

PROGRAMMES OFFICE FUNDING BULLETIN

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National Lottery Heritage Fund – Grants £10k to £250k

Accepting applications from not-for-profit organisations, private owners of a heritage asset and partnerships. NLHF funds projects that value, care for and sustain heritage for everyone across the UK, now and in the future.

Heritage can mean different things to different people. It can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. This could include nature and habitats, historic buildings and environments, or cultures, traditions and people's memories.

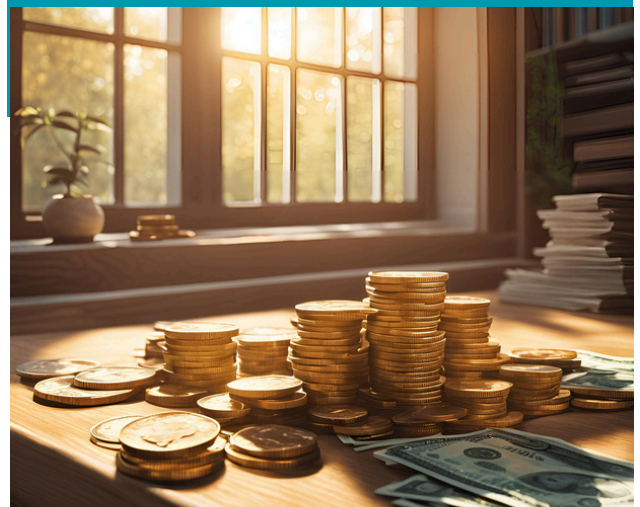
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£85 million for Arts & Culture

The Creative Foundations Fund is an open-access capital fund that supports creative and cultural organisations in England in revitalising, restoring, retrofitting, or renewing cultural assets, including urgent work to address issues which prevent organisations from effectively delivering work for the public.

Applicants must demonstrate that the investment in buildings and equipment is business-critical to delivering creative or cultural activity, minimising the risk of asset failure and increasing the economic sustainability of the creative and cultural sectors.

More information in Bulletin...



Fundraising Conference

Free online Fundraising Conference.

Get Grants are holding a free fundraising conference on 7th and 8th October, and are promising you expert fundraising advice, top tips, Q&A's, networking, peer support, and lot's of chat.

For information and registration
<https://www.getgrants.org.uk/free-virtual-conference>.

Creative Foundations Fund – £85m

Deadline

Expression of Interest via Arts Council Grantium system opens 30th June and closes 25th July 2025.

How to apply

The Creative Foundations Fund is split into two strands with separate 'How to apply' guides for each strand:

1. Strand 1 - Grants of £100,000 up to and including £1,000,000 (budget £25 million)
2. Strand 2 – Grants above £1,000,000 up to and including £10 million (budget £60 million)

You can apply to Strand 1 or Strand 2 (not both). You can apply for equipment and building projects in one application, but we will not accept applications for equipment only projects in Strand 2. If you apply for both categories of projects in one application, you must provide the mandatory attachments for building projects in your full application.

How to apply: <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/our-open-funds/creative-foundations-fund-guidance-applicants#t-in-page-nav-5>

Funding Details

The aims of this investment are to:

- increase the economic sustainability of cultural and creative organisations through improving existing cultural buildings and equipment
- decrease the risk and financial impact of abandoned or cancelled performances, exhibitions, or events caused by equipment or infrastructure failure
- grow audience engagement and access by underserved communities to high-quality creative work and cultural infrastructure.

The outcomes we expect to see from this investment are:

- improved value for money through decreasing the amount of expenditure on maintenance and repair of cultural assets
- reduced loss of high-quality cultural work from creative and cultural organisations as a result of asset failure or degradation
- cultural organisations develop more sustainable financial and business models, adapting to the changing environment and needs of the communities with whom they work
- improved energy efficiency and environmental performance of cultural buildings and equipment.

Not-for-profit cultural organisations based in England. Organisations must demonstrate through their governance documents that their primary aims are cultural and that the activities they are applying for fall within the remit of Arts Council England. Organisations must demonstrate that they have presented or delivered cultural activity in the last 12 months.

Museums and libraries are not eligible to apply to this fund. Capital funding is available through MEND for non-nationally accredited museums, and the Library Improvement Fund (LIF) for public libraries.

We will accept partnership applications between properly constituted cultural organisations. One organisation must act as the lead organisation and submit the application. The lead organisation should be determined by who is best positioned to meet the aims and outcomes of the fund.

Lead applicants must be registered with Companies House and/or with the Charity Commission or similar regulatory authority. This fund is only open to applicants with a registered address in England.

