



Funding Newsletter Local, Regional and National Sources Oct/Nov 2021

Local and Regional Funding for VCFSE

Bollington Town Council

Bollington Town Council offers grants to local organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to achieve the aim of benefitting the local community in the following ways:

- By providing a service.
- Enhancing the quality of life.
- Improving the environment.

The application deadlines are **28 February** and **31 August** of the financial year in which the applicant requires assistance. An online application form and guidelines can be found on the Bollington Town Council website.

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.bollington-tc.gov.uk/about-the-council/grants/>

Applicants must also send a copy of their most recent accounts for the application to be considered. These should be emailed separately to rfo@bollington-tc.gov.uk

Bowland Charitable Trust

Grants for charitable organisations with outdoor and character-building projects for young people in North-West England as well as for educational, religious and cultural activities and institutions in the North-West of England. The programme is intended to promote: Outdoor and character-building projects for young people in North-West England and Educational, religious and cultural activities and institutions. Grants tend to be in the range of between **£1,000** and **£20,000** with larger grants made as the exception. Applications are made in writing, contact Carole Fahy carole.fahy@cannco.co.uk.

Cheshire and Warrington Access to Finance and Grant Programme

The Cheshire and Warrington Access to Finance and Grant Programme, is administered by Blue Orchid and funded by the European Regional Development Fund, Cheshire West and Chester Council, and Warrington and Co.

The programme provides information and grants to SMEs to support their growth plans. Grants of between **£2,000** and **£15,000** are available. The typical project value should be over £6,000 up to a maximum of £45,000. Projects outside this range can be accommodated in some circumstances. SMEs based in Cheshire West and Chester, Warrington and Cheshire East can apply for support. Grants can be used towards consultancy projects, including:

- Developing an investment case to secure financing
- Marketing and sales strategies
- Leadership and management development
- ERP/CRM system design and integration
- Branding and design
- Product development
- Business process change
- Software integration consultancy

For further information on how to apply, please visit:

<https://www.blueorchid.co.uk/a2fgrant/>

Cheshire Community Foundation (CCF) - Knutsford Fund – Small Grants Programme (bi-monthly)

The overall impact that we are aiming to achieve in Knutsford is as follows:

- To improve mental health and wellbeing - particularly at an early intervention stage
- To tackle poverty and disadvantage for people of all ages
- To build stronger communities
- To increase education skills and employment opportunities

Priority activities for the fund (agreed in consultation with a range of community groups and stakeholders in Knutsford) are those which:--

- Support lonely, disabled, disadvantaged and vulnerable people of all ages
- who lack access to volunteering opportunities,
- employment and skills support,
- regular transport,
- befriending services,
- peer support,
- social activities and key public services and who want to feel more valued and improve their overall mental health and wellbeing.

with particular emphasis on supporting:-

- Disadvantaged and vulnerable people affected by the covid-19 outbreak
- Lonely isolated older men
- New mums
- Young people
- Carers (of all ages)

The geography of the fund will cover projects supporting beneficiaries in the four Knutsford wards of Nether, Norbury Booths, Over and Bexton and extend to the rural areas surrounding Knutsford town - including Tabley, Lower Peover, Tatton, Ollerton and Chelford where people rely on services delivered in Knutsford.

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Apply for up to £2,000.

Bi-monthly deadline dates: 15th April, 15th June, 15th August, 15th October and 15th December.

If there are urgent covid-19 applications needing to be reviewed responsively, these will process these more urgently.

For further details and to apply visit:

<https://cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/knutsford-fund-small-grants-programme>

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The CCF small grants programme is particularly interested in supporting smaller charities (with a turnover of less than £300,000) and to assist local grass roots organisations that support one, or more, of the following priority areas:

- Disadvantaged and vulnerable people affected by the covid-19 outbreak.
- Homelessness
- Disadvantaged and exploited young people, with a preference for prevention and early intervention projects.
- Education and skills (for ages 3 to 18)
- Community support – to include support for older people

Applications from not-for-profit groups and organisations supporting disadvantaged people across Cheshire and Warrington of all ages can be submitted on a rolling basis – and will go to a panel bi-monthly.

Apply for up to £2,000.

For eligibility enquiries please email

grants@cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk

Deadline: Bi-monthly 15th of January, March, May, July, September, and November but if there are urgent covid-19 applications needing to be reviewed responsively.

For further details and to apply please visit:

<https://cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/ccf-small-grants-programme/>

Cheshire East Council COVID -19 Community Response and Recovery Funding - Social Isolation Fund

This new round of COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Funding is targeting social isolation and supporting the practical, social and emotional consequences of social isolation.

Across the UK individuals are not isolating as quickly as they should. The Self Isolation Support Framework has been developed by Government to provide support to enable people to isolate and stay at home when they should. Rates are rising and it is important that we step up and provide the necessary support.

