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GRANT FUNDS ARE INCLUDED ONLY ONCE BUT MAY BE RELEVANT TO MORE THAN ONE THEMATIC CATEGORY

1. Strategic Funds & Council Specific (Borough-wide significance)

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| Funding to Support Low Carbon Heat Networks – Final Reminder |
| 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. |
| How to apply: |
| https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-networks-delivery-unit |

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| Next Round of Strategic Innovation Fund Opens – Final Reminder |
| Deadline: |
| 23 rd October |
| Details: |
| Benefits for businesses include: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for growth and scalability • Opportunities for collaboration • Stimulation of further investment |
| To receive funding, applicants must have an energy license. |
| This includes: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electricity transmission and distribution companies • gas transmission and distribution companies • Distribution Network Operators • the Electricity System Operator |
| How to apply: |
| https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/strategic-innovation-fund-sif |

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| Heat Network Efficiency Scheme |
| Deadline: |
| 8 th November |
| Details: |
| Public, private and third-sector organisations in England and Wales can apply for funding to improve the performance of existing heat networks. |
| The £32 million Heat Network Efficiency Scheme (HNES,) funded by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, will provide funding to heat network operators to make improvements to existing heat networks or communal heating projects that are not performing to their maximum efficiency, resulting in a better outcome for customers and operators. The scheme will provide up to 50% funding for capital works and up to 100% for Optimisation studies. |
| Organisations eligible to apply include: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public sector organisations including NHS Trusts and Universities, and other Government Departments. • Private sector organisations that are registered companies and submit annual accounts. • Third sector organisations such as registered charities, community investment companies and other such organisations are officially registered and submit annual accounts. |
| The scheme will run until 2025. The next closing date for Round 8 of this fund is the 8th November 2024. |
| How to apply: |
| https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heat-network-efficiency-scheme-hnes |

2. Community Funding & Environment (incl. Transport)

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| Funding to Tackle Loneliness & Isolation Among Blind & Partially Sighted People |
| Deadline: |
| 14 th October |
| Details: |
| Fight for Sight, a UK-based charity dedicated to funding pioneering research to prevent sight loss and treat eye disease, has announced that the next round of its Social Change Fund will open to applications on the 1st September 2024. |
| Grants of up to £30,000 will be available to sight loss organisations supporting blind and vision impaired people. These include: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered charities • Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO) • Charitable companies, limited by guarantee • Community Interest Companies (CIC), limited by guarantee • Exempt charities (e.g. educational establishments) |
| This funding round focuses on projects designed to reduce loneliness and/or isolation experienced by blind and partially sighted people throughout the UK. |
| The Charity is keen to fund projects that have a sustainable impact at three levels: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual: projects and programmes that make a positive difference to people who are blind and vision impaired • Sector: build partnerships and connections that improve the resilience of community organisations to step up for blind and vision impaired people • Societal/systems: commission research into what it means to be blind or vision impaired. Projects are encouraged to report impact to share with others seeking to drive change. |
| How to apply: |
| https://www.fightforsight.org.uk/apply-for-funding/social-change-funding/ |

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| Funding for Community Garden Projects |
| Deadline: |
| 28 th October |
| Details: |
| Charities, community groups, and community interest companies can apply for funding for community gardening projects in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. |
| Grants of up to £5,000 are available to create a community garden, park, or allotment with a horticultural focus for the benefit of the local community. |
| Eligible costs could include: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plants and containers • materials for flower or vegetable beds and other hard landscaping • greenhouses, polytunnels and sheds • seating • hand tools and certain garden power tools (eg. strimmers) • materials for providing refreshments |
| Projects encouraging biodiversity and wildlife are encouraged. The funding is available through the National Garden Scheme Community Gardens Grants programme. |
| How to apply: |
| https://ngs.org.uk/ |

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| Community Partnership Programme to Tackle Food Poverty & Support the Elderly |
| Deadline: |
| 25 th October |
| Details: |
| Community groups and other not for profit organisations within a two-mile radius of a One Stop shop can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the One Stop Community Partnership programme. |
| This programme supports projects and initiatives that are: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling food poverty • Supporting the vulnerable • Supporting the elderly • Supporting low-income families • Supporting a healthier lifestyle, such as Youth sports teams |
| The programme provides partnership and financial assistance. Alongside a grant of up to £1,000, the One Stop Community Team and One Stop Store Team create a long-term tailored support programme for successful applicants. Grant recipients then partner with the One Stop Store Team at their local shop to deliver this programme. |
| Applications will be welcomed from various organisations including voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies. |
| How to apply: |
| https://www.onestop.co.uk/community-partnership-page/ |