STRATEGIC FUNDS & COUNCIL SPECIFIC

National Lottery Grants for Heritage – Grants of up to £10 Million Available

Deadline

- £10,000 to £250,000: open all year round
- £250,000 to £10m (both development and delivery phases): [quarterly application deadlines](#)

How to apply

All projects must also consider long-term environmental sustainability. Partnerships are encouraged. Up to 10% match funding is required. Visit: www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/how-to-apply

Funding Details

Not-for-profit organisations across the UK can now apply for grants of between £250,000 and £10 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for projects connecting people and communities to UK heritage.

We don't define heritage. We ask you to tell us what you think is important and should be preserved. From historic buildings, our industrial legacy and the natural environment, to collections, traditions, stories and more – heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations.

The funding can support a broad range of activities and project costs such as volunteer expenses, capital works, repairs, maintenance, conservation costs, professional fees, event costs, and the acquisition of heritage. Your heritage project could include:

- Nature – works to improve habitats or conserve species, as well as helping people to connect to nature in their daily lives.
- Designed landscapes – improving and conserving historic landscapes such as public parks, historic gardens and botanical gardens.
- Large-scale rural projects that help improve landscapes for people and nature by, for example, restoring habitats and celebrating the cultural traditions of the land.
- Oral history recordings of people's stories, memories and songs, as a way of communicating and revealing the past.
- Cultural traditions exploring the history of different cultures through storytelling, or things that you do as part of your community. This could be anything from dance and theatre to food or clothing. It could also include the heritage of languages and dialects.
- Commemorations and celebrations – telling the stories and histories of people, communities, places or events related to specific times and dates.
- Historic buildings, monuments and the historic environment – from houses and mills to caves and gardens. Areas that are connected to history and heritage.
- Community archaeology involves the active participation of volunteers in archaeological activities, everything from investigating, photographing, surveying, excavation and finds processing. Sometimes it is called public archaeology.
- Museums, libraries and archives – making the collections that museums, libraries and archives hold more accessible through new displays, improving public buildings and galleries, or engaging people with interpreting new and existing collections.
- Acquiring new objects – help towards the cost of acquiring one-off objects or collections as part of a collections development policy.
- Industrial, maritime and transport – places and objects linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history.

STRATEGIC FUNDS & COUNCIL SPECIFIC

UKRI Announces £500 Million Local Innovation Partnerships Fund

Deadline

UKRI have not released a deadline as yet.

How to apply

At least £30 million will be allocated to each of the 10 regions, including one in each devolved nation, with additional competitive awards for innovative projects elsewhere. Eligible partnerships include universities, local authorities, businesses and innovators.

www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding

Funding Details

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) has launched £500 million Local Innovation Partnerships Fund to align research and investment with local priorities and boost regional economies, jobs and skills across the UK.

The fund empowers local authorities, businesses, and researchers to lead decisions in consultation with their communities, ensuring maximum impact.

It supports pilot studies, knowledge exchange, and practical solutions for local challenges, targeting regional strengths such as cybersecurity in Northern Ireland and AI-led healthcare in Birmingham.

Funding Available to Involve More People in Tackling Climate Change

Deadline

The fund is open until later in 2025, with the final application deadline to be confirmed.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted by partnerships involving a mix of eligible organisations. Grants start at £500,000, with most awards ranging from £1 million to £1.5 million over three to five years. A limited number of larger or longer-term projects may also receive funding, with up to 25 projects expected to be supported in total. <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-our-shared-future>

Funding Details

Charities, community groups, not-for-profits, public bodies, schools, and co-operatives can apply for grants that support initiatives that link climate action to people's daily lives and interests.

The grants will support community-led projects that connect climate action with everyday concerns while fostering collaboration across diverse sectors, including arts, sports, policy engagement, and work with underrepresented groups. The funding is being made available through the National Lottery's £20 million Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Future.

COMMUNITY

Grants of up to £5million Available for Projects Addressing Inequality

Deadline

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with no fixed deadlines.

How to apply

[The Solidarity Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)

Funding Details

Charities and not-for-profit organisations in England can apply for grants of between £1 million and £5 million for projects tackling poverty, disadvantage, and discrimination lasting between 5 and 10 years. The funding is being made available through National Lottery Community Fund's Solidarity Fund and will support work that empowers communities, fosters collaboration, and amplifies community voices to influence public understanding of inequality. To be eligible, organisations must be led by, and accountable to support 10 organisations in its first year. Eligible costs include staff wages, training, governance improvements, IT upgrades, transport, utilities, volunteer expenses, evaluation, equipment, minor capital works, and translation services for non-English speakers.

Up to £500,000 Available to Tackle Social Disadvantage

Deadline

Applications are currently open, with no set deadline, but early submission is encouraged.

How to apply

To apply, organisations must complete the Foundation's online eligibility checker; those who meet the criteria will be directed to the application. Full guidance and the application <https://stevemorganfoundation.org.uk/regional-grants/>

Funding Details

Registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations with an annual income between £300,000 and £5 million can apply for grants ranging from £250,000 to £500,000 to tackle the root causes of social disadvantage.