Eligible activities under Out of Hours and Crisis Provision include:

- Practical tasks: errands (advocacy/admin/post office/personal shopper)
- Medication reminders
- Sitting in service – carer respite

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- Befriending services
- Food provision delivery – next or same day
- Meals at home delivery including cultural food
- Supporting fuel poverty
- Dementia friendly volunteers

Eligible activities under supporting our communities to recover include:

- Engagement with hard-to-reach groups – including re-engaging people with communities
- Tackling loneliness
- Mental health support (low level), befriending and higher level for young people and adults
- Providing support to complete forms (claims) over the phone
- Supporting digital poverty.

Grants of up to **£50,000** are available.

The second round of the CCRR Social Isolation Fund will be confirmed shortly.

For more information and how to apply email:

communitygrants2@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Cinderella Charitable Fund

Grants are available to support the costs of a holiday for disadvantaged, disabled, sick or convalescent children who are resident in Salford, Manchester, East Lancashire, North East Cheshire, or North West Derbyshire.

The scheme is offered by The Charity Service, a registered charity, who provide support to the third sector in Greater Manchester.

The funding aims to support the costs of holidays for sick and convalescent children whose families are unable to afford to take them on holiday. No minimum or maximum grant amount has been specified. Applicants must be residents in the following geographical areas: Salford, Manchester, East Lancashire, North East Cheshire, North West Derbyshire.

Individual applications must be supported by an organisation or sponsor, such as a social worker, GP, or other professional person who lives in the UK.

Grant payments would not normally be made to an individual. Payments will be made to the supporting organisation or direct to the holiday provider.

For further information and to apply, please visit:

<https://charityservice.org.uk/grant-funding>

Community Mental Health Transformation – Community Asset Funding

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust (CWP), on behalf of the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme partners, is pleased to be able to provide the opportunity to apply for community asset funding, from available resources in this financial year. This bid process is designed to facilitate access to community asset funding for groups and organisations within the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Sector.

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Applications are invited from VCFSE organisations who can provide access and mental health support to people living in **Cheshire and Wirral**, specifically focusing on supporting the following population areas:

- People from BAME communities
- People from economically disadvantaged areas or who are unemployed
- People from rural communities
- People who have experienced domestic violence

For information on how to apply, please visit: caroline.platt@cesap.org.uk

The deadline for applications is midnight of **Friday 3rd December**. Please submit these directly to Lauren Connah: lauren.connah1@nhs.net

The Panel hope to review applications in the week beginning 6th December and make awards known by 10th December 2021.

High Sherriff's Award for Enterprise

The High Sherriff's Award for Enterprise recognises outstanding achievement by enterprises in Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington. This award recognises that businesses need access to the best way to strengthen their management, develop their people and help to achieve their vision. A High Sherriff's Award will be awarded to a winner in each category.

The entrants must:

- Employ fewer than 250 members of staff
- Demonstrate outstanding performance and explain their strategy to ensure that the company will continue to expand and flourish in the future
- Be based in Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington.

Award categories include:

- High Sherriff's Award for Excellence in Enterprise
- High Sherriff's Award for Outstanding Community Engagement
- High Sherriff's Award for Best Sustainable Business Practice
- Young Business Person of the Year
- Apprentice of the Year
- High Sherriff's Award for Digital Innovation
- High Sherriff's Survive and Thrive Award for Charities
- High Sherriff's Award for Exceptional Start-Up
- High Sherriff's Award for Outstanding Family Business
- Award for Outstanding Cheshire and Warrington Business Leader.

Nominations opened on 4 October 2021. The deadline to apply is **Friday 10 December**.

Applicants should complete the entry form and submit it with a supporting statement on why they are entering that category and their relevant business achievements in that area. In addition they may include any relevant company brochures to support their entry.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/high-sherrifs-award-enterprise>

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Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund

Each year Manchester Airports Group contributes £100,000 to the Fund; any fines levied at aircraft that have breached our stringent noise limits are also paid into the Fund. These funds are then used to support neighbourhood and community projects throughout the area. The Trustees award grants of a maximum of **£3,000**.

Groups eligible for support covers an approximate 10-mile radius of the Airport, concentrating on the areas most exposed to aircraft noise. To be successful a group **MUST**:

- Carry out positive work in the community and be of charitable nature and be 'Not for Profit' status.
- Be Community, Socially or Environmentally focused
- Based within the area of benefit

The project should also

- Improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural and built environment; or offer heritage conservation;
- Promote or advance social welfare;
- Provide better appreciation of the natural and urban environment;
- Create a safe habitat for flora and fauna.
- Demonstrate lasting benefit to the community.
- Benefit all members of the community regardless of race, gender or religion.
- Be from an established group or charity able to demonstrate clear banking or financial records, and not an individual or commercial organisation working for profit.

