

PROGRAMMES OFFICE FUNDING BULLETIN

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National Lottery Community Fund and Department of Culture, Media & Sport – Phase 3 of Million Hours Fund

Offering grants of £30,000 to £100,000 to expand open-access youth work in areas of England with high levels of antisocial behaviour.

The £19 million programme aims to deliver an additional one million hours of supervised youth activities for young people aged 10-18 (or up to 25 for those with special educational needs or disabilities). The goal is to engage those at risk of antisocial behaviour in structured, inclusive environments promote wellbeing, safety, and personal development.

Further details inside:

Funding News

Better Youth Spaces is a capital grant programme funded by the UK Government and administered by Social Investment Business.

This funding round can be used for capital equipment (including the purchase of vehicles), to help youth organisations to better support the young people they work with.

The project must meet at least one of the fund objectives:

- Improving the reach of activities provided.
- Improving the safety of existing youth facilities.
- Improve the youth sector's capacity and quality to deliver a range of enrichment activities.
- Improving the financial sustainability of youth facilities.

Further details inside:

COMMUNITY

National Lottery Community Fund – Solidarity Grant

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

Who can apply: Charities and not-for-profit organisations in England

Grant amount: Between £1 million and £5 million

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.

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.

The ABC Charitable Trust

Deadline

The next deadline for applications to the Open Programme is 30 January 2026

How to apply

<https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/apply>

Funding Details

Organisations working in priority areas, supporting work that promotes human dignity and defends the human rights of the most marginalised and excluded people.

- 1) The Human Rights Framework
- 2) Access to justice
- 3) The criminal legal system and penal reform
- 4) Migrants and refugees

Funding decisions are made by the trusts Board and Grants Committee (a subgroup of four members of the Board), both of which meet quarterly. Grant decisions up to £30k pa are made by the Grants Committee, whereas anything above £30k pa is considered by the full Board.

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Calisen Impact Charitable Trust

Deadline

The next application deadline is 31 December 2025.

How to apply

<https://www.calisenimpactcharitabletrust.com/about-funding>

Funding Details

Who can apply: UK-registered charities can apply for grants for projects that demonstrate clear, measurable impact, through ways like lives improved, emissions reduced, or communities strengthened

Grant amount: The maximum Grant Available: £10,000 per project

Funding priorities:

- Youth Empowerment, Children's Play & Safe Spaces
- Hospice & Palliative Care
- Community-Based Social Benefit Projects
- Net-Zero & Energy Efficiency Projects

Fund initiatives that demonstrate clear, measurable impact, through ways like lives improved, emissions reduced, or communities strengthened. The Trustees retain full discretion to fund projects that they believe offer the greatest potential for meaningful impact.

FCC Community Action Fund

Deadline

10 November 2025 5pm

How to apply

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/apply>

Funding Details

Applications can be submitted from:

- Registered Charity which operates a community facility
- A Church or Parochial Church Council
- A Parish or Town Council or a Management Committee or User Association acting on behalf of a Parish or Town Council
- A Local Authority
- A CASC Registered Sports Club

Only applications for projects sited within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility can be accepted. Grant amount: Between £2,000 - £100,000 to not for profit organisations for amenity projects under Object D (Public park or other public amenity) and Object DA (Conservation or promotion of biodiversity) of the landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

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The Clothworkers Foundation

Deadline

Applications can be submitted at any time. They are reviewed on a rolling basis.

How to apply

<https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant#apply-process>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

- UK-registered charities, or organisations that are able to demonstrate their not-for-profit status and with appropriate asset locks (e.g. CICs without share capital and Community Benefit Societies).
- With an annual turnover of less than £10 million if applying for a grant of more than £15,000 (a 'Large Grant')
- With an annual turnover of less than £2 million if applying for a grant of £15,000 or less (a 'Small Grant').
- Must be able to demonstrate that the work of your organisation fits within one or more of our Programme Areas below, and that at least 50% of service users benefiting from the capital project are from one or more of those groups.

Grant amount:

Small Grant = Up to £15,000 (One stage application process)

Large Grant = Over £15,000 (Has a two stage process)

Funds capital costs that support the infrastructure needs of small- and medium-sized charitable organisations working with disadvantaged and marginalised people and communities.

