

# PROGRAMMES OFFICE FUNDING BULLETIN

December 2025

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## Funding News

Culture 26; Made In Halton are offering two Cultural Grants designed to support the Culture 26; Made in Halton programme.

This grant programme has been developed in partnership with Halton Borough Council and Cultivate Halton.

Access Grants open through the whole year. This grant is up to £500 and is for Community organisations only. Application forms to: [clare.dinsdale@halton.gov.uk](mailto:clare.dinsdale@halton.gov.uk)

Aspire Grants deadline 10th December (midnight). This grant is for applications between £501-£10,000 and is open to community organisations and private businesses/freelancers who have a bank account in their business name – for further details about eligibility please see application form. Application forms to: [rachael.prime@halton.gov.uk](mailto:rachael.prime@halton.gov.uk)

## Funding News

Arts Council Funds open to applications

- National Lottery Project Grants
- Supporting Grassroots music
- Research & Development for individuals

National Lottery Funds open to applications:

- National Lottery Awards for All England
- National Lottery Awards for All England-Environment
- Reaching Communities England
- The Solidarity Fund
- The UK Fund
- Health Inequities: Structural Racism and Discrimination Partnership
- #iwill Fund 2025
- Climate Action Fund

## Funding News

National Lottery Awards for All

Providing funding for projects that bring people together to build strong relationships and improve communities in England. You can apply for a grant of between £300 and £20,000 for projects lasting up to 2 years.

You can use the funding to:

- start a new activity or continue an existing one
- help your organisation adapt to new challenges

We fund projects that:

- bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

# COMMUNITY

## National Lottery Community Fund – Solidarity Grant

### Deadline

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

### How to apply

[www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/the-solidarity-fund](http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/the-solidarity-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:** Max £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.

## Charles Hayward Foundation – Older People

### 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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## 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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## 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.

## The Kristina Martin Charitable Trust

### Deadline

12<sup>th</sup> 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

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## Forte Charitable Foundation

### Deadline

There are no deadlines

### How to apply

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

### Funding Details

Formerly Treehouse Charitable Foundation

Who can apply:

- Charitable organisations (including social enterprises, not-for-profit registered companies and voluntary organisations) in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- UK based small to medium sized local organisations with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts

Large grants - Eligible organisation's with a total annual income up to £500,000

Grant amount:

- Small grants £2,000 - £10,000. For organisations with an income under £250,000. Must have a focus on community focused projects
- Large grants.
  1. Single year grants between £10,000 and £50,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs or
  2. Multi-year grants for a maximum of 3 years, not to exceed £100,000 in total over this period, for core costs, salaries, running or project costs.

No more than £50,000 can be applied for in any given year. Organisations should have a focus on Family Support

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## Aviva Community Fund

### Deadline

15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### How to apply

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/>

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

To apply to the Fund, project owners must:

- Be age 18 or older, UK resident
- Be an authorised employee, volunteer, trustee, director or officer of the organisation
- Have authority from the organisation to apply to the Fund, and use a UK IP address and not use a disposable email address.

Organisations must be one of the following types of organisations and based in the UK.

- Charity\*
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO);
- Community Interest Company (CIC);
- Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG); or
- Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC);

- Have been operating for at least 12 months and have published financial data available
- Have an annual income of no more than £2 million (can be averaged over the last three financial years)
- Have a UK bank account in its own name
- Have a safeguarding policy (if the organisation supports children or vulnerable people)
- Be a living wage employer (if the organisation employs people)
- Have an active board of trustees or directors or management body

\*Organisations set up as trusts (including charitable trusts) are not currently eligible to participate in the Fund.

Match funding - Up to £250 per donation received.

Organisations can receive up to £50,000 in match funding.

Successful applications will focus on one or two of our key funding areas:

- Climate action—promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change
- Financial wellbeing—helping people take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially independent and ready for anything

If your Organisation's core mission is aligned to one of these key funding areas, then it is also acceptable for your Project to be fundraising to cover your Organisation's usual operational costs.

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## Baily Thomas General Grants Programme

### Deadline

Meetings of the Trustees are usually held in March, June and November of each year. The deadlines for submitting an appeal for funding of £9,000 and above are:-

- 31 December for consideration at the interim meeting in March
- 31 March for consideration at the June meeting
- 31 August for consideration at the November meeting.