For the next Board meeting on 17 January, applications need to be submitted by **26 November**.

For more information and to apply please visit:

<https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community/working-in-our-community/community-trust-fund>

Northern Cultural Regeneration Fund

The Northern Cultural Regeneration Fund is a £3.1million blended fund provided by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and administered by partners Social Investment Business (SIB) and Key Fund.

The aim of the fund is to support the development and growth of creative and cultural businesses across the North, that deliver social impact.

The fund provides access to investments of up to **£150,000** where up to a third may be provided as a grant.

The following criteria apply:

- Loans can be used for capital or working capital, but grant funding can only be used for capital expenditure
- Working capital loans will be repayable over up to five years. Interest will usually be charged at a flat 4.2% (but may be higher for short-term loans) with a 2% arrangement fee

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- Capital loans will be repayable over up to ten years. Interest will usually be charged at a flat 3.5% (but may be higher for short-term loans) with a 2% arrangement fee
- Security may be requested.

Applicants must be incorporated businesses that work in the creative and cultural sector and can evidence social impact as a by-product of its core work. This includes commercially focused businesses as well as community and social enterprises. Applicants must be based and/or operate substantially within one of the eleven most Northern Local Enterprise Areas.

Funding is intended to be used as follows; loans can be used for capital or working capital. Grant funding can only be used for capital expenditure (equipment, refurbishment, purchase of building/land).

The 11 most Northern Local Enterprise Areas include:

- North-East
- Cheshire and Warrington
- Cumbria
- Greater Manchester
- Humber
- Lancashire
- Leeds City Region
- Liverpool City Region
- Sheffield City Region
- Tees Valley
- York, North Yorkshire and East Riding

Organisations from Cheshire and Warrington are advised to contact the Key Fund.

For further information, please visit: <https://thekeyfund.co.uk/northern-cultural>

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire has set up the Community Action Fund to support community organisations in Cheshire who are working to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour. A total fund of £100,000 has been made available and is aimed at new projects or initiatives which will deliver community safety or crime prevention activities.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire wants it to be a place where, regardless of where people live:

- People can feel safer in their local community.
- People can play a full role within their local community and feel included.
- All individuals can help to make their local community safer and reduce localised crime.
- People have the ability and opportunity to share their views and ideas on how local provisions can be improved.
- Local policing is at the heart of the local community ensuring issues and challenges are addressed quickly and efficiently.

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The fund aims to support community, voluntary or third sector organisations including Parish Councils with crime prevention projects in Cheshire. This could include, but is not limited to, projects that support victims, protect vulnerable people, tackle anti-social behaviour or drug issues, improve road safety or promote a safe night-time economy. Applicant groups should be working with their local policing team to address local priorities. Eligible organisations must have engaged with their local policing unit via officers and/or PCSOs.

Grants of up to **£5,000** are available.

The Police and Crime Commissioner wants to fund organisations:

- That clearly understand the needs of the local community and how the grant will make a real difference.
- That address the local policing priorities and reduce crime.
- Who are able to work positively with wider community groups to share resources and create sustainable change.
- That can demonstrate their ability to fulfil the aims set out in their original application.
- Who are willing to share learning and seek wider opportunities to achieve success.
- Involve and address issues important to local communities.
- Are competent and can evidence how they can make initiatives sustainable, where relevant.

Grants are for new projects or initiatives that are located in Cheshire, focus on local needs and deliver community safety or crime prevention activities. Activities must meet one or more of the priorities set out in the Police and Crime plan.

The Police and Crime Commissioner wants to fund initiatives:

- That demonstrate strong community links.
- Which are based on local need and insight.
- Which are well planned, realistic and have aims which are achievable.
- Will make a lasting difference to the people within the local community.
- Evidence strong links with the local policing units through officers and/or PCSOs.
- Address the priorities set out in the Police and Crime plan.

Examples of eligible activities are:

- Projects that support victims.
- Protecting vulnerable people.
- Tackling anti-social behaviour or drug issues.
- Improving road safety.
- Promoting a safe night-time economy.

Capital projects which exist in isolation may not be funded. However, amounts of capital can be funded as part of a bigger project. For example, sports equipment can be funded if it is directly related to the project delivery and the project as a whole.

All projects must engage with the local policing team. In most cases this will be the local dedicated PCSO.

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Applications can be made at any time and are assessed on a rolling basis. Applicants are advised to make contact with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss their idea and to check eligibility before applying. Senior Engagement and Projects Officer, Sarah Tilling - Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, Stockton Heath Police Station, Grappenhall Road, Warrington, WA4 2AF.

