

PROGRAMMES OFFICE FUNDING BULLETIN

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Funding News

Arts council:

National Portfolio Creative People and Places Funding 2026-29

Between 2026 - 2029 we are investing £43 million from the National Lottery in 45 Creative People and Places Programmes across England, covering 63 local authority areas. Creative People and Places focuses on parts of the country where involvement in creativity and culture is significantly below the national average. It funds partners in local areas to empower residents to decide what kind of creative activity they want to experience on their doorstep. And it's all made possible thanks to National Lottery players, who raise £30 million for Good Causes each week

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/cpp-2026-2029>

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Arts Council Funds open to applications

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

National Lottery Funds open to applications:

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- The Solidarity Fund
- The UK Fund
- National Lottery Awards for All England-Environment

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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

Awards for All England

Deadline

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

- 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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Reaching Communities England

Deadline

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

How to apply

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/reaching-communities-england>

Funding Details

Who can apply: If your organisation works with communities in England and is a:

- Voluntary or community organisation with a written constitution, Registered charity, charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), Not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, community interest company (CIC), School, Public body (for example, local authority, town, parish or community council), Community benefit society (registered with the Financial Conduct Authority), co-operative society (also registered with the Financial Conduct Authority)

Grant amount: £20,001 - £20,000,000

Fund projects that:

- support places, people or communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
- support people and communities to shape the decisions that affect their life

The Solidarity Fund

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

Funding Details

Who can apply:

- Constituted voluntary or community organisation, Registered charity, Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), Not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, Community interest company (CIC), Community benefit society registered with the Financial Conduct Authority, Co-operative society registered with the Financial Conduct Authority

You can also apply as a partnership, but only if you've worked together before on projects that support communities to lead change and address the root causes of inequality.

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.

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The UK Fund

Deadline

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

How to apply

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/the-uk-fund>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

- Registered charity, company limited by guarantee (with a not-for-profit clause or registered as a charity), community interest company (CIC), charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), community benefit society, co-operative society (with a not-for-profit clause and registered with the Financial Conduct Authority, statutory body (such as a town, parish or community council), local authorities, universities

Grant amount: £500,000 to £5 million

The UK Fund offers larger amounts of funding to help you develop work that's already making a difference. To get funding you'll need to show what's working, how you know it's having a proven impact, and why it's ready to scale. We do not fund brand-new projects or services. Your work should also benefit communities across the UK, by working in different places or sharing learning between countries.

Your project should go beyond delivering a service. It should help change how systems work, leading to lasting benefits for communities.

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 31st March 2026

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.

Morrisons Foundation

Deadline

Applications can be made at any time

How to apply

<https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/grant-funding-request/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Registered charities

Grant amount: Up to £10,000

Fund projects within three funding objectives.

- Tackling poverty and social deprivation.
- Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services.
- Improving health and wellbeing.

Prefer applications:

- From smaller charities (i.e. income of less than £1m).
- For projects in the communities Morrisons serves.
- For projects which create a lasting legacy or impact.
- For projects with a larger number of beneficiaries.

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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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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 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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WCIT Charity – IT4Good Grant Programme

Deadline

Applications for funding may be submitted at any time and are considered by the Charitable Operations Committee at one of its four meetings a year. The next deadline is 5pm on February 6, 2026, with decisions made by mid-March.

How to apply

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

Funding Details

Who can apply:

- Registered charity
- Organisation with a formal not-for-profit constitution such as a community interest company
- CICs limited by shares may also apply, although please note the guidance on page five about Persons with Significant Control.

Refer to application guidelines: <https://wcitcharity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Application-guidelines-April-2025.pdf>

Grant amount: Up to £15,000

All projects must make use of information technology and relate to one or more priority areas - education, inclusion, tech for charities, and public understanding of technology.

Ideally, projects need to demonstrate an innovative use of technology, be scalable for wider replication, and be sustainable over time.

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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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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Macmillan Care Grants

Deadline

- 23rd January 2026 5pm

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.

COMMUNITY

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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Veolia – Community Grants Scheme

Deadline

Next funding rounds - Submit by 12:00 midday

- Opens 26th February 2026, closes 2nd April 2026

Only one grant application may be submitted per project site, in a 12 month period.

How to apply

<https://www.veoliatrust.org/apply-for-funding/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: An organisation which:

- Is charitable and operated on a not-for-profit basis
- Is constituted, with a set of signed governing documents
- Has been established for a minimum of two years
- Has a minimum of two directors, trustees or committee members who are not related to each other
- Does not financially benefit directors, trustees, members
- An Environmental Body (see Project Registration details below)
- A Local Authority (County/City/Town/Parish Council)

Any grant awarded will incur an additional CTP cost:

****Contributing Third Party Payment (CTP Payment)**

If your application is successful, you will need to arrange a CTP payment of 10% of your grant amount, to the landfill operator, before your grant can be released. This payment is retained by the landfill operator to cover the 10% tax credit shortfall, it is never refunded.