Keep checking the website as submission deadline dates may be subject to change.  
There are no submission deadlines for applicants seeking funding below £9,000.

### How to apply

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

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

Charities and organisations who aim to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability. For full clarity on the Fund's remit please refer to the published eligibility information. The Fund does not currently accept appeals from Community Interest Companies.

Grant amount: from £250 and depend on a number of factors including the purpose, the total funding requirement and the potential sources of other funds including, in some cases, matching funding.

Applications for capital and revenue costs and for both specific projects and for general running/core costs are considered.

The following areas of work normally fall within the Fund's current policy providing they benefit the learning disabled:

- Capital building/renovation/refurbishment works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools;
- Employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture;
- Play schemes and play therapy schemes;
- Day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs;
- Support for families, including respite schemes;
- Independent living schemes;
- Support in the community schemes;
- Snoezelen rooms.



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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

Sports England has launched the Leading the Movement programme to support and develop a more diverse network of leaders working to tackle inequalities in sport and physical activity. The £5 million National Lottery-funded programme aims to address the need for better representation and support among leaders from under-represented backgrounds. The programme aims to:

- Understand the challenges faced by sector leaders working to tackle inequalities, and explore solutions through engagement, training, coaching and mentoring
- Better connect leaders and encourage the exchange of information, ideas and learning
- Provide targeted support to under-represented leaders, and leaders working with under-served communities.

## The D'oyly Carte Charitable Trust

### Deadline

The deadline for next applications is 11:59pm on 21.01.2026 . Three grant-making meetings are held annually - March, July, and November

### How to apply

<https://doylycartecharitabletrust.org/how-to-apply/>

### Funding Details

**Who can apply:** UK Registered Charities, operating in the UK for benefit of UK residents  
Organisations annual returns to the Charity Commission must be up to date

**Grant amount:** £500 - £6,000

The Trustees will consider applications for core costs or projects.

Organisations work must align with the Trust's priorities for the next three years

**Funding priorities:**

- 1) The Arts - Access and participation choirs and singing, Engage with and inspire Young people through music and drama to improve employability, Performance development opportunities in early stages of careers.
- 2) Medical Welfare - Music & Art Therapy and non clinical interventions, Concerned with alleviating suffering of adults and children with medical conditions who have difficulty finding support through traditional sources, provision of breaks for carers
- 3) The Environment - social and therapeutic horticulture projects, active involvement in hands on conservation projects, Rural crafts and skills in heritage

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## Social Housing Innovation Fund

### Deadline

- 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## David Riddell Memorial CIO

### Deadline

- Applications will be taken all year round and assessed on a rolling basis. It is expected that the turnaround time for a successful application from submission to funding will be around 3 months.

### How to apply

<https://www.davidriddell.org/grants>

### Funding Details

Who can apply: Applications will only be considered from charities, including CIOs, and Community Interest Companies limited by guarantee registered in the United Kingdom.

Applications from smaller charities are particularly encouraged. Charities with income of more than £1 million, or with unrestricted reserves of more than 12 months, are unlikely to be successful.

Grant amount: Between £5,000 - £25,000

Only fund suicide awareness and prevention programmes run for charitable purposes. Applications can include full cost recovery. Applications for core costs may be considered to the extent that the mission of the applicant organisation meets our grant criteria. Priority will be given to innovative projects.

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## Macmillan CARE Grants

### Deadline

- 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

### How to apply

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/macmillan-funding-grants/care-grants>

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

Voluntary, community, faith or social enterprise (VCFSE) organisations based in the UK, including:

- Registered charities
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO)
- Community Interest Companies (CIC)
- Companies Limited by Guarantee
- Faith-based organisations
- Residents/tenants association and community groups
- Local sports clubs and Recreational/Social clubs
- Community benefit societies

Grant amount: £50,000 - £150,000

Fund projects that are community led and co-designed, staff costs for project roles and up to 15% overheads/core costs. The projects must fit under at least one of the themes below:

1. Cultural Responsiveness in Cancer Care - Projects that help healthcare services better understand and meet the cultural needs of different communities and remove barriers to person-centred care.
2. Shared Decision-Making - Projects that make it easier for people to understand their treatment options, take part in decisions about their cancer care, and reduce unfair differences in how this happens.
3. Dementia-Friendly Cancer Care - Projects that support people living with both cancer and dementia, improve their care experience, and help them and their carers take part in treatment decision

The funder is looking for projects that:

- Are designed by and with the people most affected.
- Have clear leadership and understand what partnerships are needed for success.
- Have the capacity to create change with clear goals, good plans and an understanding of the wider context they are operating in.