Email: pcc@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

For further information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-i-do/making-cheshire-safer/community-action-fund>

Rural Community Energy Fund

Grants are available to rural communities in England for feasibility and pre-planning development work to help community renewable energy projects become investment ready.

The £10million pound Rural Community Energy Fund is being delivered by the five Local Energy Hubs in England on behalf of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (DBEIS) and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

The aims of the fund are to:

- Increase the level of community and locally owned renewable energy generation to support the Government's goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050
- Support rural communities by helping them to reduce energy costs or generate income from renewable energy and reinvest this income in the local area
- Promote rural growth through the creation of jobs and volunteering opportunities in the communities where projects are located

A total of £10million is being made available. Funding is to be provided in two stages:

- Stage 1 – grants of up to **£40,000** are to be used to secure the provision of professional services to undertake a feasibility study. Where appropriate, funds can be used for project management costs and community engagement activities
- Stage 2 – grants of up to **£100,000** to support planning applications and develop a robust business case to attract further investment

To be eligible applicants should represent a rural community of fewer than 10,000 residents, be able to show the support of the wider community, be planning a renewable energy project which will provide a legacy for the future benefit of the community, use a proven renewable technology.

RCEF is run by five local energy hubs. For Cheshire and Warrington see below @ NorthWest: contact email RuralCommunityEnergyFundNW@lancashire.gov.uk

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Southway Housing Trust – The Beautiful South Fund

Southway Housing is a not-for-profit local housing company which owns and manages almost 6,000 homes in Burnage, Chorlton, Didsbury, Withington as well as properties in Tameside and Cheshire East.

The Beautiful South Fund is provided and administered by Southway Housing Trust. The funding is for projects that address the theme of neighbourliness and are of benefit to Southway communities, at least 50% of the beneficiaries must be Southway tenants.

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Grants of up to **£2,500** are available.

Projects should aim to improve/increase one or more of the following:

- Physical and mental well-being
- Friendly or social contact
- Opportunities for getting involved in the community

Some community initiative ideas could include:

- Improving green space
- Funding local footy team
- Coffee mornings
- Neighbourly meet ups

Some common themes could include:

- Help your neighbours
- Caring for the community
- Community spirit
- Talking to each other

The funding can be used for costs directly related to the project, such as room hire, equipment, materials, admin time, training, advertising.

For further information on how to apply, please see:

<https://www.southwayhousing.co.uk/news-events/miscellaneous/apply-for-the-beautiful-south-fund>

The completed form should be returned by email to Maureen Ward.

Email: m.ward@southwayhousing.co.uk

Winter Holiday Activity Fund Programme

The HAF programme, funded by the Department for Education, provides enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Activities include specific provisions available for children with SEND or special needs.

Cheshire HAF Team would like to work with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to make sure the winter HAF programme continues to be a success.

If you are interested in supporting this initiative over the winter school holiday period, please email the HAF team via cehaf@cheshireeast.gov.uk and further details of how you can get involved will be sent to you.

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If you have previously supported the Cheshire East HAF programme and would like to offer winter school holiday provision, please email the HAF team and request a Winter Holiday Activity Programme Application Form 2021.

More information about the Cheshire East Winter HAF Programme can be found at <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/holiday-activity-fund.aspx>

Zochonis Charitable Trust

The Zochonis Charitable Trust offers funding to registered charities based and working within Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Lancashire, Manchester City and Trafford, with a particular emphasis on education and the welfare of children.

There are no minimum or maximum funding levels set by the Trust. Although the Trust places a particular emphasis on funding education and the welfare of children, it also provides grants to local charities in the following areas:

- Education.
- Health.
- Children & Youth.
- Overseas.
- Homeless.
- Community.
- Emergency (Ebola crisis, Sierra Leone).
- Family.
- Armed Forces/Ex-Service.
- Elderly.
- Rescue Services.
- Culture & Heritage.
- Rural.

Applications are invited at any time. Applications are to be made in writing on the registered charity's letterhead paper giving a brief reason of why the "donation" is needed and the nature of the charity's work. The application letter should also be accompanied by a list of the charity's trustees and a copy of its latest report and audited accounts. The envelope should be addressed to the attention of Miss Marie Gallagher.

The Trust will only contact successful applicants.

National funding sources for VCFSE

Alpkit

Alpkit welcome any applications from individuals and groups supporting grass-roots direct action projects that tackle issues such as the community response to COVID-19, diversity & inclusion in the outdoors, participation, education, conservation and protection of our natural environment and health & well-being.

Examples include:

- Being active in your local community to help elderly or vulnerable people

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- Minimising the impact of self-isolation for those in quarantine and need access to food, medicines, or social care
- Supporting foodbanks and increasing the number of meals on wheels deliveries to support the elderly
- Supporting those who are homeless or in temporary accommodation

Individuals or organisations can apply for **grants of £500**.