Use funders online [Postcode Checker](#) and refer to eligibility criteria on website

Grant amount: £10,000 - £75,000

The Community Grant Scheme supports projects that are aiming to improve an indoor or outdoor community space. Projects should: encourage community action and wellbeing; be inclusive and accessible; promote sustainability; and protect nature.

When considering your application, the Trustees will want to see that your project:

- Promotes community action and wellbeing
- Is inclusive and accessible to everyone and anyone to use
- Inspires the creation of a sustainable carbon neutral community space
- Protects and enhances biodiversity and natural habitats

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Benevolent Fund

Deadline

The Board of Trustees consider applications three times per year: in June, November and February. The application window for the February 2026 Committee is now open until 20 January

How to apply

<https://benevolentfund.org/need-our-help/charity-grants/>

The application form can be downloaded [here](#). Please see the end of the form for guidance notes. Please email the completed form to externalgrants@armybenevolentfund.org.

Funding Details

Who can apply: Organisations that meet the following criteria:

- Are a UK registered charitable organisation or Community Interest Company (CIC).
- Provide a service that directly supports the Army family, meeting an evidenced need that is not currently being met by statutory or other, including other charitable, providers.
- Are going concerns that can demonstrate financial sustainability – evidenced through a least two years audited accounts – good governance, and impact.
- Grants to new partners are unlikely to exceed £20,000.

The Army Benevolent Fund makes grants to other charities and organisations that provide services and support to the Army family: serving soldiers, former soldiers, and their immediate families (including the bereaved).

- Preference for funding will be given to those charities and organisations that are members of Cobseo.

Angling Trust – Fisheries Improvement

Deadline

The initial deadline for applications is 6th February 2026.

How to apply

<https://anglingtrust.net/funding/fisheries-improvement-programme/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: Clubs, fisheries, NGOs, local authorities or other community organisations involved in angling

Grant amount : Refer to application guidance on website

To be considered a project must provide angling benefits and the water where the project is planned must be fished. Funding criteria:

1) Sustainable and resilient fisheries

- Coarse, trout and eel habitat and fish passage projects
- Proactive management of prolonged dry weather and/or climate impacts

2) Accessible angling

- Angling infrastructure
- Community and urban fisheries

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COMMUNITY – ANIMAL WELFARE

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

Deadline

The next deadline is 1st 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 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.

FAITH, YOUTH, SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

The National Churches Trust

Deadline

Large grants - Next stage 1 deadline is 3rd March 2026

Medium and small grants - 14th April 2026

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.

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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.

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 30th 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. 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

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.

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.

Sofronie Foundation

Deadline

Applications can be submitted at any time

How to apply

<http://sofronie.org/>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

A registered charity or not for profit association and your work is focused on young people from disadvantaged backgrounds based in the UK, France or the Netherlands

Grant amount:

The Foundation does not indicate the minimum and maximum amount that can be applied for.

- Sofronie's main goal is to help young people by offering them the opportunities with which they can improve their employment chances – benefitting both their own lives and the lives of their future families.
- Funding to increase access to higher education
- Funding to increase access to vocational training
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

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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 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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The 7 Stars Foundation

Deadline

30th April 2026

How to apply

<https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding>

Funding Details

1) Project Funding

Who can apply:

Registered UK charities, council-run children's homes or schools in England with turnover under £1.5m; must have operated pre-2020; not volunteer-led; with less than 30% free reserves.

Grant amount: One-off grants up to £5,000

Projects for vulnerable children under 18 that align with our core themes.

Tackling Homelessness | Supporting Child Carers | Combatting Abuse | Battling Addiction

2) Shine Bright Long Term Funding

Who can apply: Registered UK charities with a turnover under £1.5m, working with children aged 18 and under.

Grant amount: Two-year grants totalling £60,000 (£30,000 per year)

Delivering bold and innovative ideas that go beyond short-term fixes, targeting the underlying causes of issues facing vulnerable children. The awards are unrestricted, they can be used for any purpose that supports your organisation. Must align with one of the following:

Tackling Homelessness | Supporting Child Carers | Combatting Abuse | Battling Addiction

3) Social Impact Funding

Who can apply: Registered UK charities with a turnover under £1.5m. One charity is selected per focus area, per year.

Grant amount: Two-year grants of £10,000 (£5,000 per year)

UK charities tackling key societal issues affecting young people. The awards are unrestricted; they can be used for any purpose that supports your organisation.

Funding Priorities: Throughout the year, we support projects focused on: Child Exploitation, Child Mental Health, LGBTQ+ Inclusion & Support, Anti-Racism, and Online Abuse. This round will accept applications related to: Child Exploitation | Child Mental Health

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Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs (2026)

Deadline

16 January 2026, 11:59pm (Midnight)

How to apply

To apply, please read the application guide available at [Early years stronger practice hubs - GOV.UK](#) and complete the application form.

