

FUNDING BULLETIN - MAY 2022

Please find below the latest monthly Funding Bulletin produced by the External Funding Team at Halton Borough Council covering recent grants alerts for the period 25 April to 9 May 2022. If you would like support to bid to any of the funding streams listed in the Bulletin, we can support with this; please get in touch via funding@halton.gov.uk. If you have a project or an idea that you require advice and funding assistance with, please fill out an [Enquiry Form](#). Please circulate this to your networks as appropriate.

Please also note that due to recent operational changes and temporary reduced capacity within the Funding Team, the format of the monthly Bulletin and other funding alerts will be revised slightly for the next few months, with the thematic bulletins being combined into a re-styled single document. Each month an index of new funding alerts will set out the relevant thematic sections, commencing with the latest 'strategic' or Government funding launches that have potential impact or interest for all sectors across the Borough. Furthermore, each section will set out the grant details in order of deadline-date (where applicable), starting with the earliest. As previously, the Team will continue to issue any new additional grant alerts during the month between the Bulletins.

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1. Strategic Funding & Local Business

i. UK Safer Streets Fund – Round 4 (27 May)

- *Grant* - £150m over the next three financial years to areas most affected by crime and anti-social behaviour across England and Wales
- *Date(s)* - Bids can be submitted until the 27th May 2022
- *Link* - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-providing-extra-150-million-to-tackle-crime-and-anti-social-behaviour>

The fund will enable Police and Crime Commissioners, British Transport Police and local authorities, as well as certain civil society organisations, to bid for up to £750,000 over the entire delivery period, ending 30 September 2023. Bidders may bid for up to £500,000 in the first financial year, 2022/23, which must be spent by 31 March 2023, and may bid for up to £250,000 to spend between April and 30 September 2023. This round of funding particularly encourages innovative bids for plans primarily focused on targeting neighbourhood crime, violence against women and girls, and anti-social behaviour. Bidders must select areas that have a defined and sensible geography and are hotspots for the crime types or issues targeted

ii. UK Treescapes Fund Round 2 (31 May)

- *Grant* - Up to one hundred grants of between £50,000 and £300,000 will be awarded to unitary and top tier Local Authorities in England, working together with community groups, volunteers, and non-governmental organisations to target landscapes that have been neglected in the past, ecologically damaged or affected by tree diseases
- *Date(s)* - The deadline for applications is 23:59 on 31 May 2022

- *Link* - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-authority-treescaping-fund>

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs has launched Round 2 of the Local Authority Treescaping Fund to increase tree planting and natural regeneration in local communities. £5.4 million is available during this funding round to establish more trees in non-woodland areas such as parks, riparian zones, copses and shelterbelts, as well as green lanes, beside roads and footpaths, and vacant and disused community spaces.

NB: Lower tier LAs, including District, Borough and Parish Councils, will not normally be eligible to apply individually but can participate in partnership with a top tier LA as part of a group bid.

iii. UK Net Zero Hydrogen Fund – Strand 1 Development Expenditure (22 June/6 July)

- *Grant* - UK registered businesses of any size, working alone or in collaboration, can apply for grants of between £80,000 and £15m
- *Date(s)* - The deadline for S1 applications is 11am on 22 June 2022; for S2 applications (see below) is 11am on 6 July 2022
- *Link* - <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/1150/overview#summary>

To ensure the UK has a diverse and secure decarbonised energy system, the Government has launched a new fund to support the commercial deployment of new low carbon hydrogen production projects. Delivered by Innovate UK, strand 1 of the Net Zero Hydrogen Fund will support development expenditure costs for industrial research projects that will contribute to the at-scale production of low carbon hydrogen by 2025. The competition supports multiple hydrogen production pathways.

NB: Strand 2 of the Fund will provide capital expenditure support for new low carbon hydrogen production facilities that are able to start construction rapidly. UK registered businesses of any size, working alone or in collaboration, can apply for grants of between £200,000 and £30m. The competition supports multiple hydrogen production pathways.

iv. UK Shared Prosperity Fund (1 August)

- *Grant* - A total of £2.6 billion is available through the Fund to replace the old EU structural Funds
- *Dates* - Lead Local Authorities will need to submit their proposed Investment plans between the 30th June and the 1st August 2022. The first payments expected to lead local authorities will be from October 2022. The Funding period will last until March 2025.
- *Link* - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities has launched the £2.6 billion UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which aims to level up all parts of the United Kingdom. All areas of the UK will be receiving an allocation from the Fund via a funding formula rather than a competition. The spending of the Fund at a local level will be planned and delivered by Councils and Mayoral Authorities across England, Scotland and Wales working closely with local partners and the Scottish and Welsh governments. The Fund will support the UK Government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the levelling up objectives:

- Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging
- Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest
- Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost
- Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency

v. UK Fund for Green Heating Projects (Quarterly to 2025)

- *Grant* - Grant levels for individual projects will vary, however, there will be an upper limit of £1 million for commercialisation support
- *Date(s)* - There will be quarterly funding rounds until the scheme closes in 2025
- *Link* - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/288-million-fund-opens-for-green-heating-projects>

Public, private and third sector organisations in England can now bid for capital funding to help new and existing heat networks move to low and zero carbon technologies. The funding, which is being made available through the Government's £288m Green Heat Network Fund, will support the rollout of low-carbon technologies like heat pumps, and solar and geothermal energy, to help networks deliver clean heating to homes, offices, commercial and public buildings.

2. Grass-Roots, Neighbourhood-Based, Community Funding

i. Historic England Everyday Heritage Grants: Celebrating Working Class Histories (23 May)

- *Grant* - Community or heritage organisations can apply for grants of up to £25,000 for projects that will celebrate the built or historic environment near them
- *Date(s)* - The closing date for applications is the 23 May 2022
- *Link* - [https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/news/grants-to-uncover-nations-hidden-working-class-heritage/#:~:text=Today%20\(Monday%2021%20February%202022,collective%20understanding%20of%20the%20past](https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/news/grants-to-uncover-nations-hidden-working-class-heritage/#:~:text=Today%20(Monday%2021%20February%202022,collective%20understanding%20of%20the%20past)

Grants available to fund community-led projects that will celebrate 'overlooked' working class histories. Community or heritage organisations can apply for grants of up to £25,000 for projects that will celebrate the built or historic environment near them. The funding will support projects that allow people to share 'overlooked' or 'untold' stories of the place where they live. Grants could be used to celebrate aspects of diverse heritage including railways, mines, factories, pubs, clubs, shipyards and council estates. Historic England are particularly interested in funding smaller grass roots projects of less than £10,000. Activities should provide volunteering opportunities for young people or people facing loneliness or isolation, as well as contribute positively to participants' wellbeing.

ii. Nationwide Building Society Community Grant Scheme (27 May)

- *Grant* - UK registered charities, Community Land Trusts and housing co-operatives can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to support their work in tackling housing issues affecting vulnerable people
- *Date(s)* - The closing date for applications is the 27th May 2022
- *Link* - <https://www.nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk/apply-for-a-community-grant>

The grants are being made available across 11 UK regions (Cheshire included in 'West' Region) through the £4m Community Grant Scheme. The programme will fund between 50% to 100% of the total cost of projects lasting up to two years to help prevent people from losing their home; help people into a home; or support people to thrive within the home environment. Up to 20% of the amount requested can be used to cover core costs. Funding can also cover costs such as staff and volunteer costs, small-scale capital costs and building works.

iii. Co-op Local Community Fund (29 May)

- *Grant* - Grants of up to £3,000 are available for small voluntary and community groups to support projects that benefit local communities
- *Date(s)* - Applications for this round must be submitted by midnight on the 29 May 2022
- *Link* - <https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

The Co-op Local Community Fund will fund projects that provide access to essentials such as food and improving people's mental wellbeing, creating opportunities for young people to be heard and make a difference and helping people protect local biodiversity or tackle climate change by reducing carbon emissions. Groups that can apply include UK registered charities, scout, guide or woodcraft folk groups, social enterprises, church or chapels that are 'excepted' charities, co-operative societies, credit unions, community benefit societies, Community Interest Companies (CIC). Any other groups that can prove they're not run for private profit.

iv. Forestry Commission's Urban Tree Challenge Fund (31 May)

- *Grant* - Between £10,000 and £30,000 for smaller, focused areas of planting; block bids of over £125,000 with no upper limit to enable multiple projects that are either geographically dispersed or focused in one area to be submitted under one application
- *Date(s)* - The deadline for applications is 11:59pm on 31 May 2022
- *Link* - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/urban-tree-challenge-fund>