The Steve Morgan Foundation's Regional Grants programme supports work across three key themes: education, access to provision (such as health, housing, and youth services), and employment. Funding can be used for core costs, salaries, and project delivery in Merseyside, North Wales, North Shropshire, and Cheshire (west of the M6).

To apply, organisations must complete the Foundation's online eligibility checker; those who meet the criteria will be directed to the application

COMMUNITY

Support for the Homeless Charities and Hospices

Deadline

Applicants are considered four times a year, the next deadline for application is the 21st July 2025.

How to apply

To apply for the grant, visit the Cure Parkinson's Trust website:

<https://www.cureparkinsons.org.uk/applyfunding>

Funding Details

Commercial organisations, appropriately qualified scientists or clinicians based in an accredited university or hospital in any country worldwide, can now apply for funding for preclinical and clinical research. Projects should have the potential to advance knowledge that might lead to a cure for Parkinson's disease.

Priority is given to projects that are likely to lead to clinical trials in people with Parkinson's within 5 years.

The Cure Parkinson's Trust has a particular interest in projects that show the potential to delay, slow, stop, reverse or prevent the progression of Parkinson's disease. Grants of up to £250,000 are available.

Grants & Loans to Support Black & Racially Minoritised Organisations

Deadline

Applications are accepted at any time.

How to apply

Full guidance can be found via <https://www.ubele.org/our-work/flexible-finance> e - Flexible Finance

Funding Details

Black and Racially Minoritised charities and social enterprises in England can now benefit from £4 million of funding and support via the Social Investment Business.

Delivered in partnership with the Ubele Initiative and Create Equity, the Flexible Finance Fund will support the growth and long-term resilience of up to twenty-five organisations working to improve people's lives or the environment they live in. Flexible loans of between £50,000 to £1.5 million are available with up to 100% of this amount as a grant (capped at £200,000), with terms of between 1 to 6 years at a fixed rate of 7.9% per annum. Eligible applicants must have been operating for at least two years and have a minimum turnover of £200,000.

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£2,000 for Specialist Dementia and End of Life Training

Deadline

Grants are awarded on first come first served basis and funds must be claimed within 12 months of award.

How to apply

Eligible organisations can apply on www.hospiceuk.org

Funding Details

Hospices that are members of Hospice UK can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to deliver specialist training courses for care home staff, with a particular focus on dementia care for people approaching end of life. The funding, totally £50,000, supports at least 25 hospices annually and can be used for CPD-accredited training costs such as teaching, venue hire, travel, and catering, but not for in-house training. Both new and repeat courses are eligible, and hospices may apply for up to two grants per year. Applications must be submitted online at least one month before training, with successful hospices managing all aspects from planning to evaluation.

Funding to Help People with Parkinson's

Deadline

Applications can be made at any time until all of the funding has been allocated.

How to apply

Visit <https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/information-and-supportive/grants-physical-activity-providers>

Funding Details

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 walking group, a dance class, or playing table tennis. The fund will support equipment, facility hire, maintenance of equipment, coaching fees, training, Parkinson's specific online support and up to 10% of core costs.

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Screwfix Foundation

Deadline

Applications are reviewed every quarter and the next deadline for application is 1st August 2025.

How to apply

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

Funding 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 in 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 and heating
- Installation of new kitchen, bathroom, etc
- Installation of a sensory room
- General painting and decorating
- Improving the safety and security of a building

Funding for Transformative IT Projects

Deadline

Applications can be submitted at any time until 5pm on 18th August 2025.

How to apply

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

Funding Details

Registered charities, educational establishments, community interest companies, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £15,000 for IT projects that benefit communities and people across the UK.

The funding is made available by the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists through their IT4Good Grant Programme, which aims to support innovative and scalable projects and activities that use information technology (IT) to create positive impact through: education, inclusion, IT for Charities, public understanding of IT. The could include the development and delivery of innovative new: services, solutions, training, apps, analytics, AI, robotics, accessibility features/hardware.

Larger grants mat be made in exceptional circumstances.

COMMUNITY

Addressing Social Issues Facing Communities

Deadline

Applications are reviewed every quarter and the next deadline is before 4th August 2025.

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.warburtons.co.uk/goodstuff/financial-giving/>

Funding Details

Charitable organisations can now apply for up to £400 in funding for projects that directly impact families and solve significant social issues in communities across England.

The Warburtons Community Grant scheme will support a range of activities which will improve Health, Place and Skills for families in their community:

- Health: supporting families to care for each other and lead healthier lives
- Place: supporting families to flourish in communities that are safer, greener and more inclusive
- Skills: supporting families to gain useful skills for life and work

Funding is administered by the Charities Aid Foundation and can be used to cover specific costs that will benefit the cause (e.g. buying equipment to support an employability project)

Grants to Help Get People Back on their Bikes

Deadline

Applications must be submitted by 14th July 2025.