Completed forms should be submitted by email to EYSPH.applications@education.gov.uk before the deadline.

Funding Details

Who can apply:

Early Years Stronger Practice Hub applications must be made by a Lead Setting which is a group-based early years setting (school-based, private, voluntary, independent (PVI) or a maintained nursery school).

The application must also identify a minimum of two to a maximum of four Partner Settings. Partner Settings must be group-based early years settings or Childminders.

The Lead and Partner Settings must all meet the Ofsted judgement criterion as set out in the application guide.

Grant amount: Up to c.£240,000 per hub per financial year with further grant funding to support delivery of Objective 5 (Stronger Practice Advisers and Subject Leads)

- Grant funding will be paid in arrears for the specific services provided by the Stronger Practice Hub.

Hubs are expected to achieve the following core programme objectives during the lifetime of the grant.

- Objective 1: Proactively share information and advice to early years settings and practitioners based on evidence informed approaches via high quality outputs throughout your Hub's area, such as newsletters, blogs, events, webinars and social media.
- Objective 2: Maintain networks of cross-sector early years providers and organisations (including childminders) throughout agreed Hub areas to improve child outcomes, by championing evidence informed early years practice and knowledge sharing.
- Objective 3: Act as a point of contact for bespoke advice and support early years educators to access professional development opportunities and evidence informed programmes. This will include signposting to approved professional development programmes and DfE funded support including other Hubs.
- Objective 4: Operate as an effective Early Years Stronger Practice Hub by; maintaining adequate, skilled staff to run the hub, ensuring coverage across the LA areas within the hub's remit, working with the delivery partner and managing finances to ensure objectives can be met effectively across the life of the programme.
- Objective 5: Support the delivery of commitments outlined in the Best Start in Life Strategy by; Appointing and managing Subject Leads, Appointing and managing Stronger Practice Advisers to provide tailored post-inspection support to settings, Working in partnership with Local Authorities and Best Start Family Hubs, to ensure collaborative working towards improving child development outcomes in line with local Best Start in Life plans.

These objectives are subject to change at the department's discretion. Hubs may also be expected to work towards regional aims and objectives, supporting greater collaboration between Hubs and strengthening opportunities for impact.

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VocTech Trust

Deadline

Applications open on 6 January and close on 3 February 2026

How to apply

<https://ufi.co.uk/grant-funding/voctech-activate/>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

Open to all organisations, including charities, trade bodies, learning providers, employers, private companies, community interest companies and other not for profit organisations.

Individuals can apply, but must become an incorporated organisation before funding can be awarded.

Grant amount:

£30,000 to £60,000 for projects lasting between 3 to 12 months.

Purpose of the fund: VocTech Activate is our test bed where the first spark of an idea to solve a vocational learning problem can be scoped and tested in the supportive environment that Ufi funding provides. We grant fund projects that are at a relatively early stage, helping to trial truly novel ideas, prove their potential and support your journey from innovative idea to market-ready, scalable solution.

The JJ Charitable Trust – Literacy small grants

Deadline

- Spring grant round: applications by 4th March 2026

How to apply

https://sfct.powerappsportals.com/jjapplication/?dm_i=6MG6,1A8M6,6S49NU,63GUE,1

Funding Details

Who can apply:

- You must be a UK-based organisation.
- You need to be a registered charity, Community Interest Company, Charitable Incorporated Organisation or registered as an exempt charity.
- Priority is given to organisations with an annual income of less than £1 million – though we will consider organisations with a higher income where literacy is a new strand of work.

Grant amount:

You can apply for grants between £5,000 and £20,000 spread over a period of 1, 2 or 3 years. The maximum total amount is £20,000 and you can indicate how you'd like a multi-year grant to be split over the years.

- You don't need to have a new literacy project specific for the grant – you can apply for funding for your existing literacy work.

The scheme funds charities and community groups that directly help children and young people develop literacy skills, with a focus on supporting those with learning difficulties such as dyslexia.

We are keen to see applications for projects that use volunteers and reading mentors and those that help during transitional points. For example: between primary and secondary school or transitioning to college or work. We will consider grants for literacy support at any primary or secondary key stage (between ages 5 and 18).

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CABWI Awarding Body

Deadline

Applications open on 5th January 2026. Stage 1 closes 26th January

How to apply

<https://www.cabwi.org.uk/application-guidelines/>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

- Your organisation must be a registered charity.
- It must be based in, and deliver its services in the UK.
- It must work directly with young people 16+ and adults who are not in education, employment, or training.

