

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)

Funding to Support Low Carbon Heat Networks
Deadline:
31 st October
Details:
Organisations in England and Wales can apply for funding to develop and deliver low-carbon heat networks.
The Heat Network Delivery Unit, funded by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, offers financial support and guidance to help local authorities through each development stage, from initial feasibility studies to detailed project development.
Eligible applicants also include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registered social landlords • property developers • universities • NHS trusts • other government departments
The funding covers external consultancy costs for heat network planning, with no upper or lower limit for bids.
The closing date for applications is 31 October 2024. However, applicants are encouraged to submit their proposals by 30 September 2024 to ensure that work can realistically be carried out within the current financial year.
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-networks-delivery-unit

Next Round of Strategic Innovation Fund Opens
Deadline:
23 rd October
Details:
The UK energy market regulator, Ofgem, in collaboration with Innovate UK, a part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), has announced the opening of applications for the next round of the Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) on the 23rd September 2024.
The SIF aims to fund innovative projects by facilitating collaborations between businesses, academics, and energy networks. These projects are designed to benefit consumers by accelerating the transition to net zero and minimising costs. The fund will invest £450 million in energy innovation by 2028.
Benefits for energy consumers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced costs and improved value for money • Development of innovative products and services • Enhanced energy security

Benefits for businesses include:

- Support for growth and scalability
- Opportunities for collaboration
- Stimulation of further investment

To receive funding, applicants must have an energy license.

This includes:

- electricity transmission and distribution companies
- gas transmission and distribution companies
- Distribution Network Operators
- the Electricity System Operator

Organisations and individuals that partner with a license holder can also apply for funding.

Innovation partners could include:

- consultancies
- universities
- large and small businesses
- think tanks
- independent innovators

The application window will close on the 23rd October 2024.

How to apply:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/strategic-innovation-fund-sif>

2. Community Funding & Environment (incl. Transport)

Funding for Projects Addressing Deprivation

Deadline:

Applications can be submitted at any time

Details:

Charities and not for profit organisations in the UK can apply for small grants of up to £10,000 to address urban and rural deprivation in the UK. The funding is being made available through the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation's small grants programme.

To be eligible for a grant, eligible organisations must have an annual income of less than £250,000.

They must also be able to demonstrate a clear need for funding and how the grant will be used to make a difference. In addition, the applicant's postcode must be located within the following areas on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation:

- For projects located in an urban area, the applicant must be in the bottom 15% most deprived areas
- For projects located in a rural area, the applicant must be in the bottom 50% most deprived areas

The funding is available to support project/salary/core running costs. Applicants need to match fund 50% of the project costs.

How to apply:

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

Funding for Projects that Raise People's Quality of Life

Deadline:

Applications can be made at any time

Details:

Grants are available to charities, specialist schools, CIOs, and other not-for-profit organisations including scout and guide groups, and housing associations, which are working to raise the quality of

life for people in England and Wales.

The Bernard Sunley Foundation aims to provide greater opportunities for the young, elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged by supporting capital projects in the areas of:

- Community
- Education
- Health
- Social welfare

The types of projects that could be supported include:

- improvements to village halls
- supporting children and adults with special educational and learning needs
- improvements to hospices and treatment clinics
- supporting day centres for the elderly

How to apply:

<https://bernardsunley.org/>

Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People

Deadline:

Applications can be submitted at any time

Details:

The Allan Lane Foundation is offering grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 to charities and not-forprofit organisations working with young people aged 12-21 who are socially excluded or marginalised, and who may have experienced significant issues within their lives.

The grants can be used to support a range of activities, including core costs, project work, and capital expenditure.

The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting organisations that focus their work on:

- 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

To maximise the impact of its grants, the Foundation will only fund smaller organisations. 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.

How to apply:

<http://allentane.org.uk/young-peoples-programme/>

Funding of up to £5,000 for Projects Helping the Homeless

Deadline:

15th September 2024

Details:

Help the Homeless makes grants of up to £5,000 to small charitable organisations whose aim is to help homeless people return to the community and enabling them to rebuild their lives.

Applicant organisations must be charitable organisations with a turnover of less than £500,000. Typically, such organisations may operate residential or training facilities to assist homeless people.