Programme areas:

- Communities experiencing racial inequalities
- Disabilities including mental health or visual impairment
- Domestic or sexual abuse
- Economic disadvantage
- Homelessness
- LGBT+ communities
- Older people facing disadvantage
- Prison rehabilitation
- Substance misuse and addiction
- Young people facing disadvantage

Eligible projects - capital projects:

- Building or refurbishment projects
- Fittings, Fixtures or equipment
- Digital Infrastructure
- Vehicles

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The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation

Deadline

Grants are awarded at the Trustees' quarterly meetings. Applicants must first complete an eligibility test before submitting a full application.

How to apply

General Fund eligibility test: https://formapply.formstack.com/forms/agf_prequiz
<https://www.albertgubayfoundation.org/applications/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: All eligible projects must be run by registered charities or associated with Roman Catholic Diocesan charities that are registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales.

Requests to the General Fund must have annual expenditure less than £10 million.

The project must meet one or more of the foundation's priorities:

- **Victims of modern slavery:** to provide facilities for and support to victims on their journey back to independent living, better mental health and employment.
- **Victims of domestic abuse:** to provide emergency safety and to support victims through associated poverty and mental health issues.
- **Ex-offenders and their families:** to support the ex-offenders back to work and contributing positively to society and to support their families whose lives can be severely impacted.
- **Homelessness:** to provide facilities for and support people, especially young people, on their journey back to independent living, better mental health and employment.
- **Medical research:** to support research that could lead to preventing or slowing the onset of a condition or to lessen the symptoms.
- **Support for people with terminal illnesses / life limiting conditions and their carers:** to provide hospice care to support individuals and give respite to their carers to assist them with their mental health and other ambitions.
- **Drug and substance misuse:** to support rehabilitation and the journey back to independent living and work.
- **Support for people with intellectual disability:** to provide support with personal care, job skills and supported living.
- **Care leavers:** to give them a chance to succeed on a par with other young people.
- **Worship and associated community outreach:** to ensure places of worship are energy efficient and watertight with an emphasis on wider community use of church halls or Church buildings where those buildings are redundant or too large and where the parish has a focus on non-conditional outward facing work.
- **Amateur sport:** to improve physical and mental health with a focus on sport provision for people with disabilities.
- **Care for the elderly:** to allow quality care for those who cannot afford private care or continue living at home.

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Common Ground Award

Deadline

21st November 2025

How to apply

<https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/common-ground-award-1>

Funding Details

Who can apply: VCSE organisations with a base and operating in England, with charitable, benevolent or philanthropic purposes can apply for this grant.

Grant amount: There is no minimum amount of funding that you can apply for. Successful organisations will be awarded up to £10,000, as a capital grant.

Applicants are welcome to also outline how capital improvements could be scaled up further, beyond £10,000, up to a maximum of £50,000. However, such requests will only be considered in exceptional cases – subject to availability of scheme funding, and where the applicant has a high overall assessment score against the criteria set out below, including a strong justification for the proposed level of investment.

Capital grants can be used to support new builds, refurbishment, and expansion of facilities used to build bridging social capital. Funding can also cover essential equipment, such as laptops or furniture for the property.

Steve Morgan Foundation

Deadline

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

How to apply

Organisations must complete the Foundations online eligibility checker. Those who meet the criteria will be directed to the application - <https://stevemorganfoundation.org.uk/regional-grants/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations with an annual income between £300,000 and £5 million

Grant amount: From £250,000 to £500,000

Aims 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.

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The Kristina Martin Charitable Trust

Deadline

12th December 2025

How to apply

<https://sites.google.com/kmct.org.uk/kmct/home/apply-for-a-grant>

Funding Details

Eligibility criteria:

- UK Registered charities with a written constitution, charitable aims and impact in local, UK or international settings
- Minimum of 3 Trustees who are not related
- Have a core focus to support mental health well-being

Charles Hayward Foundation

Deadline

There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time

How to apply

<https://charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/grants/older-people/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: UK registered charities that have an annual income of less than 350k

Grant amount: Up to £7,000.

The projects must be in the UK and benefit older people (over 60's). Focusing on helping older people to stay in their own homes, remaining independent and improving their quality of life, offering a consistent and sustained benefit.

- Aim to alleviate isolation and depression in older people, including formal day care or regular social, physical and recreational activities
- Give practical help, assistance and support for older people living in their own homes
- Address the emotional and practical needs of people with dementia and their carers.

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Sports England – Leading the Movement

Deadline

The programme will run until March 2029, those interested are encouraged to register for updates

How to apply

<https://www.leadingthemovement.org>

Funding Details

Who can apply: The programme is aimed at individuals of all levels, whether paid or volunteer, in either formal or informal roles, who are helping people to be active in places with limited opportunities.