How to apply

The funding is being made available through the Big Bike Revival Programme, funded by the Department for Transport. <https://www.lcvs.org.uk/the-big-bike-revival-grants-programme-now-open-for-applications/>

Funding Details

Local volunteer-led groups, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations across England are invited to apply for grants of up to £3,500 to deliver cycling events aimed at encouraging people to start or return to cycling this summer.

These events should particularly engage individuals who face social, economic, or health deprivation, come from diverse backgrounds, or are dealing with complex personal challenges. The funding can be used flexibly to support a wide range of event-related costs, including staffing, promotional activities, equipment, consumables, and volunteer transport.

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Funding to Reduce the Challenges of Armed Service Life for Partners

Deadline

The deadline for applications is 12pm on 23 July 2025

How to apply

Visit: <https://covenantfund.org.uk/>

Funding Details

Grants of between £10,000 to £70,000 are available for projects that find ways of reducing the challenges of service life for partners of serving armed forces personnel, including reservists.

The grants support projects and activities that improve the support available for service partners and spouses. This can include promoting their skills and experiences in the workplace, enhancing wellbeing, improving access to support services, and addressing the challenges that partners and spouses can sometimes face.

The funding is being made available through the Supporting Partners Programme, funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust on behalf of the Ministry of Defence. Applications are accepted from Armed Forces units or bases, as well as charities, community interest companies and universities or colleges in the UK.

Support for Serving Families Facing Service-Related Separation

Deadline

There are two application rounds: by 12pm on 30 July 2025 (decisions by October 2025) and by 12pm on 21 January 2026 (decisions by March 2026).

How to apply

Visit: <https://covenantfund.org.uk/>

Funding Details

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has launched the Apart, Not Alone: Support for Serving Families Facing Service-Related Separation Programme 2025-26, comprising two strands: a Local Impact Grants programme awarding up to £300,000 over three years to UK Local Authorities and charities, and a Support for Serving Families programme offering single-project grants of £5,000 to £50,000.

Both streams aim to alleviate the effects of deployment and training separations – such as loneliness, reintegration challenges, mental health impacts, and weakened social connections – by funding projects that help families manage isolation, ease post-separation adjustment, and improve overall wellbeing. Eligible applicants include registered charities with recent Armed Forces community experience, community interest companies, and Armed Forces units or bases.

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Funding to Improve the Quality of Life for Relocating Service Families

Deadline

There are two application deadlines by 12 noon 23 July 2025 or 17 December 2025.

How to apply

Visit: <https://covenantfund.org.uk/>

Funding Details

Grants of up to £50,000 are available for one year projects that support armed forces service families that have been affected by having to relocate.

Through the Serving Families: On the Move Programme, the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust will award funding for preventative or 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. Applications are invited from UK based registered charities, both Armed Forces charities and those keen to collaborate with Armed Forces charities.

Up to £10,000 Available for Community Tree Planting Projects

Deadline

The closing date for applications is 31st July 2025.

How to apply

Funding is available for local authorities, charities and other NGOs, community groups, education institutions and individual landowners. Visit: www.treecouncil.org.uk

Funding Details

Grants of between £2,500 and £10,000 are available through the Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund.

The fund is a partnership between Network Rail and The Tree Council, created to support biodiversity and community wellbeing. It responds to the growing need for increased tree coverage to combat climate change and improve local environments.

Eligible project include tree and hedgerow planting, care and maintenance of newly planted sites, and educational activities that engage schools and community groups. These initiatives help to offset the environmental effects of railway operations and encourage sustainable land management.

UK Rescue Shelter £3,000 from Only Rescues

Deadline

There are two application deadlines is 31st August 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.onlyrescues.com

Funding Details

One grant of £3,000 for a UK rescue shelter, which is unrestricted, meaning it can be used however you need, whether that's covering vet bills, feeding your animals, or keeping the lights on.

Simply tell us what you do to help rescue animals and how you would use the grant.

Eligibility criteria: a not-for-profit organisation rescuing dogs and/or cats (registered charity status not required), you must have an active Only Rescues account with at least 3 pets listed (sign up for free if you don't have an account yet), you must rehome pets to the UK and share at least one social media post from Only Rescues promoting the grant.

Funding to Support Vulnerable Migrants

Deadline

The funding is being made available through the Strategic Legal Fund (SLF) for Vulnerable Young Migrants and the closing date for applications is 1st September 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.strategiclegalfund.org.uk

Funding Details

Not for profit organisations and private law firms working with vulnerable young migrants can apply for grants of up to £30,000.

The grants can be used to support legal work that benefits young migrants living in poverty who face significant disadvantage or discrimination as a result of their immigration status.

Applicants should note that the average grant size is around £12,000. The funding is being made available through the Strategic Legal Fund (SLF) for Vulnerable Young Migrants.