The grants are available for capital costs and examples of previously supported projects include:

- The Booth Centre, an advice and activity centre for homeless people in Manchester, where people undertake education and training courses as well as receiving advice and food, received a grant of £1,500 to transform the centre with new lighting, a new water heater and new decoration.

- A grant of £3,000 to the Amber Foundation to enable the Foundation to buy new bedroom furniture for their residential centre in Devon, where every year over 60 unemployed, homeless young people are able to rebuild their lives and gain the motivation, confidence, self-esteem and skills for independent living.

How to apply:

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

Grants of up to £2,500 Available for Local Community Projects

Deadline:

15th November 2024

Details:

Community organisations located in Merseyside, Greater Manchester, and Lancashire can 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 help people and communities facing increased challenges due to the cost-of-living crisis.

In the last financial year, Onward awarded over £99,900 in funding to 61 local community organisations.

How to apply:

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

3. Youth, Schools & Colleges

Ogden Trust Programme for School Partnerships

Deadline:

EOI open on 1st September 2024; closes on the 10th January 2025

Details:

The Ogden Trust's School Partnerships programme is due to re-open for applications in September 2024.

The programme supports partnerships of schools working together to enhance physics teaching and learning.

It provides funding for schools over a number of years and supports local clusters of schools and established collaborations, as well as providing regional support through place-based partnerships. Partnerships can include primary schools, secondary schools, or ideally a mix of both.

Applications can be made for:

- Local Cluster Partnerships - can apply for up to £2,500 per academic year for the first three years and £1,000 in the fourth year
- Established Collaboration Partnerships - can apply for up to £2,000 per academic year for the first three years and £1,000 in the fourth year

How to apply:

<https://www.ogdentrust.com/school-partnerships/forming-a-partnership/>

Funding for Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities

Deadline:

1st December 2024

Details:

UK charities, parent-teacher Associations, and schools can apply for grants to help children and adults suffering severe learning difficulties, including autism. The funding stream allowing for bids for over £9,000 has been opened until 1st December.

The funding is being made available through the Baily Thomas General grants programme and can be used to purchase equipment, support capital works, and cover project and core costs.

Previous grants have been used to support:

- capital building/renovation/refurbishment works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools
- employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture
- play schemes and play therapy schemes
- day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs
- support for families, including respite schemes
- independent living schemes
- support in the community schemes
- Snoezelen rooms

How to apply:

<https://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants/general-programme>

Grants of up to £5,000 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. and to be eligible the applicants must:

- Be a UK charity that has been registered with the Charity Commission for at least 3 years
- Be a project or running costs for a charity that equips people (aged 18 and over) with the skills ready for employment
- Have an annual turnover of between £25,000 - £500,000

How to apply:

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

British Science Week 'Kick Start' Grants Open

Deadline:

To open in September

Details:

The British Science Association has announced that applications for British Science Week "Kick Start" grants have re-opened.

As part of British Science Week, which celebrates science, technology, engineering, and maths, statefunded schools in challenging circumstances can apply for grants to organise their own science and engineering events. The aim is to engage children who might not otherwise choose to participate in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM)

The scheme is funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). Grants of between £150 to £700 are available.

There are four levels of grants that schools can apply for:

- Kick Start Grant
- Kick Start Youth Grant

- Kick Start More Grant
- Combined Kick Start Grant and Youth Grant

To be eligible, students must be from a school that fulfils one or more of the following criteria:

- over 30% of pupils eligible for pupil premium or equivalent
- over 30% of pupils from ethnic minority backgrounds
- small school based in a remote and rural location

For any questions, please email bsw@britishscienceassociation.org.

How to apply:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/grants/kick-start-grant-scheme/>

Schools Can Apply for £500 of Free Equipment to Deliver Outdoor Learning

Deadline:

6th 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>

4. Faith & Places of Worship

Protective Security for Mosques & Faith Community Centres Scheme

Deadline:

Until further notice

Details:

The UK Government is making funding available to reduce the risk and impact of hate crime and terror attacks at Muslim places of worship and their associated faith community centres in England and Wales.