Grant amount: Contact Sports England to obtain

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Boxing is Love Equipment Fund

Deadline

- 6 October – 10 November 2025 (9:00pm GMT)
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome by 10 December 2025

How to apply

<https://www.boxingislove.org/fundandgrants?>

Funding Details

This fund is open to UK-based boxing gyms, charities, and youth-focused organisations that can demonstrate how their work reflects the values of Boxing is Love.

The Boxing is Love Equipment Fund will be giving away free punching bags and offering an additional £10,000 worth of high-quality boxing bags at heavily subsidised rates to UK gyms, charities, and youth organisations that share their values.

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The Movement Fund

Deadline

No application deadline

How to apply

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding-and-campaigns/our-funding/movement-fund/apply-movement-fund>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Your organisation must be not-for-profit

- They fund organisations including: sports clubs, charities, local authorities, Community Benefit Societies, not-for-profit companies, schools – where the project is additional to what they have to deliver and where it's open to the wider community (not just pupils)

The movement fund supports all types of physical activity including active travel, walking, cycling, fitness, sporting activities.

Covenant Fund Trust – Apart, Not alone 2025–26

Deadline

- 21 January 2026 12pm, will receive decision before end March 2026

How to apply

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/apart-not-alone-support-for-serving-families-programme-2025-26/>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

- Registered charities with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities.
- Community interest Companies (CICs) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities.
- Armed Forces units or bases.

Grant amount: £5,000 - £50,000

Projects that will help mitigate the impact of service-related separation for families of serving personnel and reservists. The project needs to address one or more of the following outcomes:

- Families feel more able to manage the impact of loneliness or isolation during periods of separation.
- Families experience fewer challenges during reintegration after deployment or extended separation.
- Improved mental health and wellbeing for serving families.
- Improved understanding of effective models of support for serving families.

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Covenant Fund Trust – Hidden Voices

Deadline

21 January 2026 12pm, will receive decision before end March 2026

How to apply

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/hidden-voices-programme-2024-25/>

Funding Details

- Who can apply: UK based registered charities, Community Interest Company (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces Communities, Local Authorities

Grant amount: £3,000 - £25,000 towards a project being delivered over 12 months

Your project will need to meet both of the following outcomes:

- Those who are underrepresented, or whose voices are seldom heard, within the armed forces community, have equitable access to mental health and wellbeing support which meets their specific needs.
- Awareness of the needs of underrepresented groups within the armed forces community has been raised among organisations supporting them, through mutual learning and knowledge exchange to embed best practice.

Veterans Foundation

Deadline

- 12th January 2026 - for a decision by end of March 2026.

How to apply

<https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: All registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations (as per the eligibility checker) that support the foundation's beneficiaries may apply. Priority is given to charities and organisations who can demonstrate that they are directly involved in the provision of support to those in need. They seek to prioritise organisations who have a low to medium income.

Grant amount:

- Standard Grants of up to a maximum of £30,000 are available. This can be for one year or a multi-year grant for up to three years (e.g., £10,000 per year, over three years).
- Salary Grants of up to a maximum of £75,000 are available for the exclusive use of salary costs over a three-year period, with the maximum annual grant being £25,000 (e.g., £25,000 per year, over three years).

The funding provided by the Veterans' Foundation supports projects addressing social care issues such as homelessness, employability, financial disadvantage, disability, welfare concerns, mental health, and support during old age.

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Social Housing Innovation Fund

Deadline

- 9th January 2026

How to apply

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-housing-innovation-fund-prospectus/social-housing-innovation-fund-prospectus#apply-for-funding>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

- Registered providers of social housing (including local authority registered providers and private registered providers)
- Tenant Management Organisations
- Arms Length Management Organisations
- Groups representing the interests of social housing tenants

This is provided the organisation is Company Limited by Guarantee, Community Interest Company (CIC), Community Benefit Society (CBS), Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), Local authority.

Grant amount: Up to £100,000, this fund will provide grant funding to social landlords, tenant representative groups and other relevant organisations to test innovative projects which seek to improve tenant engagement with landlords and strengthen resident voice on matters that affect their homes.

Better Youth Spaces Programme

Deadline

- 6th November 2025 12 Noon

How to apply

Check postcode eligibility:

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/alannah.keogh/viz/BetterYouthSpacesEligibilityChecker/Postcodedashboardboard> and visit

website - <https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/better-youth-spaces/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Youth organisations in 42 priority areas of England that are not-for-profit, with at least 50% of their provision for children/ young people aged up to 18, and a significant proportion of that provision must be open access youth provision for children and young people aged 11 to 18 years (or up to 25 years if they have special educational needs or disabilities, are leaving care, or considered 'at risk' or vulnerable).