There is an online application form to apply and trustees meet bi-monthly. Please apply at least 3 months before the start of a project so that the trustees have time to consider it at their next meeting.

Deadline: Ongoing

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://alpkit.com/pages/foundation#apply>

Anchor Foundation

The aim of the Foundation is to support Christian charities concerned with social inclusion particularly through ministries of 19 healing and the arts.

The Foundation awards grants for projects (including projects abroad) that address the following:

- Healing
- Arts
- Social inclusion

Applications for capital or revenue funding will be considered.

Registered Charities can apply. Grants of between **£500** and **£10,000** per year are available.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk>

Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust

The Trust offers funding to support disadvantaged young people to further develop an existing interest in adventurous outdoor activities such as walking, climbing, cycling, kayaking, sailing, horse riding in the UK. The Trust usually supports individuals or small groups.

Applications are accepted from individual young people or small groups or from organisations, such as schools or youth clubs, on behalf of a young person for self-planned activities or residential courses at an outdoor centre in the UK. To be eligible, individual applicants must have a referee.

Each year the Trust gives eight to twelve grants averaging **£400** each.

Applications should be submitted via email in no more than 1,000 words. E-mail:

kalisang98@outlook.com

For more information, please visit: <https://www.andyfanshawe.org>

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Force For Change Programme

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for community projects supported Armed Forces communities. In particular, funding is available to support Armed Forces

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communities to become less isolated and engage more in their local area, and to support needs that have arisen as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Applying organisations must have substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities; an Armed Forces Unit or base; a local authority; a school. The closing date for applications is **noon on 19 November**. Decisions will be made in February 2022.

For more information, please visit:

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/armed-forces-covenant-fund-force-for-change-programme>

Asda Foundation - Covid-19 Grants - Hygiene Grant

In response to Covid-19 the Asda Foundation has stopped its usual grant making activities and launched its Covid-19 Grants. The Hygiene grant is focused on personal hygiene dignity, supporting residents/patients in facilities, who are struggling and unable to provide their own toiletries either through lack of funds or access to family support.

The fund is open to applications from care homes, hospices, hospitals and homeless shelters. **The maximum grant available is £500.**

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/how-to-apply>

Asda Foundation Community Grants Programme

Bringing Communities back together – As social distancing measures begin to ease in the UK, the new Asda Foundation grant focuses on reuniting communities, celebrating togetherness and supporting groups as they begin to resume their usual activities in person. Further guidance for Phase 2 activity that will take place in October-December will launch in August 2021. Further information to follow.

All grant applications are managed through the Asda Superstores and Community Champions.

For further information and to apply visit:

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/how-to-apply>

Barchester Healthcare Foundation

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a registered charity that helps older people and other adults with a disability across England, Scotland and Wales. This year their focus is about connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. Applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged will receive the highest priority. The Foundation favours applications that help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life.

Grants range from **£100 to £5,000**.

Deadline: Ongoing. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For further information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk>

Barrow Cadbury Trust – The Connect Fund

Following Covid-19 the trust has re-focused the Connect Fund's priorities across three main areas to support work that will best prepare the infrastructure of the social

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investment market to respond to the needs of charities and social enterprises in a challenging recovery phase.

The focus areas are:

- **Equality and diversity** - to support work that addresses diversity and inclusion in the social investment sector as well as issues of inequality in the social investment market.
- **Business support development** - to support projects that prepare infrastructure organisations to provide appropriate business support into the recovery phase and further our understanding about what the sector needs to adapt and be resilient to future shocks.

The Connect Fund supports organisations operating in England only.

Organisations applying must be:

- A voluntary sector infrastructure organisation; membership body; umbrella organisation; sector, place-based, or equalities network; a community foundation.
- Or a social investment fund manager or advisor.

The organisation must be incorporated and registered as a charity, social enterprise or have social purpose clearly incorporated into the articles of association.

Applications from BAME-led, Disability-led, LGBTQ+-led, and Women-led infrastructure and intermediary organisations are particularly welcomed.

Deadline: applications accepted on a rolling basis.

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.connectfund.org.uk/apply/>

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme

The BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme which supports children and young people up to the age of 18 living with severe poverty as well as additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability or poor health in the family is currently open for applications from referral organisations that will be able to apply for grants on behalf of families or young people.

Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who are part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs. The referrer's organisation should also be able to administer and supervise the grant on our behalf. Organisations can apply to become a referral organisation to help assess and administer the emergency essentials funding.