COMMUNITY

Grants for Community & Environmental Projects

Deadline

The application deadline is the 3 September 2025

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/suez-communities-fund/>

Funding Details

Not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding to deliver projects that improve communities and the environment.

The funding is made available through the SUEZ Communities Fund for projects that improve public amenities, repair religious or historic buildings, or support biodiversity in areas surrounding Suez landfill sites.

The maximum grant amount is: £50,000 for projects in England and Funding typically covers: Materials, Equipment, contractors for improvement work.

Overseas Development Grants for UK based Charities

Deadline

The next closing date is 10th September 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.djclark.com

Funding Details

The Phillip Henman Trust awards grants to major UK based charities (with annual incomes of over £100,000) for long term overseas development projects requiring funding for three to five years.

These grants are split into annual payments (between £3,000 and £5,000 P.A.) with a maximum total of £25,000.

Once the grant has been approved, the organisation will be guaranteed an annual grant for the duration of the project, as long as receipts and reports are sent back to the Trust in the way that is specified. Applications are considered once a year.

COMMUNITY

Funding for Projects that Have a Positive Impact on Communities, People or the Environment

Deadline

Funding is awarded every three months and the next deadline for the next funding round is the 15th September 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grants-for-good-2025-01

Funding 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 entrepreneur's passionate about making a difference for people, their communities, and 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, and 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 had an income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.

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

Deadline

The next closing date is 15th September 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.getgrants.org.uk/help-the-homeless/

Funding Details

Small homeless charities can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects that aim to help homeless people rebuild their lives.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be a registered charity and have an annual turnover of under £500,000, with an 'unrestricted reserves' of under six month.

Typically, organisations awarded funding operate residential or training facilities to assist homeless people. The funding is being made available through Help the Homeless, a grant giving trust, founded in 1975, to help homeless people off the streets and enable them to live healthy, independent lives.

COMMUNITY

Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Increase Employment Opportunities for Disadvantaged Adults

Deadline

Deadline for stage 1 applications is the 22nd September 2025

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/>

Funding 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 communication 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 the deadline for stage 1 applications is the 22nd September 2025. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

Funding for Activities to Improve People Lives

Deadline

The next deadline for applications is 11.59pm on 30th September 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.doylycartecharitabletrust.org

Funding Details

Grants are available for UK registered charities seeking to enhance and improve people's lives through advancing arts, health and medical welfare, and the environment.

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust typically awards grants of between £500 and £6,000 for project and core costs, with a preference for small scale, locally based initiatives.

Community services could include promoting access to the arts, conservation activities, music and art therapy to improve mental health and wellbeing, and providing breaks for carers.

There are three grant making meeting held annually. Projects should have a start date of at least three months after the meeting date.

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Grants to Safeguard Endangered UK Crafts Now Open for Applications

Deadline

The deadline to apply is 17 October 2025 at 5pm

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/>

Funding Details

Heritage Crafts has re-opened the Endangered Craft Fund to support craft practitioners working with traditional skills at risk of being lost in the UK.

The fund aims to help safeguard these crafts by providing targeted financial support to makers who are working to revive or sustain endangered practices listed on the Red List of Endangered Crafts.

A total of £30,000 is available in this round, with individual grants of up to £2,000. The fund can be used for activities such as training to pass on skills, buying tools or materials, developing specialist equipment, or funding innovative ways to promote endangered crafts. Applicants must demonstrate a clear public benefit from their project.

The fund is open to individuals and organisations based in the UK, including sole traders, small businesses, community groups and charities. It is administered by Heritage Crafts with support from the Radcliffe Trust, the Pilgrim Trust, and the Dulverton Trust.

The National Lottery – Awards for All – Environment

Deadline

There is an application deadline of 17 December 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england

Funding Details

The climate and nature emergency affects us all, but local action can make a real difference. We want to encourage as many people as possible to get involved in projects that help the planet. Today we are announcing a programme through our Awards for All funding that will fund community-led projects that improve the environment and help people connect with and enjoy nature where they live. You can use the funding to:

- start a new activity or continue an existing one
- help your organisation adapt to new challenges
- run one-off events that have a clear environmental benefit.
- We're looking to fund projects that:
 - help people connect with and care for nature in their area
 - make a positive difference to the environment
- Awards for All fund if for amounts between £300 and £20,000 for up to two years.

FAITH, YOUTH, SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

Grants of up to £10,000 Available for Charities working with Disadvantaged Families and Children

Deadline

Applications must be submitted online by 12 noon on Thursday 31st July 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk

Funding Details

Organisations that support disadvantaged families with children or directly with children aged 0 – 11 years can apply for grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to three years through the Woodward Charitable Trust.

Eligible applicants are UK registered charities, CIOs, CICs and exempt charities with an annual income under £200,000 and at least 75 per cent of work benefiting the target group.

Priority activities include parenting support, in and out school education, programmes that build children's well being and development, and pre and post natal services.