Grant amount: £5,000 - £100,000

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Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

Deadline

The next deadline is 1st December 2025.

Awards are usually made within 4 months of the application deadline.

How to apply

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

Funding Details

Who can apply: Charities registered in the UK that work to provide sanctuary, rehoming, and rehabilitation for animals both domestically and/or internationally

Grant amount: Up to £10,000.

The funding can be used for general running costs or capital purchases. This funding opportunity is provided by the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust, which welcome repeat applications from charities, subject to availability. Preference is given to smaller animal welfare charities.

The Animal Defence Trust

Deadline

The next closing date for applications is 31st March 2026.

How to apply

Visit: <https://www.animaldefencetrust.org/index.html>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Approved animal welfare charities working to rescue and care for animals that have suffered cruelty. Eligible organisations must be registered charities with a proven track record in animal welfare work.

Grant amount: The Animal Defence Trust website gives no information on the minimum or maximum grants available.

The Trust's main objectives are protecting animals from suffering and mistreatment, promoting research to reduce animal use in scientific experiments, and ensuring proper accommodation for animals during transportation. It provides grant funding to registered charities in the United Kingdom and internationally that are actively involved in animal rescue and rehabilitation efforts.

The grants, which are for capital projects and running costs, aim to support a wide range of activities, including providing shelter, medical treatment, and care for abused or neglected animals.

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The National Churches Trust

Deadline

Medium and small grants - The deadline for 1st stage applications is 16th December 2025.

How to apply

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

Funding Details

Who can apply: Listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination in the UK.

Grants awarded will never exceed 50% of the project cost.

Grant amount:

- Large grants - Grants are provided of up to £50,000 for urgent structural repair projects and for projects to install kitchens and toilets. The grant awarded will never exceed 50% of the project cost.
- Medium and small grants - Grants are provided of up to £10,000 to support urgent repair and maintenance issues and project development work. Also, small investigative works and surveys.

Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme

Deadline

You must apply between 27 October 2025 and 8 December 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.

How to apply

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/places-of-worship-protective-security-scheme#how-to-apply>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Church, Gurdwara, Temple, Faith community centre (linked to a place of worship and host regular, active worship), Other place of worship. You will also need to be a registered charity (or exempt from registering as a charity).

The Home Office is offering funded security measures (like CCTV, alarms, and secure doors) to places of worship and faith community centres in England and Wales that are at risk of hate crime. The scheme covers installation and one year of maintenance.

What the scheme covers if your application is successful, you may receive:

- CCTV
- secure fencing or gates
- stronger doors and locks
- window protection
- intruder alarms
- entry systems (keypad, fob, intercom)
- external lighting
- secure mailboxes

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Baily Thomas General Grants Programme

Deadline

The next deadline for applications for the main programme is the 1st December 2025. Applications to the small grants programme can be made at any time.

How to apply

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

Funding Details

Who can apply: UK charities, parent-teacher Associations, and schools can apply for grants to help children and adults suffering severe learning difficulties, including autism.

The fund does not currently accept appeals from Community Interest Companies.

Grant amount: There are two funding programmes. The main programme for grant of above £9,000 and a small grants programme for appeals below £9,000.

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

Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity Grants

Deadline

Charities interested in applying should first submit an expression of interest (EOI), which can be submitted anytime. If shortlisted, applicants will be invited to complete a full application.

How to apply

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

Funding Details

Who can apply: Registered charities in England that support disadvantaged children and young people.

Grant amount:

- Small grants ranging from £1,000 to £5,000, are available to charities with an annual income between £25,000 and £500,000 and can be used for any purpose (unrestricted).
- Large grants ranging from £10,000 to £60,000, are available to charities with an annual income between £500,000 and £5 million. Funds may be spent on salaries, equipment, training, monitoring and administration.

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The Allen Lane Foundation

Deadline

Young people's programme - Applications can be made at any time. Those received now until early December will next be considered in February 2026

How to apply

<https://allenlane.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Charities and not-for-profit organisations who work with young people aged 12-21 who are socially excluded or marginalised, and who may have experienced significant issues within their lives.

The Foundation will only fund smaller organisations. Organisations that work across a local area and have an annual income of less than £100,000. Organisations that work across the entire UK must have an annual income of less than £250,000.