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| Funding to Improve the Quality of Life for Relocating Service Families |
| Deadline: |
| 22 nd January |
| Details: |
| Grants of up to £120,000 are available for projects that help improve the quality of life for service families impacted by relocation. |
| Through the Serving Families: On the Move programme, the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust will |

award funding for early intervention projects that assist military families in accessing services as they relocate. These initiatives will help families integrate into their new communities and build lasting friendships.

Projects will need to contribute towards at least one of the following outcomes:

- provide families with ongoing information about available resources when relocating to unfamiliar areas.
- provide families with access to enjoyable resources that meet their needs and improve wellbeing.
- reduce isolation and loneliness by helping families build support networks.

Applications are invited from UK-based registered charities, both Armed Forces charities or those keen to collaborate with Armed Forces charities.

How to apply:

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/serving-families-on-the-move-programme-2024-25/>

FCC Community Facilities

Deadline:

20th November

Details:

Registered Charities, churches, Parish Councils, Local Authorities and CASC registered sports clubs can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 for the provision, maintenance or improvement of community facilities.

This can include:

- Village Halls and Community Centres.
- Public Play Areas;
- Publicly available Multi use games areas;
- Skate parks and BMX tracks;
- Sport and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access;
- Churches – community spaces only;
- Nature Reserves;
- Public gardens, parks, country parks and woodlands with at least dawn to dusk access;
- Museums.

The funding is being made available through the FCC Community Action Fund and is available to projects located within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment site. Recent changes to its funding policy mean that the FCC Community Foundation will now accept applications for renewable energy projects based at community buildings, including solar panels. Applications for non-substantial extensions such as porches, storage areas, and toilets/kitchens will now also be accepted in some circumstances. All grants require applicants to secure a contributing third party (CTP) payment.

How to apply:

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-community-action-fund>

Loans and Partial Grants for Social Organisations in Liverpool City Region

Deadline:

Open for 2024 and onwards

Details:

Livv Housing Group and Access – The Foundation for Social Investment are collaborating to offer funding as part of the Livv and Flourish Fund, aimed at helping organisations across the Liverpool City Region to access the funding necessary to grow and become more sustainable. Livv and Flourish Fund offers finance to social organisations across Knowsley and the Liverpool City Region.

Funded by Livv Housing Group and Access - The Foundation for Social Investment, Livv and Flourish offers unsecured loans of £10,000-£150,000 with a partial grant option. Loan terms are up to five years with up to 12 months of capital repayment holiday. Interest rates are 4%-8% APR and groups will not be charged

arrangement fees or early repayment fees. Applicants are encouraged to submit an expression of interest through the Livv Investment website and get help from dedicated support managers. Wider criteria is also available at the website. Livv Investment are also an Access Point for the Reach Fund.

How to apply:

<https://livvinvestment.com/>

Funding for Projects that Combat Abuse and Violation of Human Rights

Deadline:

25th October

Details:

UK-registered charities combating abuse and human rights violations can apply for grants 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. Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range £10,000 to £30,000. ABCT does not normally fund charities with large national or international links.

How to apply:

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

Grants of up to £5,000 Available for Projects that Help the Homeless

Deadline:

15th December

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 enabling 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 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>

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| Grants of up to £10,000 Available to Tackle Poverty & Inequality |
| Deadline: |
| 10 th October |
| Details: |
| <p>The Charles Plater Trust currently offers grants of up to £5,000 through its 2024 Small Grants Programme. The funding is available to registered charities in England and Wales.</p> <p>Open to registered charities in England and Wales, the programme supports year-long initiatives that tackle needs and problems in parishes, deprived communities, and marginalised groups. It focuses on issues such as poverty, social exclusion, economic inequality, and environmental challenges.</p> <p>Eligible organisations must have annual incomes under £100,000.</p> <p>While applicants are not required to be of the Catholic faith, their applications must align with the Trust's Catholic Social Teaching values. Collaborative applications are also encouraged. Previously supported projects include an ex-offender employment club to help integrate BAME young people back into society, a pastoral ministry for those living with HIV, and a charity which trains first responders to provide life-saving aid to victims of knife crime.</p> |
| How to apply: |
| https://www.plater.org.uk/news-stories/the-charles-plater-trust-seeks-small-charity-partners-to-help-create-a-tolerant-society-of-service |