Grants to Create a Fairer Economy

Deadline

The next deadline is the 5th August 2025.

How to apply

Applications are accepted from any type of organisation, provided the proposed work is charitable in nature. Visit: <https://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/>

Funding Details

Organisations working towards systemic economic change in the UK can apply for funding under two key strands of the Friends Provident Foundation's 2024-2027 grants programme.

The "Transforming Financial Systems" strand supports projects addressing structural issues within the financial system - such as banking, investment, and government regulation - to promote a fairer, more sustainable economy.

The "New Economy Infrastructure" strand offers long-term support to organisations driving systemic economic change, strengthening their capacity to challenge norms and build a resilient, equitable economy. Grants typically range from £100,000 to £120,000 over two years.

FAITH, YOUTH, SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

Grants to Promote Physics Amongst Young People

Deadline

Applications should be submitted before 5pm on 1st September 2025.

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.iop.org/about/support-grants/public-engagement-grant-scheme>

Funding Details

The Institute of Physics is currently inviting applications for its Public Engagement Grant Scheme. This initiative supports projects aligned with the IOP's Limit Less campaign, which seeks to broaden public engagement with physics, particularly among groups that are underrepresented in the field.

Projects should engage families with young people under the age of 16 from groups such as girls and young women, disabled young people, LGBTIQ+ youth, those from disadvantaged backgrounds, and Black Caribbean communities. The scheme offers up to £4,000 per project for events and activities that promote positive relationships with physics and enhance existing engagement efforts across the UK and Ireland.

Eligible applicants include individuals, researchers, museums, community groups, non-profits, arts organisations, and libraries.

Schools considering applying should design activities that are accessible and appealing to both students and their families, ensuring that the projects align with the IOP's objectives of broadening public engagement with physics.

Funding to Support Disabled & Disadvantaged Children

Deadline

The next deadline to apply is mid-August 2025 for the September meeting of the Trustees.

How to apply

Visit: www.toytrust.co.uk

Funding Details

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to fund equipment and services to support disabled and disadvantaged children under 13 across the UK.

The Toy Trust Fund helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering; support children through awful experiences; encourage achievement through adversity; purchase vital equipment; provide care bolster existing initiatives; initiate brand new projects and satisfy basic needs.

Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply.

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Cultural and Educational Links with Japan

Deadline

Applications should be submitted before 15th September 2025.

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.gbsf.org.uk>

Funding Details

The Great British Sasakawa Foundation has announced the next application round. The Foundation seeks to promote mutual understanding and cooperation through financial support for activities in the following fields: Arts and Culture, Humanities and Social Issues, Japanese Language, Medicine and Health, Science, Technology and Environment, Sport, Youth and Education.

Standard travel grants between the UK and Japan are £2,000, and upto £2,500 for visits of two weeks or more. This includes travel for PhD students from UK universities wishing to visit Japan for dissertation research or to complete fieldwork. Applications for longer-term fieldwork of six months or more in Japan can be considered, with grants of up to £5,000.

The Foundation's awards are intended to provide pump priming and not core funding of projects, but even small grant have enabled a wide range of projects to reach fruition. For more information visit the website listed above.

National Churches Trust Announces Changes to Small Grants Programme

Deadline

Applications must be submitted via the Medium Grants Programme by 12 August 2025.

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/>

Funding Details

The National Churches Trust has announced that its Small Grants Programme, has been merged into the Medium Grants Programme.

Under the updated programme, grants of up to £10,000 will be available for urgent maintenance work and repairs costing up to £80,000 at listed and unlisted Christian places of worship of any denomination across the UK. Funding can also support investigative works, surveys, project development, and preparations for approaching major grant funders. Grants cannot exceed 50% of the net project costs.

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Grants of up to £100,000 Available for Community Facilities

Deadline

The next round of application closes 5pm on 20th August 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk

Funding Details

Registered Charities, Churches, Parish Councils, Local Authorities, and CASC-registered sports clubs can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 to provide, maintain, or improve community facilities.

The funding is available through FCC Community Action Fund and is available to projects located within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment site.

All grants require applicants to secure a contributing third party (CTP) payment. This is very specific payment required to be paid to the landfill operator and should not be confused with match funding.

Rowing Foundation Grants Programme

Deadline

The next application deadline for equipment grants is noon on the 29th September 2025.

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk>

Funding Details

Organisations, clubs, and schools involved in rowing can apply for grants of between £500 and £4,000 (up to 50% of the overall cost of the project) from the Rowing Foundation to support junior & student rowers and adaptive rowing for all ages.

These grants are intended for groups who may have small funding requirements or be ineligible for other sources of funding such as the National Lottery.

The Rowing Foundation focuses on providing equipment such as boats, sculls, ergos, oars, and safety gear to encourage the participation of young people and the disabled in rowing. The funding is being made available through two funding programmes: · Equipment grants · Refurbishment grants.