Fund has re-opened to applications from community and volunteer groups as well as Town Councils and individuals for tree planting projects in urban and peri-urban areas in England. This fourth round of funding is open to applications from small organisations or community groups. The fund provides 50% of standard costs for planting and establishment. The remaining 50% must be met through match funding.

v. Laughology's Happiness Fund - Community Health & Wellbeing Projects (17 June)

- *Grant* - One award of £2,500 per quarter, allowing up to four different projects per year to be supported
- *Date(s)* - Next deadline for applications is midnight on 17 June 2022
- *Link* - <https://www.laughology.co.uk/no-category/the-happiness-fund-2>

Funding is available for grassroots, neighbourhood-based community projects that build happy, strong, resilient communities across the UK. Individuals and small, not-for-profit businesses can apply for funding to set up new groups and activities that improve mental health and wellbeing, inclusion, and learning and skills development in local communities. To be successful, applicants will need to indicate how the activity/group can become self-sustainable or be able to attract funding from other sources for the longer term.

vi. Big Give Women and Girls Match Fund (1 July)

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- *Grant* - £1m in match funding available to support charities working to improve the lives of vulnerable, disadvantaged or underrepresented women and girls
- *Date(s)* – 1 July (£25K bids) and 28 October 2022 (£10K bids)
- *Link* - <https://www.thebiggive.org.uk/s/women-and-girls-match-fund>

The Fund is making up to £10,000 in match funding available to enable charities that are led by and for women and girls to run their own match funding campaigns. The deadline for applications is the 28th October 2022. Charities can also apply to run a match funding campaign during the week-long Christmas Challenge 2022 later in the year. Up to £25,000 in match funding is available with applications opening on the 16th May 2022 and closing on the 1st July 2022. A grant of £375 grant is also available to spend on digital capacity building.

vii. Aviva Community Fund (12 July)

- *Grant* - Small charities, schools and community interest groups with innovative ideas that benefit their community can apply for funding of up to £50,000 for projects that promote healthy, thriving communities
- *Date(s)* - The next closing date for applications is 23.59 on the 12 July 2022
- *Link* - <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/>

Fund for projects aimed at preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change; and help people to take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially resilient and independent. Every three months from January onwards, £250,000 will be split equally among Aviva's UK employees to donate to the projects that matter to them most. Once applications have been submitted, applicants will need to create a fundraising page on Crowdfunder that Aviva employees can browse and donate funds to. Applicants can also showcase their projects to raise additional public donations. The next closing date for applications is 23.59 on the 12th July 2022.

viii. Cruach Trust Local Garden Preservation Fund (12 September)

- *Grant* - Grants of up to £2,000 are available to registered or recognised charities, societies, trusts or other bodies. There is a preference for small local and national charities
- *Date(s)* - The next deadline for applications is the 12 September 2022
- *Link* - <https://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/cruach-trust/>

The Cruach Trust, which is a small charity, which provides financial support to preserve gardens across the UK. Previous projects supported have included grants for gardens, wildlife and the natural environment; grants for music, the arts and cultural charities; and grants for organisations working with children, the elderly and vulnerable.

ix. Community Transport for Disabled Grant Programme (Anytime to March 2025)

- *Grant* - Charities and organisations working in the Community Transport sector catering for disabled people can apply for grants ranging from £100,000 to £4 million to expand and improve community transport options
- *Date(s)* - Applications can be submitted at any time until March 2025
- *Link* - <https://www.motability.org.uk/media/gtwpvdkil/community-transport-grant-programme-guidance-for-applicants-april-2022.pdf>

The funding is being made available through the charity Motability who are focusing their grant making on:

- Funding support for staff or volunteer training and costs
- Funding to increase the number of vehicles available in the community to help organisations support disabled people
- Funding local, regional, or national initiatives to increase awareness of community transport and influence its inclusion in transport strategy and policy
- Funding to schemes, programmes and initiatives that already exist, and who provide best practice solutions, but need further support to remain operational or scale up the service they can provide to help more disabled people

x. Nineveh Charitable Trust Grants - Better Understanding of Environment & Countryside

Not-for-profit organisations – see Schools section for details

xi. Community Business Crowd Match Programme (Anytime)

- *Grant* - Community Businesses in England that are crowdfunding new initiatives and projects can receive match funding from Power to Change up to a maximum of £10,000
- *Date(s)* - Applications can be made at any time
- *Link* - <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/community-business-crowdmatch>