The funding is available through the Protective Security for Mosques Scheme for the free installation of protective security, such as:

- CCTV
- secure fencing
- manually operated pedestrian and vehicle gates
- door hardening, locks and mailbox / mail bag
- reinforcing glazed windows
- intruder alarms
- door entry access control
- video intercom systems
- lighting
- security guarding services

To apply for funding, applicants should submit evidence of their vulnerability and experience of hate Crime.

How to apply:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/places-of-worship-security-funding-scheme>

Funding for Structural Repairs for Churches (NCT Large Grants)

Deadline:
Stage 1: 5 th November 2024
Details:
Listed and unlisted Christian places of worship needing major, urgent structural repairs can apply for grants of up to £50,000.
The funding, made available through the National Churches Trust's Large Grants Programme, 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

Funding for Structural Repairs for Churches (NCT Medium Grants)
Deadline:
17 th December
Details:
Grants of up to £10,000 are available to listed and unlisted Christian places of worship of any denomination across the UK for project development and investigative work up to RIBA planning stage 1. This support is for churches preparing for a major project and 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 can now offer grants of up to £10,000 for urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects costing between £20,000 and £80,000. Grants cannot exceed 50% of the net project costs.
How to apply:
https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/large-grants

5. Health & Sport

Funding for Charities Supporting Breast Cancer Recovery and Wellbeing
Deadline:
30 th May 2025
Details:
The Pink Ribbon Foundation has announced that it is currently accepting applications to its grant making programme for 2025.
Grants of up to £6,000 are available to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations working on practical projects and initiatives to improve the physical and mental health of individuals with or recovering from breast cancer.
This year, priority will be given to supporting organisations with limited financial resources to deliver their services.
Higher grants may be awarded in exceptional cases.
How to apply:
https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/getsupport-apply

6. Arts, Culture & Heritage

Idlewild Trust Opening Funding Stream
Deadline:
19 th September 2024

Details:
The Idlewild Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications to its grant-making programme is the 19th September 2024.
The Idlewild Trust supports charities that improve opportunities for young professionals working in the arts, particularly at an early stage in their careers. It also supports the conservation of important works of art and objects that are being lost due to a lack of funds to care for them.
The Trust awards around £108,000 each year in grants. During 2021 the average grant was £4,911.
How to apply:
http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/

Grants to Encourage Participation in the Arts
Deadline:
16 th January 2025
Details:
The Arts Council England will launch a new round of their Creative People and Places National Portfolio Fund on the 12th of September 2024.
The Fund aims to support arts projects in places where participation in the arts is significantly below the national average.
Grants of between £750,000 and £1 million will be available to bring creative opportunities to communities in 142 eligible locations not currently engaging with the arts.
The Arts Council is keen to encourage long-term collaborations between local communities and arts organisations, museums, libraries and local authorities.
Activities must be delivered over three years and start on the 1st April 2026 and match funding of 15% is required.
How to apply:
https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/creative-people-and-places-0/national-portfolio-creative-people-and-places-funding-2026-29

Fidelio Trust Funding for Arts & Music
Deadline:
19 th September 2024
Details:
The Fidelio Trust is offering grants of up to £5,000 to talented early-career individuals and groups working in the arts, particularly music including:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opera • Lieder • Composition • Dance.
The Trustees aim to help talented individuals and groups that would not be able to carry out a project or activity without financial support, particularly those at an early stage in their careers. Such individuals and groups must be recommended by an appropriate institution, college, Arts Festival, or similar organisation.
Funding is available towards:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special tuition or coaching costs • To participate in external competitions • To be supported for a specially arranged performance

• To receive support for a musical composition
How to apply:
http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php

Funding for Student Opportunities in Public Museums
Deadline:
25 th September 2024
Details:
Funding is available to help public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries, and visual arts organisations in the UK to provide meaningful paid work experience opportunities for full-time university students that enables them to explore further their interest in the arts, and related future career options before they graduate.
Through Art Fund’s Student Opportunities programme, organisations can apply for up to £10,000 towards the costs associated with paying students for their time to help deliver projects.
Art Fund will consider 100% funding towards the costs. Applicants should allow at least eight weeks between submitting applications and the time by which they need a decision.
How to apply:
https://www.artfund.org/professional/get-funding/programmes/student-opportunities