To be eligible for funding, the projects or work must be non-elitist, for public benefit, and aim to benefit young people, those in education, or people with disabilities. The next application deadline for equipment grants is noon on the 29th September 2025. Applications for refurbishment grants can be made at any time.

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Royal Society of Chemistry – Outreach Fund

Deadline

The next closing date is 3 October 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.rsc.org.uk

Funding Details

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

Two levels of funding are available: small grants of up to £5,000 and large grants £5,001 to £10,000.

Society for Microbiology – Science Education and Outreach Grants

Deadline

The next deadline for applications is the 1st October 2025.

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk>

Funding Details

Grants of up to £1,000 are available through the Microbiology Society's Education and Outreach program for members in the UK or Republic of Ireland, including those working in schools.

The grants are intended for innovative outreach activities that support relevant science teaching or initiatives and developments likely to lead to an improvement in the teaching of any aspect of microbiology.

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Grants to Promote Latin and Roman Studies and Activities

Deadline

The Society awards the grants for the Promotion of Roman Studies and the next closing date for applications is the 1st November 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.rsc.org.uk

Funding Details

Grants of up to £600 are available to schools to help promote Latin and Roman studies.

Most of the grants are awarded for purchasing textbooks and other books on Roman topics. Grants are also awarded to groups and schools and museums organising lectures or study days on Roman themes, and money has recently been made available for archaeology fieldwork bursaries.

ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

The Classical Association Grants

Deadline

Applications should be submitted before the deadlines: September 1 and December 1.

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.classicalassociation.org/grants/>

Funding Details

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support classical projects in the UK. The funding is being made available through the Classical Association.

The Classical Association is an educational charity that makes classical subjects widely accessible.

The grants typically fund activities undertaken by schoolteachers, students, academics and organisations with the aims of supporting the teaching and learning of classical subjects and topics, primarily in UK schools, but also amongst the wider public, increasing access to classics, widening participation and pursuing EDI objectives in UK classics; and increasing the sustainability and viability of classics as a discipline in UK schools and beyond.

Grants for Musicians and Bands

Deadline

The next deadline to apply is 12 noon 1st October 2025.

How to apply

Visit: <https://fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk>

Funding 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: Opera, Lieder, Composition, Dance.

The Trustees aim to help talented individuals and groups that would not be able to carry out a project of 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: special tuition or coaching costs, to participants in external competitions, to be supported for a specially arranged performance, to receive support for a musical composition.

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Capital Grants for Theatre Improvements

Deadline

The funding is being made available through the Theatres Trust in partnership with the Wolfson Foundation, and the closing date for applications is 12 noon 5th September 2025.

How to apply

Theatre operators can apply for capital grants of upto £20,000 to reduce their theatre's environmental impact. The grants can fund projects such as improving the building's management systems, installing more efficient water heaters, installing green roofs, etc. <https://www.theatretrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme>

Funding Details

Theatre Trust in partnership with Wolfson Foundation are inviting Theatre Operators to apply for capital grants of upto £20,000 to reduce their Theatre's environmental impact. The grants can fund projects such as improving the building's management systems, installing more efficient water heaters, installing green roofs, etc.

To be eligible to apply to the scheme, applicants must demonstrate that they:

- Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than 5 years on building in England.
- Run a year round programme of live performances of no less than 30 performances a year.
- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.
 - Operate theatres that achieve excellence through their producing and programming or architectural significance.

Student Opportunities in Public Museums & Galleries

Deadline

The next closing date for applications is before 19th September 2025. Allow 8 weeks for decision.

How to apply

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

Funding Details

Funding is available to help 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 Art's Fund Student Opportunities programme, organisations can apply for up to £10,000 towards costs associated with paying students for their time to deliver projects. Art Fund will consider 100% funding towards the costs.

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Funding for Innovative Geography Teaching at Secondary Level

Deadline

Deadline for applications is the 15th February 2026.

How to apply

Visit:

www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/teacher-grants/innovative-teaching-geography-grants

Funding Details

Two grants of £1,000 each are available to fund innovative geography teaching at secondary level. The Royal Geographical Society's Innovative Geography Teaching Grants will provide funding for the development of imaginative and creative teaching materials.

The grants will be awarded to teacher-higher education partnerships. Ideally, these partnerships will comprise one school teacher and one lecturer/researcher from a UK higher education institution. Every year, the Society identifies an area of research based on a timely issue or approach.

The aim is to serve geography pupils and the wider teaching community by creating teaching materials on this particular issue. The materials produced will be published on the Society's website

Grants Available for Charities Supporting Breast Cancer Recovery and Well-being

Deadline

The closing date for applications is the 31st May 2026.

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/>

Funding Details

The Pink Ribbon Foundation has announced that it is currently accepting applications to its grant making programme for 2026.