Grant amount:

- Grants of up to £40,000 a year are available for one year, subject to monitoring and availability of funds
- For organisations with a turnover of £266,666 or less, you may only apply for a maximum of 15% of your last year's turn
- For organisations with a turnover of between £266,666 and £1m, you may only apply for up to £40,000. Organisations with a turnover in excess of £1m are not eligible for funding.

Funding Aims:

The charity enables learning and development that empowers young people aged 16+ and adults to gain additional skills and confidence to enter the labour market. The aim is to fund projects that support people to improve their confidence, build their life skills, qualifications, work experience and training, to get jobs.

They support applications that:

1. Work with individuals with complex barriers to employment, enabling them to move closer or into employment, including but not restricted to ex-service personnel and ex-offenders.
2. To work directly with young people and adults who are not in employment, education, or training (NEET), to improve their access to employment and the labour market.
3. Increase the life skills of people so that they may further develop their careers, with a particular focus on the water, utilities, and construction industries.

Funding activities supported:

- Core costs: including Living Wage costs
- Project costs: including overhead costs
- A mixture of both core and project costs

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ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

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

Supporting Grassroots music

Deadline

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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Esmée 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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Theatres Trust

Deadline

The deadline for the next round is 5pm on Friday 16 January 2026

- It will be up to 16 weeks before decisions are made

How to apply

<https://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/smallgrants>

Funding Details

Who can apply: To be eligible, venues must:

- Be a not for profit organisations. This can include local authorities or Town and Borough Councils that own and/or operate a venue.
- Present at least 30 performances of live public performance (theatre, dance, comedy, musicals) each year.
- Have a lease with at least five years left to run.
- Have the permission of the property owner to do the work required.

Grant amount: Up to £7,500

Eligible projects include small capital works, the installation of key plant and machinery and works which make theatre buildings digital-ready.

- This scheme will prioritise improvements to buildings that protect theatre use and remove barriers to participation and attendance.
- Priority will also be given to projects where the total project costs are less than £250k or where the grant is the sole external funder and/or achievable within the total fund awarded.

Please note that revenue and survey costs are ineligible. This fund is to support improvements and repairs to the building fabric, and the key plant and machinery or the purchase of key equipment (not software) to improve digital infrastructure.

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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.

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Idlewild Trust – Arts & Conservation Funds

Deadline

Round 2 2025: Applications open 1st December 2025, close 13th February 2026 Midday

Round 1 2026: Applications open 8th June 2026, close 05th September 2026 Midday

How to apply

<https://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/apply-grant>

Funding Details

Who can apply:

Organisations applying must be one of the following:

- UK Registered Charity with two or more annual returns submitted on time to the Charity Commission
- UK Publicly Exempt Charity: most museums/galleries are Registered Charities, but not all (refer to eligibility criteria in guidelines)

Grant amount: Awards grants of up to £7,000 to UK registered charities.

The Idlewild Trust supports 2 grant programmes:

1) Arts: Nurturing Early-Stage Professionals - Training opportunities for emerging professionals, working creatively and backstage, within the performing and visual arts, post-training, and at an early stage in their career.

2) Conservation: Objects and Works of Art - The conservation of cultural heritage of recognized national and international importance in museums, libraries, galleries, historic buildings, or landscapes accessible to the public.

- Priority will be given to applications that include a knowledge sharing element as an outcome of the project.
- A public engagement activity that helps to improve the public understanding of conservation practice is encouraged.
- Applications must include a treatment proposal from an accredited conservator.

CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT

Veolia – Habitat & Biodiversity Grants Scheme

Deadline

- Opens 26th February 2026, closes 2nd April 2026 (12:00 midday)

Only one grant application may be submitted per project site, in a 12 month period.

How to apply

<https://www.veolitrust.org/apply-for-funding/>

Funding Details

Who can apply: An organisation which:

- Is charitable and operated on a not-for-profit basis
- Is constituted, with a set of signed governing documents
- Has been established for a minimum of two years
- Has a minimum of two directors, trustees or committee members who are not related to each other
- Does not financially benefit directors, trustees, members
- An Environmental Body (see Project Registration details below)
- A Local Authority (County/City/Town/Parish Council)

A project which will take place on a single site – located within 10 miles of an eligible landfill site

Refer to eligibility criteria on website

Any grant awarded will incur an additional CTP cost:

****Contributing Third Party Payment (CTP Payment)**

If your application is successful, you will need to arrange a CTP payment of 10% of your grant amount, to the landfill operator, before your grant can be released. This payment is retained by the landfill operator to cover the 10% tax credit shortfall, it is never refunded.

Grant amount: £10,000 - £75,000

Fund improvements to or the creation of natural habitats and our vision is for a healthy environment where native species can thrive.

- Protects and enhances biodiversity and natural habitats
- Inspires the creation of a sustainable carbon neutral space
- Promotes community action and wellbeing
- Is inclusive and accessible to everyone and anyone to use

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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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