Grant amount: £5,000-£15,000

Those that focus their work on:

- Young people within criminal justice system,
- Looked after children or care leavers
- Those with mental health concerns or complex needs,
- Young people who have been traumatised by challenging family backgrounds, neglect, violence or abuse
- Those that have fallen through gaps in care and/or education
- Those already affected by, or vulnerable to exploitation
- Whose experiences could seriously impact their transition into adulthood.

Ironmongers Company

Deadline

18 November 2025, 5pm

How to apply

<https://www.ironmongers.org/helping-charitable-organisations>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

Grants are only given to registered charities. They do not give grants to community interest companies.

Grant amount: £3,000 to £10,000. All of the criteria must be met.

Projects must:

- Have a commencement date after 31 October 2025 (Spring 2025 round) or 30 April 2026 (Autumn 2025 round)
- Be for children and young people under the age of 25 who are disadvantaged
- Consist of educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills
- Have clear aims and objectives to be met within a planned timescale
- Be carried out within the UK.

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Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Youth Fund

Deadline

Applications can be submitted at any time

How to apply

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/youth-fund?tab=section56852>

Funding Details

Offering grants for organisations who work with young people aged 14-25 and complete targeted work with and for young people who face transitions in their lives which may be challenging or create barriers work that recognizes young peoples multiple and overlapping identities (for example race, gender, sexual orientation, class, faith, migration status, ability)

The Youth Fund is designed to be a strategic investment in your organisation, so only fund:

- For the full three years and at the amount appropriate to your plans to drive change;
- Organisations where at least 50% of the organisation's focus is on work with and for 14–25 year olds; and
- Not-for-profit organisations which can be charities, community organisations, social enterprises and not-for-profit companies with a turnover over £30,000 and under £3.5 million. Non-charities must clearly declare how funding is for charitable purposes and have an asset lock in place.

Funding provided:

- Up to £50,000 per year for three years (max grant £150,000). They prefer to fund organisations at the maximum amount and term. We do not make grants of less than £30,000 per year;
- To cover core operating costs (salaries, organisation and delivery costs); and
- To grow the impact of what you already do. They are not looking to fund new or untested approaches, projects or finite pieces of work.

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Youth Guarantee Trailblazer

Deadline

9th November 2025 11.59pm

How to apply

<https://volamerseyside.org.uk/ygt>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Applications are invited from constituted, VCFSE sector organisations, run on a not-for-profit basis, with an operational base in the Liverpool City Region.

- Organisations must have a bank account in its own name with at least two unrelated authorised signatories.
- In addition, applicant organisations must have been in existence for at least 12 months and be a going concern.

All project activity needing to be complete and funding spent by 31st March 2026.

Grant amount: £10,000- £40,000 per application.

Focus on support for 18-21 year olds who are not in employment, education or training (NEET), with the purpose of supporting them to gain further skills and employment.

Projects that support young LCR residents to overcome barriers and help them to progress towards and into employment, education or training.

Key themes of Community Grant investment:

- Mental health support – including dealing with bereavement support
- Support for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Neurodivergent young people
- Support for those with a record of youth offending and recidivism
- Support for young, single parents
- Support to prevent substance misuse (including those with a highly addictive potential such as Ketamine that have increased in use by particular groups of young people), current drug users, and CPD for professionals working with drug users
- Financial skills and money management
- Team/trust building
- Building soft and communication skills as well as literacy and numeracy needs
- Mentoring/coaching and capacity-building in specific sectors
- Confidence building for targeted vulnerable groups including those experiencing, or with experience of, homelessness
- Support for individuals who experience multiple barriers and disadvantage including at least one of the above.

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Funding Futures Programme

Deadline

Application window opens 01.10.2025 - Application assessed Jan-Mar 2026

How to apply

<https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/funding-futures-programme/>

Funding Details

To be considered for the Funding Futures Programme, you must:

- Have an idea or have been operating for less than 4 years
- Aged 16-30 years old
- Located in UK
- Focused on Financial inclusion sector

Grant amount:

- Starting up - Up to £8,000
- Scaling up - Up to £18,000

The Funding Futures Programme funds and supports 16-30 year olds with great ideas for solutions to help those sidelined by the financial system – giving them the tools they need to build financial resilience in their communities, so they become fairer places to live, with opportunities for all. Ideas could tackle financial exclusion directly or indirectly.

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Youth Music Trailblazer Fund

Deadline

Trailblazer Round 11 - Deadline: 21 November 2025, 5pm

How to apply

<https://www.youthmusic.org.uk/funding/i-need-funding/trailblazer-fund>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Organisations in England to run projects for children and young people (25 or under) to make, learn and earn in music.