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## National Deaf Childrens Society Community Grants

### Deadline

- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with set assessment dates throughout the year.

### How to apply

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/community-grants>

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

To be able to apply, all applicants must:

- Be based in the UK
- Be a group or organisation with a UK bank or building society account
- Have a safeguarding policy, procedures, training and checks in place (if you work with or are in contact with children and/or vulnerable adults)
- Conduct risk assessments as standard for all activities
- Have appropriate insurance in place
- Have a governing document or constitution
- Produce annual accounts

Grant amount: £1,000 - £10,000 For 12 months

Funder is specifically looking to support projects that support deaf children aged between 0 and 5 years old and their families. Your project can support early years children directly or indirectly.

Applications will also need to show how they meet the funders priorities:

- Understanding the needs of your community
- Working together to create a project idea and design
- Involving and engaging with new people and other organisations in your community.
- Increasing the number of deaf children and families being able to access opportunities.
- Ensuring projects are accessible for deaf children and their families
- Identifiable short and long term benefits that impact deaf children and their families, ensuring that no deaf child is held back

The grant is intended to cover the essential running costs of your project, such as venue hire, transport, promotional costs, wages for sessional workers, interpreters and language tutors and equipment that is essential for the project such as play equipment or technology.

Grants must not be used for services that are provided as standard by government funded education or health services

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## 1001 Critical Days

### Deadline

Stage 1 application window closes Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### How to apply

There is a three-stage application process:

Stage One: Expression of Interest Form

Stage Two: Main Application Form

Stage Three: Meetings with Shortlisted Applications

Application guidance: <https://www.1001criticaldays.com/charities#funding-focus>

EOI Form: <https://form.jotform.com/252752700486358>

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

- UK registered charities
- Have at least 3 unrelated trustees
- Have been established for at least 2 years
- Have at least one set of accounts published on the charity commission website.

Grant amount: Up to £100,000 per year, for up to 5 years

Only fund projects that:

- Support babies during the 1001 critical days, from pregnancy through to the age of two.
- Enable babies, families and carers to access support without shame or stigma.
- Are delivered in an open access family hub or similar “one stop shop” setting - ensuring families have seamless/joined up support.<sup>1</sup> For more information on how we define family hubs and “one stop shop” settings, please check out the resources section of our website.
- Make a meaningful and measurable difference to the lives of babies

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## ROSA – Voices from the Frontline

### Deadline

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 4pm

### How to apply

<https://rosauk.org/our-programmes/voices-from-the-frontline/>

Online registration form: <https://rosa.beaconforms.com/form/1b6a1bee>

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

To be eligible for the Voices from the Frontline programme, your organisation must:

- Meet Rosa's definition of a women's and girls' organisation.
- Be a not-for-profit organisation
- Have a written governing document e.g., a constitution or set of rules
- Have a governing body with at least 3 unrelated members
- Have a UK-based bank or building society account in the name of your organisation with at least 2 unrelated signatories
- Have been active for one year and be able to produce annual accounts for a whole year
- Have an appropriate safeguarding policy in place
- Not have received a grant through Voices from the Frontline round 7 (which were awarded in April 2025).

They prioritise applicants that are:

- Operating in the top 20% of the most disadvantaged areas in the UK - based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD);
- Based in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland; • led by and for Black and minoritised women and girls
- Led by and for disabled women and girls
- Led by and for LGBTQ+ women and girls

Grant amount: Up to £10,000 - 18 month grant

They will fund organisations that will raise women's and girls' voices and challenge inequality, including:

- Campaigning for changes in policy and laws including activities such as petitions, social media campaigns and lobbying
- National campaigns that address issues that affect women and girls.
- Influencing community leaders and power holders about issues that affect women and girls in a particular place or community
- Gathering evidence or producing tools and reports which enable women and girls and women's organisations to campaign for change.
- Video and media campaigns about specific issues facing women
- Training activists in campaigning, advocacy, lobbying or public speaking

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## National Lottery Awards for All England

### Deadline

Open to applications - Submit your application at least 16 weeks before you need the funding.