The funding can deliver or fund critical items such as:

- Electric cookers
- Furniture
- Kitchen equipment and small appliances
- Children's beds and bedding (including cots)
- Washing machines and tumble dryers
- Fridges, freezers, and fridge-freezers
- Baby equipment
- Clothing

For further details visit:

www.familyfundservices.co.uk/emergency-essentials/

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Blue Spark Foundation

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to Blue Spark Foundation to support the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other projects. Blue Spark is particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people. In most cases grants will be made on a relatively small scale. Many of the grants the Foundation make are under **£2000** and none are more than **£5000**.

Funding provided by Blue Spark for a project must be crucial to the project rather than marginally incremental to its funding. The funding available can be for physical assets (such as iPads, sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions) or for services or facilities (such as sports coaching or music or drama tuition) or simply for the provision of experiences (such as theatre visits). These examples are intended to be illustrative and not restrictive as to the funding which Blue Spark may provide to support projects.

Applications can be submitted at any time and must be made online on Blue Spark Foundation's online Application Form.

For more information and to apply please visit:

<https://www.bluesparkfoundation.org.uk>

Boost Charitable Trust

The Trust aims to give opportunities to those who wish to fulfil their sporting ambitions, at any level, and provides grants to organisations that support disabled or disadvantaged people to 31 overcome challenges and take part in sporting activities in the UK. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees.

Deadline: Ongoing. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For further information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.boostct.org>

British Red Cross – Hardship Funding for Individuals

The Hardship Fund was created by the British Red Cross with partner Aviva to help those most financially impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

Official Referral Partners register people with us for support.

The fund then provides short term financial help for people who cannot afford the essentials:

- Food and toiletries
- Somewhere safe to sleep
- Access to a telephone and the internet
- Fuel to keep the lights on, cook or stay warm

Our network of Referral Partner organisations registers people for cash assistance.

They can request a one-off payment of £120 or a three-month grant.

People registered for the three-month grant will receive £360, paid in monthly instalments of £120 each.

Families with children or other dependants can receive up to three grants, for a total of £1,080 over the three months.

Deadline: None stated

For more information visit: <https://hardshipfund.redcross.org.uk/>

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Central Social and Recreational Trust

The CSRT aims to improve the conditions of boys and girls in England under the age of 21 and of all other persons by reasons of their poverty who would otherwise be unable to obtain facilities for recreational or other leisure time occupations.

All young people who are to benefit must be under 21 years of age and belong to a club/organisation based in England. The Trustees will consider the application where the majority are under 21 but will not consider grants for individuals.

The Trustees will consider grants for equipment for the use of all members of the club. Grants to assist in the maintenance of properties will also be considered as long as the property is owned by the club or there is a significant lease period.

For further information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.csrt.info/how-to-apply>

Comic Relief Community Fund

This funding is intended to support community-led organisations to deliver change by drawing on the 'lived experience' of people who have experienced the issues being tackled.

These issues should align with one of Comic Relief's four strategic themes: Children Survive and Thrive, Fighting for Gender Justice, A Safe Place to Be, Mental Health Matters.

Grants of up to a maximum of **£10,000** are available under two strands; **£1,000** is available for capacity building, **up to £9,000** is available for project delivery

Deadline for Round 1 applications is **12 November**.

For information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/comic-relief/apply>

Community Ownership Fund

The Community Ownership Fund is a £150 million fund over 4 years to support community groups across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to take ownership of assets which are at risk of being lost to the community.

The Community Ownership Fund has 4 strategic objectives: provide targeted investment for communities to save community assets that would otherwise be lost; strengthen capacity and capability in communities to support them to shape their places and develop sustainable community business, empower communities in left behind places to level up, strengthen direct links between places across the UK and UK Government.

All applicants must demonstrate the potential of their projects to deliver against all of the following outcomes: protect a community asset or amenity that is at risk and preserve its community value, develop a sustainable operating model to secure the long-term future of the community asset in community ownership, safeguard the use of community assets and associated local amenities.

All applicants must also show how their project will help deliver one or more of the following outcomes for their place: increase feelings of pride and improve perceptions of the local area as a place to live, improve social trust, cohesion and sense of belonging, increase local participation in community life, arts and culture and/or sport, create additional local economic outcomes – including creating jobs, volunteering opportunities and improving employability and skills levels in the local

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community, create additional social and wellbeing outcomes – including delivering positive impact in physical and/or mental health and reducing loneliness and social isolation.

To be eligible for funding, applicants will also have to demonstrate they are accountable to the local place and/or community they represent, how they will operate for the benefit of the wider community in tangible ways, and how they will use the asset to deliver community impact. Profits from the community asset and businesses should be reinvested in the asset to deliver community benefit.