Grant amount: £2,000 - £30,000

The project should trial work or test a new way of working, sustain a grassroots programme or disrupt the status quo (or all three!). Your work must meet one of our themes:

- Early years
- Disabled, d/Deaf and neurodivergent young people
- Youth justice system
- Young people facing barriers
- Young adults
- Organisations and the workforce.

Weaver's Company Criminal Justice Grants

Deadline

The next closing date for applications is the 13th November 2025.

How to apply

Visit: <https://weavers.org.uk/charity/charitable-grants/>

Funding Details

Registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations, and in exceptional circumstances Community Interest Companies can apply for grants for projects that support offenders and ex offenders as well as into work and helping specific less popular groups within the Criminal Justice sector.

The funding is being made available through the Weaver's Company. In allocating funding, priority is given to projects that support offenders into work and projects that work with less popular groups in society. A secondary priority is given to supporting projects that work with young people from disadvantaged and socio-economically challenged groups, such as immigrants, to ensure that they are given every possible chance to realise their full potential and to participate fully in society.

The company operates two funding streams:

- 1) A Small Grants Programme that provides grant of up to £5,000
- 2) A Main Grants Programme which has no maximum grant limit.

The funding is available for both project and core cost. Applicants must show they have investigated other sources of funding and made plans for the future funding.

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Arts-based Learning Fund

Deadline

Applications can be submitted at any time

How to apply

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/arts-based-learning-fund?tab=section53431#section53431>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

- Formal and cultural organisations working in partnership with formal education settings
- Arts organisations which can be charities, community organisations, social enterprises and not for profit companies active in the arts and culture sector
- Organisations led by people most impacted by oppression, including racism, ableism, classism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, and/or transphobia
- Organisations that are developing established programmes of work and/or testing new approach

Grant amount: £30,000 - £300,000. Up to £100,000 per year - Duration of 1-4 years for:

Funding available for:

- Core funding e.g. for salaries and organisational costs;
- Costs of delivering work such as artist practitioners' fees, teacher cover, equipment and materials;
- Training and ongoing professional development for freelancers and staff; or
- Costs of gathering and sharing evidence relating to this work.

Student Opportunities Programme

Deadline

16th January 2026

How to apply

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

Funding Details

Who can apply: Only accept applications from organisations whose primary purpose relates to objects and works of art. As a registered charity we can only pay grants to organisations who are registered for public interest, these include: Charities, Community Incorporated Organisations (CIO), Community Interest Companies (CIC), Charitable Community Benefit Societies.

Grants amount: Up to £10,000

Aim of funding is to help museums, galleries and visual arts organisations provide paid opportunities for full time university students to gain work experience

They will fund the costs associated with paying students for the time they spend supporting your organisation in delivering projects. This is based on the current National and London Living Wage rates.

Encourage applications that focus on facilitating public engagement with art – whether that be online or in real life.

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Educational Opportunity Foundation

Deadline

Stage 1 application deadline for UK projects is 14.01.26 (Grants Committee meeting 15.04.26)

How to apply

<https://educationalopportunity.org.uk/home/grants/main-fund/apply-here/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: UK registered charities with an income of between £25,000 - £2.5 million

Organisations must demonstrate financial stability, submit at least three years of accounts, and have safeguarding procedures in place.

Grant amount: £30,000 - £90,000 per project (Max £30k per year for multi year projects).

Funding is available for projects that improve the educational outcomes and life chances of care experienced young people (under the age of 25 and living in the UK)

- New or pilot projects, or projects which have started in the past 12 months.
- Funding is available for one to three years.
- Between 25% to 100% of total project costs, but will give preference to projects with some degree of matched funding.
- Annual grant payments cannot exceed 50% of an organisation's three-year average income.
- Overhead contributions up to 20% of the total grant.

School-based Nursery Capital Grant

Deadline

11th December 2025 5pm

How to apply

<https://apply-for-school-based-nurseries-capital-grant.education.gov.uk/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Eligible state-funded primary-phase schools and maintained nursery schools

Grant amount: Up to £150,000 of capital funding to create or expand a school-based nursery.

The objective of the SBN programme is to build capacity in areas of need, especially in deprived areas, enhancing the overall local offer without negatively impacting provision in close proximity, including that delivered by external providers. The Best Start in Life strategy recognises that children growing up in poverty or facing social challenges often lack access to high-quality early education, which can significantly impact their readiness for school and long-term outcomes.