### How to apply

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england/how-to-apply>

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

- Constituted voluntary or community organisation
- Constituted group or club
- Registered charity
- Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
- Not-for-profit company
- Community interest company (CIC) limited by guarantee or limited by shares (if limited by shares, you must follow the Regulator of Community Interest Companies' guidance on sharing profits)
- School – can only fund your project if it mainly benefits and involves the communities around the school
- Statutory body (including local authorities, town, parish, and community councils)
- Community benefit society

Grant amount: £300 - £20,000

Fund projects that:

- Bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage
- Support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis

Organisations can use the funding to:

- Start a new activity or continue an existing one
- Help your organisation adapt to new challenges

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## Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

### Deadline

The next deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 (For summer meeting). 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



# FAITH, YOUTH, SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

## The National Churches Trust

### Deadline

Large grants - Next stage 1 deadline is 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Medium and small grants - The deadline for 1<sup>st</sup> stage applications is 16<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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.

# FAITH, YOUTH, SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

## 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.

## 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.

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## Charles Hayward – Social & Criminal Justice

### Deadline

There is a two stage application process: Next deadline for submission of application is 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

The Grants Committee (a sub-group of the Foundation's trustees) meet three times a year to shortlist applications and decide which ones will progress to Stage 2. The Grants Committee meetings take place in March, July and November

### How to apply

Submit proposal by email to [grants@charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk](mailto:grants@charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk). Refer to website to check your charity meets eligibility criteria and for further detail on information to be included in application.

<https://charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/grants/social-criminal-justice/>

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

UK registered charities that have an annual income between £350,000 and £4,000,000. The funder is unlikely to make a grant to large charities which have endowments, make grants themselves, hold large reserves and/or have substantial contractual arrangements with the government.

Grants amount: £15,000 - £25,000 per year. The trustees will fund projects over 1-3 years.

Only fund projects in the following sub-categories:

- Targeted early intervention programmes aimed at reaching the most troubled and vulnerable families in a community.
- Tailored preventative and diversionary projects for young people at risk of offending, including interventions identifying and addressing the particular needs of girls and young women.
- Programmes combining prison-based and community interventions dealing with the rehabilitation of offenders, accommodation and support on release, maintaining family relationships, mentoring, and creating pathways to employment.
- Schemes offering viable alternatives to custody, in particular for women and young people.
- Programmes of support that alleviate the consequences of domestic abuse.

The trustees look for projects which:

- Address multiple and complex needs with a range of appropriate interventions.
- Are tailored to individual needs and local situations involving families and communities; these can be designed and delivered in partnership.
- Are of appropriate duration and intensity, have a clear rationale, and are properly monitored and evaluated.
- Have a plan for the future, including an 'exit strategy'.

The Foundation is also open to creative and specialist approaches and trialing new solutions.

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## Student Opportunities Programme

### Deadline

16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

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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

11<sup>th</sup> 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 Wolfson Foundation

### Deadline

Stage 1 application deadline: 5 January, 23.59

Stage 2 application deadline: 1 March, 23.59

Funding decision: June

### How to apply

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-special-schools-and-colleges/>

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

- A registered or exempt charity or a local authority
- If applicable, have at least a 'good' rating from a regulator such as CQC or Ofsted.

Grant amount: Minimum grant amount £25,000.

Usual grant range £40,000 - £75,000

If project cost is between £50,000 to £80,000, some match funding may be required. Projects costing above £80,000 should have at least 25% of match funding (required when submitting a Stage 2 application)

Support special schools and colleges for children and young people with special educational needs. Award grants to projects that support pupils at secondary level to develop skills which would help them to gain employment or live independently after school or college.

Your project should:

- Be for a new building, refurbishment work or equipment
- include capital costs of at least £50,000
- have a shortfall in capital funding of at least £25,000

Should also address at least one of the following aims:

- Increased access to services for new and existing users at secondary/post-16 level
- Improved quality and range of services
- Improved future sustainability of the organisation

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## Science Community Grant

### Deadline

27th February 2026

### How to apply

<https://royalsociety.org/grants/science-community-grant/>

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

- The grant is open to applicants from UK-based STEM institutions or organisations that can demonstrate a significant track record of engagement with both schools/colleges and STEM professionals. Applications are welcomed from organisations as a whole, or from groups/departments/faculties within organisations.