Applicants can apply for:

capital funding to take ownership - (including the acquisition of the building; refurbishment costs alongside a sale or a transfer). Up to £250,000 match-funded capital will be available for most asset types. Exceptionally bidders will be able to make the case for up to £1 million matchfunding to help establish a community-owned sports club or help buy a sports club or ground at risk of being lost without community intervention

funding for project development - this might include professional fees for technical advice from architects or surveyors or legal advice. It might also include costs for project management to oversee capital works where this is part of an application post-acquisition support funding for up to the first year of operation, where there is a convincing case that this will help support a sustainable business model in the long term

Up to £50,000 (and no more than 20% of the total capital costs applied for through the Fund) is available for project development costs and post-acquisition support.

A full guidance document for applicants is published on GOV.UK. A full application template is published at gov.uk. Applicants should use the template and guidance document to prepare all the information required for their application, prior to submitting via the online portal.

Round 2 will open December 2021

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-prospectus/>

Dorothy Hay-Bolton Charitable Trust

This grant is intended to support projects that work with people with sensory disabilities. The programme intends to fund projects for the benefit of children, young people and older people. Grants will be made between **£1,000** and **£3,000**.

Groups should apply to the Trust on how to apply.

For more information email: brian.carter@krestonreeves.com

DPD Eco Fund

Grants of up to **£2,000** are available for green projects and environment-friendly initiatives. DPD particularly encourages applications on behalf of schools and educational facilities across the UK working on green projects with their students, and start-up companies working on developing environmentally friendly products.

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Applications must be made on behalf of a: • Third sector organisation • Charity • School • Community organisation • Small or medium enterprise with less than 10 employees.

Deadline: Ongoing

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.dpd.co.uk/green-ts-and-cs.jsp>

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

The Foundation launched its new strategy earlier this year and is now providing unrestricted **core and project grants** for work in the following areas:

- **Our Natural World** - Ensuring that the natural world is restored and protected, and that people benefit from that recovery.
- **A Fairer Future** - Contributing to a just and anti-racist society, where those most likely to have their rights denied have those rights protected, as well as the opportunity to speak and be heard, and have the freedom to express their creativity.
- **Creative, Confident Communities** - Strengthening the bonds in communities, helping local people to build vibrant, confident places where they can fulfil their creative, human, and economic potential.

The minimum grant size is £30,000 for three years or longer.

Deadline: Ongoing. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/applications/>

FCC Community Action Fund

Registered Charities, churches, Parish Councils, Local Authorities and CASC registered sports clubs can apply for grants between **£2,000** and **£100,000** for the provision, maintenance and improvement of community facilities.

This can include; village halls and community centres, public play areas, publicly available Multi use games areas, skate parks and BMX tracks, sports and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access, churches (community spaces), nature reserves, public gardens/parks/country parks/woodlands with at least dawn to dusk access, museums.

Projects have to be located within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment site.

Round 4 will close on **1 December**.

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-community-action-fund>

Football Foundation Small Grants

The Small Grants programme seeks to enable grassroots football organisations in England to restart activities after the period of Covid-19 restrictions by providing funding for purchasing equipment and items such as goalposts or pitch maintenance machinery.

Applications are accepted from football clubs and community sports organisations providing men's football in England. Eligible organisation types include: • Not-for-profit football club or voluntary group • Local Authority • County Football Association • Professional Club Community Organisation • Educational establishment providing

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facilities for the community • Registered charity • Not-for-profit company • Community Interest Company (CIC) or other social enterprise • Company limited by guarantee.

Grants of up to **£25,000** can be awarded.

Deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://footballfoundation.org.uk/game-on>

Football Foundation – Return to Disability Football Fund

The aim of the Return to Disability Football Fund is to enable football clubs and organisations in England to restart or deliver new disability football activities following the period of COVID-19 restrictions. Grants of up to £1,000 are available.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/return-to-disability-football-fund>

Foyle Foundation – Small Grants

The Foyle Foundation has re-opened its Small Grants Scheme to support smaller, grassroots, and local charities across the UK during the Covid-19 crisis.

Organisations which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support can apply for grants of **between £1,000 and £10,000**.

Funding can be used to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services. Competition for funding is expected to be strong.

Deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information and to apply visit:

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

Gigabit Voucher Scheme

As part of the Government's commitment to delivering superfast broadband across the UK, charities and SMEs in rural areas may be eligible for a grant of up to **£3,500** to help cover the costs of installing gigabit broadband to people's doorsteps.

For more information and to apply for a voucher, please visit the Gigabit Broadband Scheme: <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/home/about-the-scheme>

Greenhall Community Fund

The objectives of the fund are to improve lives among the sick, the elderly, the disabled, the disadvantaged in the UK. Overseas projects are also supported provided that the applicant charity is registered in the UK. Only the first 100 applications received will be given to the Trustee Board for their consideration and they will meet in November 2021 to allocate the funds.

The grants of **£1,000 to £10,000** are only available to UK Registered Charities.