The funding which is being made available through the Community Business Crowd Match programme can be used to help launch new ideas to help local neighbourhoods, help meet increased demand, save community spaces or help bridge a funding gap. The match funding will be on a £ for £ basis. Power to Change are particularly keen to support new and existing projects in more deprived areas of the country, and to work with communities experiencing racial inequity across England.

xii. Barclays Community Football Fund (Anytime)

- *Grant* - Grants of £500 are available to community groups across the UK to start offering football or expand their existing provision to under-represented young people
- *Date(s)* - Applications can be made at any time
- *Link* - <https://sported.org.uk/barclays-community-football-fund/>

Grants of £500 are available to community groups across the UK to start offering football or expand their existing provision to under-represented young people. The Barclays Community Football Fund will primarily support girls and young people in deprived or underrepresented areas through local organisations to reduce inequalities in the participation in sport and physical activity. This includes culturally diverse communities, young people with disabilities, and young people from the LGBTQ+ community.

xiii. Friends of the Elderly Small Grants Programme (Anytime)

- *Grant* - Small grants of up to £400 are available to support vulnerable older people living on low incomes
- *Date(s)* - Applications can be made at any time
- *Link* - <https://www.fote.org.uk/our-charity-work/grants-2/>

Friends of the Elderly currently have four grant streams open for older people who are of/over state pension age, have savings of less than £4,000, and who do not fit the criteria for other funders:

- Home Essentials to help with the cost of replacing everyday items, small home repairs and mobility adaptations;
- Digital Connection to help older people get online;
- Financial Support to help with unexpected bills;
- Essential Living Costs including clothing, food, medicines and books

Applications must be made via a third-party Referral Agent such as charities, local authorities, housing associations, community organisations, Information, Advice and Guidance providers and social services representatives.

3. Schools and Colleges

i. Nineveh Charitable Trust Grants - Better Understanding of Environment & Countryside (Anytime)

- *Grant* - 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
- *Date(s)* - Applications are usually discussed at the Trustees' quarterly meetings and applications can be submitted at any time
- *Link* - <https://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/%C2%A0>

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.

Previous projects supported include:

- Busby Primary School which received a grant of £2,000 to build a 'vertical garden' for environment enhancement as well as the children's educational value;
- a grant of £1,400 to Bickleigh-On-Exe Primary School to create an all-weather school and community gardening area with poly-tunnel and shed;
- Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and
- St Joseph's Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion

ii. Foyle Foundation School Library Grant Scheme (Anytime)

- *Grant* - State-funded schools and sixth form colleges across the UK that do not have or want to improve their libraries are able to apply for funding of between £2,000 and £10,000. Although secondary schools are eligible to apply, priority is given to primary schools
- *Date(s)* - Applications can be submitted at any time, although it can take up to four months to receive a decision.
- *Link* - <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

Priority, and the majority of funds, will be awarded for physical library/reading books. The Foundation can consider a contribution towards e-readers and electronic reading resources, however a strong case for support and explanation of need will have to be made within the application. The Foundation will also consider contributions towards library software, necessary IT equipment and furniture etc. Local deprivation levels, the Ofsted report and current literacy levels at the school will be taken into account when assessing applications.

iii. Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme (Anytime)

- *Grant* - Up to £1,000 to schools in the UK to set up Breakfast clubs for those children in most need. Only one grant per school in each academic year will be available
- *Date(s)* - Applications can be made at any time
- *Link* - <https://forevermanchester.com/kelloggs-breakfast-club-programme/>

To qualify for the programme the breakfast club must be based in a school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland and priority will be given to schools that have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding and / or eligible for free school meals or that are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

4. Sport

i. RLWC2021 Created By Small Grants Programme (Anytime)

- *Grant* - Organisations and clubs that are developing Rugby League activity in their community can apply for grants of up to £15,000 to improve the environment where Rugby League takes place
- *Date(s)* - Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made every 12 weeks
- *Link* - <https://www.rugby-league.com/article/36953/rlwc2021-createdby-small-grants-programme-re-opens-for-applications>

The funding can be used to invest in kit, equipment and facility improvements that make rugby accessible and welcoming, and encourage more people from a range of different backgrounds to engage with the game and get active. This could include refurbishing club houses, and purchasing new lawn mowers, ball-stop netting, and equipment to deliver after-school sessions. The Programme is particularly keen to fund environmentally sustainable improvements that reduce a club's financial outgoings, or projects that increase participation from girls, women, and disability sport. Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made every 12 weeks.

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