**Grant amount:** A maximum of £105,000 payable over three years. There are ten Science Community Grants available.

The aims of the Science Community Grant are to:

- Support UK schools and colleges in undertaking more hands-on, inquiry-based learning and investigative STEM projects
- Allow students the opportunity to experience how science is done in practice
- Provide continuing professional development (CPD) training for teachers to enhance skills and confidence in running practical investigations
- Embed a collaborative community among schools and colleges to help support the delivery of practical science activities and to develop practical investigation and technical skills within students
- Embed a culture of lasting partnership between schools and colleges and STEM professionals
- Embed an outreach culture within universities or industry and develop the engagement skills of early-career STEM researchers
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While the grant cannot be used to support direct staffing costs, it can be used to support coordination and administration of the grant by the organisation.

Funds may also be used for:

- Equipment to enable schools to undertake small-scale investigations
- School and college expenses related to their participation, such as teacher cover and travel costs
- STEM professional costs associated with training and travel costs for school/college visits
- Data collection and evaluation

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## Ironmongers – Stem Projects

### Deadline

The Foundation Committee meets two to three times per year. We will next be accepting applications from 1 January 2026, with a deadline of 1 April 2026

### How to apply

<https://www.ironmongers.org/supporting-stem-projects>

Applications should be emailed to [charities@ironmongers.org](mailto:charities@ironmongers.org) or sent to the postal address below, and must be no longer than four sides of A4.

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

- Grants are made to registered or exempt charities only. Applications will not be accepted from schools. Projects involving corporate partners must have charitable purposes and be for public benefit, not private gain

Preference will be given to projects engaging young people between the ages of 11 and 18 from disadvantaged backgrounds. Participants should be within this age range or be educators working with young people within this age range

Grant amount: Grants of under £10,000 are considered.

Projects must meet the following criteria:

- Activities must be within the UK, with a preference for urban areas outside London and particularly areas in the north and midlands with a manufacturing presence
- Activities must be additional to those funded by government or other sources e.g. covered by school budgets.
- Projects should have clear objectives and measurable outcomes, providing repeat engagement and focusing on how they will enhance the Science Capital of young learners from disadvantaged backgrounds. A written evaluation report demonstrating how impact has been measured must be provided on completion
- Items of equipment will only be funded as part of specific programmes of activity. Building/capital works are not eligible



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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
- 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.

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)
- 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.

## The Weavers Company

### Deadline

Thursday 12 March 2026 (to be considered in June 26)

### How to apply

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

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

- UK registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) only.
- We will consider funding organisations with income of up to £5 million

Grant amount:

Small grants programme: Up to £5,000

Main grants programme. Uncapped, , but you are advised to research typical grant sizes previously made through funders Charity Commission Annual Report

Funding areas: Supporting offenders into work, Helping specific groups within the criminal justice sector, Supporting young people

Work Funded: Pump-priming. Project funding. Associated costs. Core costs, Innovative or pioneering work, Emergency or deficit funding.

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# ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

## Esmée Fairbairn Communities and Collections Fund

### Deadline

The next deadline for expressions of interest is 21 January 2026, shortlisted applicants will be notified 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026. Shortlisted applications will need to make a second stage application by 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Supporting Grassroots music

### Deadline

Round 5 - 11th December 2025, Round 6 - 23rd January 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 National Heritage Memorial Fund

### Deadline

Contact funder to obtain

### How to apply

<https://www.memorialfund.org.uk/funding/application-guidance>

### Funding Details

Who can apply:

- Local authorities
- Other public sector organisations, such as a school or a university
- Some not-for-profit organisations which are not in the public sector

The National Heritage Memorial Fund exists as a fund of last resort to support the UK's most outstanding heritage, which is at risk of loss. It also exists to create a publicly accessible and timeless collection as a memorial for those who have given their lives for the UK.

Help with the purchase, conservation or preservation of any heritage which meets our assessment standards.

## 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.

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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.

# CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT

## National Lottery Community Fund – Climate Action Fund

### Deadline

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis until at least 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> 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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