By establishing nurseries within schools in these communities, the programme seeks to provide accessible, nurturing environments where children can thrive from the earliest stages, helping to close the attainment gap and support stronger, fairer futures for all.

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The Bagri Foundation

Deadline

There is a two stage application process. The deadline for stage 1 applications is 11pm on 3 October 2025. The deadline for stage 2 application is 11pm on 17th November 2025.

How to apply

Visit: https://bagrifoundation.org/funding-opportunities?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Funding Details

Who can apply: The Foundation is inviting UK non-profits to apply for funding for projects that explore and promote Asian arts and culture. The scheme is open to registered charities, CIOs, CICs, exempt charities, and experienced creative collectives. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Grants amount: Range from £5,000 to £150,000, typically covering 10-40% of the total project cost. For funding requests over £75,000, applicants are advised to contact the Foundation in advance.

Projects must focus on traditional or contemporary Asian culture and involve established or mid-career artists from Asia or its diasporas.

Esmee Fairbairn Communities and Collections Fund

Deadline

The next deadline for expressions of interest is 21 January 2026, shortlisted applicants will be notified 23rd February 2026. Shortlisted applications will need to make a second stage application by 13th May 2026 and grants will be awarded at end of June 2026.

How to apply

<https://www.museumsassociation.org/funding/efccf/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: The fund supports work with museum collections to improve inclusion and equitable working with community partners through core grants and partnership project grants

Grant amount: Up to £100,000 over a maximum of three years.

- 1) Core grants to single museum organisations - For strategic development of their inclusive collections work
- 2) Partnership project grants for museums and community organisations working equitably with collections to achieve shared aims for inclusion.

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Cultural Bridge Programme 2026 – 2027

Deadline

Application deadline: 12pm (UK) Wednesday 12th November 2025

Decisions: by 2nd February 2026

Activity starts: from 1st April 2026

Activity ends: by 31st March 2027

How to apply

<https://www.cultural-bridge.info/funding/>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

Cultural Bridge is open to all artforms. The 2026 - 2027 funding round will prioritise support for:

- Smaller arts & cultural organisations who don't already receive significant or sustained funding
- Organisations based or working with communities outside of major cities e.g. in rural areas or less populated urban centres
- Organisations who empower local communities through their creative work
- Organisations whose work aligns with our programme aims and place themes
- Organisations who foster equity, diversity and inclusion through their leadership and practice

Grant amount:

Tier 1: Practice exchange & development of new partnerships, up to £10,000 per partnership

Supporting the development of brand new partnerships between arts and cultural organisations in the UK and Germany.

Tier 2: Co-development and project delivery for established partnerships, up to £30,000 per partnership

Supporting further development of partnerships, where organisations already have experience of working together.

Organisations can apply for a contribution to personal access costs in addition to the funding outlined above, see the full guidance for further information.

Cultural Bridge supports arts and cultural organisations across the UK and Germany to develop partnerships that explore social arts practice.

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Dying Matters Community Grants

Deadline

5th December 2025 at 5pm

How to apply

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/innovation-hub/support-for-your-role/grants/dying-matters-community-grants#content-menu-27252>

Funding Details

Who can apply: The grant programme is only open to applications from hospices.

Grant amount: £5,000 - £10,000

The grants programme aims to support a portfolio of arts and culture projects which work to open up conversations about dying, death and grief in new and creative ways at a grassroots level. They hope to support hospices to build new partnerships, particularly with arts and cultural organisations.

Supporting Grassroots music

Deadline

Round 4 - 20/11/2025, Round 5 - 11/12/2025, Round 6 - 23/01/2026

How to apply

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/supporting-arts-museums-and-libraries/supporting-grassroots-music>

Funding Details

Who can apply: The fund is exclusively open to music venues, music festivals, promoters, recording studios, rehearsal studios/spaces and additionally to sector bodies operating in grassroots music.

They accept applications from organisations (both registered companies and unincorporated groups, with an appropriate governing document), and individuals (working either on their own behalf or as a sole trader).

Grant amount: £1,000 - £40,000 for projects up to 3 years in length

This investment programme currently supports venues, festivals and promoters, recording studios and rehearsal spaces as well as sector bodies operating in grassroots music. It also supports grassroots music sector bodies in their work to develop and support the sector.

Eligible projects support the transition of artists, bands and industry professionals to sustainable careers in music, as well as the development of new audiences and the grassroots music sector as a whole.

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National Lottery Project Grants

Deadline

Applications can be made at any time, with decisions expected within ten weeks of submission.

How to apply

<https://nlpg.artscouncil.org.uk>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Individuals and organisations can apply to National Lottery Project Grants.