Grants of up to £6,000 are available to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations working on practical projects and initiatives to improve 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 special cases.

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£1m Circular Electricals Fund to Combat E-Waste

Deadline

Applications are open until 14th August 2025.

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.materialfocus.org.uk/partnerships-with-material-focus/circular-electricals-fund/>

Funding Details

Material Focus, an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to increasing the reuse and recycling of unwanted electricals across the UK, has launched the £1m Circular Electricals Fund to support innovative projects aimed at reducing electronic waste in the UK.

The fund seeks to promote sustainable practices in the electricals sector by encouraging the development of durable products, efficient material recovery methods, and circular business models.

Eligible UK based organisations, including industry bodies, non-profits, private companies, compliance schemes, universities, and research institutions - can apply for grants of up to £150,000.00 per project.

The grant supports initiatives that focus on three key areas:

- enhancing materials recovery (e.g. through advanced recycling technologies),
- Improving product design for longevity and repairability,
- and developing business models that encourage reuse and waste reduction, such as leasing or product-as-a-service schemes.

In addition to financial support, successful applicants will receive industry networking opportunities, communications assistance, and access to the latest industry data and research trends.

The funding initiative addresses the growing issue of electronic waste in the UK, where approximately two million tonnes of electrical appliances are discarded annually. Research indicates that discarded electrical items contain materials worth nearly £1 billion, including critical elements like copper and lithium. By supporting projects that extend the lifespan of electrical goods and improve material recovery, the fund aims to mitigate environmental impacts and promote resource efficiency.

Applications for the Circular Electrical Fund are open until the 14th August, interested organisations can apply through the Material Focus website, where they can also download the applicant's guide and FAQs for more detailed information.

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Funding Available to Involve More People in Tackling Climate Change

Deadline

The fund is open until later in 2025, with the final application deadline to be confirmed

How to apply

Applications must be submitted by partnerships involving a mix of eligible organisations. Grants start at £500,000, with most awards ranging from £1 million to £1.5 million over three to five years. A limited number of larger or longer-term projects may also receive funding, with up to 25 projects expected to be supported in total. <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-our-shared-future>

Funding Details

Charities, community groups, not-for-profits, public bodies, schools, and co-operatives can apply for grants that support initiatives that link climate action to people's daily lives and interests.

The grants will support community-led projects that connect climate action with everyday concerns while fostering collaboration across diverse sectors, including arts, sports, policy engagement, and work with underrepresented groups.

The funding is being made available through the National Lottery's £20 million Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Future.

Grants of up to £55,000 for Projects Supporting Climate Resilience in Vulnerable Communities

Deadline

The application process is currently open, with no closing date specified in the announcement.

How to apply

Applicants can request between £50,000 and £55,000 per project, with up to 10 projects to be funded. The application process is currently open, with no closing date specified in the announcement. (Climate) www.macchub.co.uk

Funding Details

A new grant, the MACC Hub Flexible Fund has been launched by the MACC Hub and administered via Third Sector Support Wales. The fund aims to support community focused climate change adaptation by fostering academic-community partnership, addressing the growing need to boost resilience among vulnerable groups to climate change.

Charities, not-for-profit organisations and local authorities, community groups, businesses and other voluntary bodies can apply – but applications must be led by a UK academic institution eligible for UKRI funding.

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The National Lottery – Awards for All – Environment

Deadline

There is an application deadline of 17 December 2025.

How to apply

Visit: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england

Funding Details

The climate and nature emergency affects us all, but local action can make a real difference. We want to encourage as many people as possible to get involved in projects that help the planet.

Today we are announcing a programme through our Awards for All funding that will fund community-led projects that improve the environment and help people connect with and enjoy nature where they live.

You can use the funding to:

- start a new activity or continue an existing one
- help your organisation adapt to new challenges
- run one-off events that have a clear environmental benefit.
- We're looking to fund projects that:
- help people connect with and care for nature in their area
- make a positive difference to the environment
- Awards for All fund if for amounts between £300 and £20,000 for up to two years.

Grants of up to £20,000 to Support Local Climate Action

Deadline

The programme is currently open for applications until 17 December 2025, and applications can be submitted at any time, provided they are made at least 16 weeks before the project is due to begin.

How to apply

Visit: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Funding Details

The National Lottery Community Fund is inviting applications from community led organisations for its National Lottery Awards for All England – Environment grant programme. This funding is aimed at tackling environmental challenges at local level. It supports projects that enable people to connect with, care for, and protect nature. Grants of between £300 and £20,000 are available for projects lasting two years. Projects must deliver benefits for both people and the natural environment.

Applications are welcomed from constituted voluntary or community organisations, registered charities, CIOs, CICs, schools (if the project benefits the wider community), statutory bodies, community sports clubs, and community benefit societies. The grant responds to growing need for grassroots environmental action in the face of climate change and habitat loss.