3. Youth, Schools & Colleges

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| Funding for School Science Projects |
| Deadline: |
| 31 st March 2025 or until funds run out |
| Details: |
| <p>Primary and secondary schools in the UK can apply for funding to purchase equipment so that students can enjoy practical science, run science enrichment projects in schools, or enable students to participate in science events and competitions.</p> <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the standard grant in support of primary school science is £600 • the standard grant in support of secondary school science is £1,000 <p>The funding is being made available through the Armourers and Brasiers' Gauntlet Trust, one of the leading charities in the UK that supports metallurgy and materials science education from primary school to postgraduate levels.</p> <p>Funds are finite and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis ending on the 31st March 2025 or until all the funds are exhausted.</p> |
| How to apply: |
| https://www.armourershall.co.uk/index.php/funding-grants/support-science-schools |

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| Grants to Support the Teaching & Learning of Physics |
| Deadline: |
| 8 th December |
| Details: |
| <p>Grants of up to £5,000 are available to schools, colleges and other organisations that wish to carry out projects that support the teaching and learning of physics.</p> <p>Through the Ogden Trust's Physics Education Grants programme, grants will be awarded for projects centred on physics and developed with current evidence in mind. Part funding for general science projects with a clear physics component may be considered.</p> |

The grants are split into two strands:

- Curriculum support: to support the teaching and learning of physics from 11-18 in the classroom, including equipment for teaching physics, teaching resources and teacher CPD
- Enrichment activities: to support physics extra-curricular activities for school and college students (4-18) from under-represented groups

All applicants must be based in the UK and working predominantly in England.

How to apply:

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

BBC Children in Need Launches Programme to Support Underserved Young People

Deadline:

16th October

Details:

BBC Children in Need has launched a new funding initiative to support under-served and marginalised children and young people across the UK.

The Pudsey Next Steps programme offers grants of £1,000 to £15,000 per year for up to three years, to not-for-profit organisations working with children and young people under 18 facing challenges such as poverty, discrimination, and exclusion. This includes those who are care-experienced, disabled, or from minoritised ethnic communities.

The programme aims to empower young people by building their skills, resilience, and opportunities. Organisations must:

- have not been funded by BBC Children in Need before
- have an annual income of £100,000 or less
- are based in the community they serve
- address the specific local priorities identified for this round specific to each nation or region.

Funding will be allocated based on local needs and priorities and will support both core and project costs.

How to apply:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/pudsey-next-steps/>

Funding for Free Equipment to Deliver Outdoor Learning

Deadline:

8th November

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

Grants for Urgent Church Repairs

Deadline:

5th 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 improves facilities such as kitchens and accessible toilets, etc, to enable increased community use.

Priority will be given to architecturally and historically significant buildings.

There is a two-stage application process. The deadline for stage one applications is midnight on the 5th of November 2024. Applicants will be informed of the stage 2 deadline if they are successful at stage 1.

How to apply:

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

Grants for Churches for Conservation of Features and Monuments

Deadline:

31st March 2025

Details:

The William and Jane Morris Fund provides grants of between £500 and £5,000 to churches, chapels, and other places of worship built before 1896 for small programs of conservation work to decorative features and monuments.

To be eligible for funding, the work must be directed by a professional architect or established conservator and completed according to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) principles. Eligible work includes, but is not limited to, stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments, tombs, and wall paintings.

Some examples of previous grants include:

- £1,000 to St Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas for the conservation of wall paintings.
- £750 to Holy Trinity Church, St Austell to restore a monument to Joseph Sawle.
- £1,600 to The Lye and Wollescote Chapels, Dudley for the repair of a weathervane.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please visit the William and Jane Morris Fund website for more information.

How to apply:

<https://www.sal.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/our-grant-programmes/>

5. Health & Sport

Pink Ribbon Grants

Deadline:

30th May 2025

Details:

The Pink Ribbon Foundation has announced that it is accepting applications to its grantmaking programme.

