How to apply:**

<http://www.theatretrust.org.uk/smallgrants>

## 7. Climate Change

### Funding for Community Organisations to Enhance Energy Efficiency

**Deadline:**

March 2025

**Details:**

Community organisations in England can apply for a share of £250,000 of funding to reduce energy usage and carbon footprint. The funding is being made available through the Energy Efficiency Sharematch fund. It can be used to install on-site energy generation measures like solar panels and heat pumps, improve building energy efficiency through insulation and LED lighting, and upgrade operational equipment to more energy-efficient alternatives.

Funded by Access – The Foundation for Social Investment using Dormant Assets Scheme funds, this grant is administered by Crowdfunder in partnership with Co-operatives UK.

Eligible applicants include Co-operative Societies, Community Benefit Societies, and Charitable Community Benefit Societies based in England.

The application process requires an initial expression of interest, followed by a formal application through the Crowdfunder platform for eligible projects.

**How to apply:**

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/energy-efficiency-sharematch>

### Energy Resilience Fund for Community Businesses

**Deadline:**

TBC

**Details:**

Community businesses can apply for financial support ranging from £10,000 to £150,000 to stabilise or reduce energy costs and support the transition to more sustainable energy practices.

The funding, made available through the Power to Change Energy Resilience Fund, can be used for various projects, including retrofitting buildings with energy-generating or saving technologies. Up to 40% of the total funding can be provided as a grant, with additional energy audit grants available between £500 and £2,500.

The grant is available to community businesses in England that own a building or have a long-term lease of 12 years or more. The programme is funded by Power to Change and delivered by the Key Fund.

**How to apply:**

<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/our-work/our-programmes/energy-resilience-fund/>

### Halton Borough Council Announce Breastfeeding Friendly Grant

The 'Breastfeeding Friendly Grant' is to promote and help the community identify public places and workplaces in the borough that offer a good quality facility, that are welcoming and supportive of breastfeeding both in the community and the workplace. The intention of this grant is to enhance the profile of Halton being a breastfeeding friendly place to live and work. For example, the grant could be used to purchase items of equipment, upgrade existing spaces, infant feeding training or organise events that are family friendly and promote breastfeeding as agreed with the Council's health improvement team.

Sizes of grant will range from £500-£3000 and will be at the discretion of the Council. Applicants are encouraged to consider if the purpose they are applying for assistance with might be provided by another department of the council, which may be more appropriate in some circumstances.

You can apply for this grant from the 1st June – the 7th August 2024.

Apply at the following link:

[Breastfeeding friendly grant Application Form.doc \(live.com\)](#)

And visit the following link for more information on Halton Borough Council's infant feeding service:

[Information on Halton Council's infant feeding service](#)

Are you a small business? Want to support families & enhance the profile of Halton being a breastfeeding friendly place to live & work?

You can apply for a Breastfeeding Friendly Grant for up to £3000 between 1st June - 5th August 2024!



Click the link for more details

[www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk](http://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk)