7. Climate Change

Grants for Ecological Outreach Projects
Deadline:
11 th September
Details:
Individuals and organisations such as schools, museums, libraries and community groups can apply to the British Ecological Society for grants of up to £2,000 to promote ecological science to a broad audience.
The Outreach and Engagement Grants programme funds activities that engage public audiences in innovative and creative ways and enhances the skills of others in communicating ecology to them. Applications from museums and schools are welcome, but projects must involve significant outreach beyond schools. Projects aimed solely at delivering curriculum to schoolchildren will not be considered. Examples of costs that can be covered:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • travel costs • small equipment and IT costs • marketing • one-off hiring costs (e.g. a freelancer to deliver an activity, a logo designer) • venue hire • evaluation costs
The grant may be used as part-funding for larger projects involving other sponsors. Applicants must be members of the British Ecological Society.
How to apply:
https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/funding/outreach-and-engagement-grants/

Funding for Community-led Environmental & Sustainability Projects
Deadline:
No deadline given
Details:
As part of its long-term commitment to sustainability, the Stobart Group has launched a new fund to support community-led environmental and sustainability projects across the UK.
The Stobart Sustainability Fund will support not-for-profit organisations, community groups, and

educational facilities, such as schools and colleges, in transforming their local communities through projects that:

- tackle climate change
- reduce carbon emissions
- protect and enhance the environment

The fund aims to help educate communities on how they can make a difference by supporting diverse projects and initiatives making a positive change.

Organisations are invited to specify the level of funding they require in their application.

How to apply:

<https://eddiestobart.com/the-stobart-sustainability-fund/>

Grants for the Planting and Care of Trees, Hedges & Orchards

Deadline:

1st December 2024

Details:

The Tree Council is inviting applications through the Branching Out fund. Through the Fund, schools, community groups, parish and town councils, and tree warden networks within the UK will be able to apply for grants of between £250 and £2,500 to get communities and young people up to the age of 21 involved in planting and caring for trees, hedges and orchards. There are specific criteria for grants under £500 and those above £500. The funding will cover the cost of trees, hedges and orchards; reasonable costs of non-plastic protection and supports, as well as peat-free compost and/or soil improvers.

How to apply:

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/>

Funding for Projects Positively Impacting Communities or the Environment

Deadline:

15th September 2024

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 must have earned less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.

How to apply:

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

Lottery Funding to Involve More People in Tackling Climate Change

Deadline:

Early 2025

Details:

One of the UK's largest grant making programme to tackle climate change is due to close in early 2025. A total of £20 million is available through the National Lottery's Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future programme.

The aim of the programme is to support community-led projects to inspire more people to take climate action by linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities, and by linking up different groups across locations. This could be in one country, or across the whole UK.

The type of actions supported could include:

- Engaging communities through arts, sports, or other interests to link climate action to their daily lives.
- Influencing policy at regional or national levels through public engagement campaigns.
- Involving underrepresented groups in climate action, particularly those new to it or facing disadvantage.

- Testing innovative engagement methods to find the most effective ways to involve diverse groups in climate action.
- Expanding successful local initiatives to a national scale by sharing effective approaches.

To be eligible, applications must be submitted by partnerships consisting of a mix of organisations and sectors, and smaller groups working locally. This includes:

- voluntary and community organisations
- registered charities
- charitable incorporated organisations
- not-for-profit organisations
- community interest companies
- schools, colleges, and universities (as long as the project benefits and involves the wider local communities)
- public sector organisations
- co-operative societies

The minimum grant that can be applied for is £500,000; however, most projects are expected to receive funding of between £1 million and £1.5 million over 3 to 5 years. A small number of larger or longer projects may also be funded. It is anticipated that up to 25 projects will be funded.

How to apply:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-our-shared-future>

Grants of up to £10,000 to Support Grassroots Charities

Deadline:

31st January 2025

Details:

Grants between £2,000 and £10,000 are available to support small, grassroots, and local charities that deliver services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged, or general community across the UK.

The funding, which is being made available through Foyle Foundation’s Small Grants Scheme, can be used to cover projects, core costs, building projects, or essential equipment to enable ongoing service provision for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services.

Competition for funding is expected to be strong.

The Foyle Foundation will complete its grant-giving programme in 2025, and the closing date for applications is the 31st of January 2025.

How to apply:

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/>