Anyone who applies to Project Grants needs to:

- Be based within (live in or have a business address in) England or the wider UK
- Be at least 18 years old (organisations must have an accountable person who is at least 18)

You can apply for projects that last up to three years

All applications must be made through online application portal

Grant amount: £1,000-£100,000+

Activities supported through Project Grants must have a primary outcome that focuses on one or more of these disciplines:

- Combined arts, including festivals and carnivals
- Dance
- Libraries, for activity that delivers against at least one of the four Universal Library Offers
- Literature
- Music
- Museums and collections
- Theatre
- Visual arts

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The Heritage Revival Fund

Deadline

Project Development Grants - 19 January 2026 for a decision in March 2026

How to apply

<https://ahfund.org.uk/grants/England/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Charities and not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises

1) Project viability Grants

Grant amount: Up to £15,000, Up to 1 year

Funding covers: Project costs and overheads

Project stage: RIBA Plan of Work stage 0 - 2

Match-funding: Preferred, but not essential

2) Project development grants

Grant amount: Up to £100,000, Up to 1 year

Funding covers: Project costs and overheads

Project stage: RIBA Plan of Work stage 2 - 4

Match-funding: Minimum 10% match funding is required

The Heritage Revival Fund has been created to help communities across England rescue and repurpose neglected historic buildings. This programme will focus on regenerating historic buildings in town centre locations. Priority will be given to historic buildings in towns across England

Supporting community organisations to take ownership of, adapt and reuse the local heritage assets that matter to them, transforming them into thriving spaces that meet their needs.

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Museum Fundamentals

Deadline

Closing date for expressions of interest 5pm Friday 6 February 2026.

Full application spring round 5pm Friday 27 March 2026.

How to apply

<https://aim-museums.co.uk/grants/museum-fundamentals/>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

- Be an AIM member
- Be a UK registered charity or,
- An organisation with exempt charitable status or,
- A recognised public body i.e., Local Authority Museum
- Be a small or medium museum
- Have fewer than 50,000 visitors per annum
- Own the collections that are the focus of the project.

Grant amount: Up to £20,000

The grant encourages small and medium sized museums to create projects based on their collection's needs, which improve knowledge, care and access to our nation's heritage.

The DCMS/Wolfson Fund

Deadline

14 November 2025 5pm

How to apply

All applications must be submitted to dcmswolfsonfund@dcms.gov.uk with projects to be complete March 27

Funding Details

Who can apply: The Fund is open to bids from accredited museums, museum services and galleries in England falling into one of the following categories:

- Museums/museum services and universities with at least one Designated collection
- Current Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisations (NPOs)

Grant amount: Up to £400,000 towards eligible capital projects

Bids submitted for consideration must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Material improvements to the display and interpretation of collections, in permanent galleries, exhibition spaces and public spaces, to enhance visitor experience
- Improvements to access and/or interpretation for visitors with disabilities, children and young people, and/or underrepresented audiences
- Improvements to environmental controls, collections storage and conservation facilities to enhance the care of collections.

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CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT

National Lottery Community Fund – Climate Action Fund

Deadline

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis until at least 17th December 2025

How to apply

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

Funding Details

The National Lottery Community Fund has announced that the Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future is open for applications. This fund is part of a broader, ten-year £100 million commitment to supporting climate related activities at the community level and aims to support projects that integrate climate action into everyday community life and aims to support projects that integrate climate action into everyday community life, particularly targeting groups and individuals who have not previously engaged with environmental issues.

Grants available through the programme range from £500,000 to £1.5million for most projects, with the possibility of up to £3 million for exceptional initiatives running over a period of up to seven years.

Organisations eligible to apply include: Voluntary and community organisations, registered charities, charitable, incorporated organisations, schools, colleges and universities, statutory bodies (including local authorities, town, parish, or community councils), other not for profits organisations.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to consult with NLCF prior to submission to ensure alignment with fund.

STRATEGIC FUNDS & COUNCIL SPECIFIC

National Lottery Grants for Heritage

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. maritime and transport – places and objects linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history.

Friends Provident Foundation

Deadline

This rolling programme runs until September 2027, with applications reviewed three times a year. The next application review date is the 12th January 2026.

How to apply

Visit: <https://friendsprovidentfoundation.org/grants/#new-programme>

Funding Details

Organisations working towards systemic economic change in the UK can apply for funding under two key strands of the Friends Provident Foundation grants programme. Grants range from £100,000 to £120,000 over two years.

The Transforming Financial System 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.

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