Grants of up to £6,000 are available to UK charities and constituted not-for-profit organisations to support practical projects and initiatives that aim to deliver good physical and mental health to individuals with and recovering from breast cancer. Grants above £6,000.00 may be granted at the discretion of the Foundation.

How to apply:

<https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/getsupport-apply>

6. Arts, Culture & Heritage

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| Grants of up to £10,000 for Science and the Arts Projects |
| Deadline: |
| 18 th October |
| Details: |
| <p>Organisations (preferably with charitable status) based in the north-west of England are invited to submit imaginative proposals for projects that encourage and promote the study, practice and appreciation of science and the arts. This can include drawing, architecture and landscape architecture, sculpture, literature, music, opera, drama, dance, cinema and the methods and means of their dissemination.</p> <p>Awards of £500 to £10,000 are made 3 times a year (with the average award around £2,000). Larger grants can be awarded if the project is felt to be particularly innovative and imaginative and has strong artistic or scientific content.</p> <p>The Granada Foundation aims to make the northwest of England region (including Cheshire Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside, and Cumbria) a richer and more attractive place to live and work.</p> <p>Awards are unlikely to cover 100% of project costs. Previous awards have been made to support a wide range of projects and have included, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Network (STEMNET) received a grant of £4,000 to purchase STEM Club boxes for use in after school science clubs across the region.• Blackburn Cathedral Trust received £2,000 for a Music Outreach project. <p>Organisations wishing to apply, please email brief details in the first instance to enquiries@granadafoundation.org. If the project meets the funding criteria a full application pack will be sent by email.</p> |
| How to apply: |
| https://granadafoundation.org/ |

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| Grants to Help New, Innovative Visual Arts Projects |
| Deadline: |
| 20 th October |
| Details: |
| <p>The Elephant Trust has announced that the next deadline for applications is the 20th October 2024. The Trust offers grants to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects. It aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by lack of funds.</p> <p>The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts. Priority is given to artists in the fine arts and small organisations and galleries who should submit well-argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions. The Trust normally awards grants of up to £2,000, but larger grants of up to £5,000 may be considered.</p> |
| How to apply: |
| https://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/ |

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| Music Grants for Older People |
| Deadline: |
| 31 st October 2024 |
| Details: |
| <p>The registered charity, Concertina makes grants of up to £250 to charitable bodies that provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly.</p> <p>The charity is particularly keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Concertina has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations in England and Wales. These</p> |

include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from Concertina include:

- Theatre Chipping Norton to help fund high calibre music recitals in six Care Homes in the area.
- Sue Ryder Care, Lancashire to fund access to music therapy workshops at Birchley Hall near Wigan and St Helens

How to apply:

<http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/Grants.php>

Student Opportunities in Public Museums & Galleries

Deadline:

10th January

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 enable them to explore further their interest in the arts and related future career options before they graduate.

Through the 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 when they need a decision.

How to apply:

<https://www.artfund.org/professional/get-funding/programmes/student-opportunities>

Grants to Encourage Participation in the Arts

Deadline:

16th January

Details:

The Arts Council England has launched a new round of their Creative People and Places National Portfolio Fund. 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 are 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.

Match funding of 15% is required. Activities must be delivered over three years and start on the 1st April 2026.

How to apply:

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/creative-people-and-places-0/national-portfolio-creative-people-and-places-funding-2026-29#t-in-page-nav-1>

7. Climate Change

Funding to Support a Large Scale Rewilding Project

Deadline:

EOI 11th October

Details:

Rewilding Britain is offering a £100,000 grant to support one large-scale rewilding project.

The Rewilding Challenge Fund encourages community groups, farmers, landowners, and land managers to work collaboratively and 'Think Big, Act Wild'.

Rewilding is a conservation approach aimed at restoring and revitalizing ecosystems by reintroducing native species, reestablishing natural processes, and reducing human intervention in order to create self-sustaining and biodiverse environments.

The fund will nurture innovative and pioneering initiatives that show maximum potential for upscaling rewilding on land and at sea and demonstrate the extensive economic and social benefits of rewilding to local communities, as well as to biodiversity.

Projects must be:

- based in Britain (England, Wales or Scotland)
- part of/eligible to join Rewilding Britain's Rewilding Network
- at least 1,000ha/10 km² in size (the majority of which is contiguous and proposed for rewilding)

How to apply:

<https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/how-to-rewild/funding-for-rewilding/rewilding-challenge-fund>