Preference will be given to specific projects rather than supplement funds used for general purposes.

For further information and to apply, please visit:

<https://greenhallfoundation.org>

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Help the Homeless

This funder makes grants to UK registered charities for capital expenses that will assist people who are homeless in their return to mainstream society. Your charity must have an annual income of under £1 million and less than 6 months' running costs in reserves.

Grants are generally for **£5,000** and under.

Deadlines: The quarterly deadlines for applications for funding each year are: 15th March / 15th June/ 15th September/ **15th December**.

For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

Henry Smith Christian Grants

The Christian Projects programme provides grants to support projects that explicitly promote the Christian faith in the UK, and are only awarded to work that comes from an Anglican context, or work that is fully ecumenical.

The funding is for projects that meet at least one of the fund's three priorities, which are:

- Meeting the spiritual needs of older people, including those with dementia
- Reaching out to the unchurched – especially young people and young families – by nurturing spiritual interest and wellbeing
- Projects that support and care for Anglican clergy at times of acute need

Churches, small charities and not-for-profit organisations that explicitly promote the Christian faith in the UK can apply.

Grants of over **£10,000** are available per year, funding for up to three years is available (most grants are for 1-2 years).

Deadline: Ongoing. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For further information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/christian-projects/christian-projects-funding-guidelines>

Hereford Community Foundation

The fund is intended for local organisations who are working with young people aged 0 to 25 years of age. There is particular interest in projects that lead to employment, accreditation, further education, training and integration. The fund looks to innovation and entrepreneurship. The panel looks for evidence of how closely applicants consult young people in developing their service, and for any community involvement and local financial support.

The average grant is **£3,500**.

Grant guidelines and application form can be found at Hereford Community Foundation website. The Trustees meet three times a year.

For more information and how to apply, please visit:

admin@herefordshirecf.org

Hope Beyond Grants – The Allchurches Trust

In response to the coronavirus, the Allchurches Trust is making funding available to churches, Christian Charities, cathedrals and Christian denominational bodies to

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enable them to meet changing needs within their communities and to adapt to challenges and opportunities presented by the pandemic.

The Hope Beyond Programme are making grants of **up to £50,000** available to help religious organisations implement new ways of working and introduce new and/or enhanced support and activities to meet changing need.

The Programme will look to address three themes: the issues of **loneliness and isolation; growing community resilience and promoting mental and emotional health and wellbeing; and growing technological capability and resilience.**

Funding can be used for capital projects and some revenue costs.

Deadline: Applications can be made at any time.

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund/hopebeyond/>

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

Charities working in the UK and working to offer sanctuary, rehoming or rehabilitation to animals in the UK can apply for grants of up to **£35,000**.

Organisations involved with the conservation of wildlife, the rescue, rehabilitation and release of animals are also eligible to apply. The funding supports general running costs or capital purchases. The Trust encourages repeat applications from charities where further financial support might be given if the funds allow.

The next deadline to apply is **3 January 2022**.

Kelly Family Charitable Trust

Registered charities whose activities support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 (but trustees will consider requests for higher amounts) through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust.

The trust has decided to prioritise its funding in favour of charities whose activities involve all or most family members where possible, in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members.

The three interventions the charity wishes to support include:

- Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit e.g. practical family support, relationship counselling, mediation
- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment.

Grants will generally be worth **up to £5,000**, but trustees will consider requests for higher amounts.

Deadline: the next closing date for applications is 1 March 2022.

Grants are awarded twice a year. All applications should be made on the Kelly Charitable Trust's official application form, which can be downloaded by [clicking this link](#).

Applications should be sent by email to mail@kfct.org

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Leading in Uncertainty – Peer Support for Charity and Social Enterprise Leaders

VAR is running 90-minute drop-in peer support sessions for up to 10 charity leaders at a time, every week, from June, via zoom. Attendees will have a safe space to share challenges, time to pause and reflect, and the opportunity to hear each other's experiences of adapting to and coping with leading in prolonged uncertainty. The sessions are for leaders of charities, community organisations and social enterprises, based in the UK. The sessions take place weekly, starting in June 2021, until April 2022.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.ivar.org.uk/leading-in-uncertainty>

LUSH Charity Pot

Funding is intended to support groups working in the following areas: human rights (social justice, peace, equality), animal protection, environment. It prioritises groups who are campaigning to create long-term change which will benefit large sections of society, and tries to help those whose radical stance and approach might make it difficult to source funding from elsewhere.

Grants range from **£100** to **£10,000**. The average grant is between **£2,000** to **£4,000**. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://wearelush.com/lush-life/our-giving/charity-pot/>

Magic Little Grants

Smaller charities and community groups across the UK can apply for a one-off grant of £500 from 1 March until 31 October. Six funding trusts from the People's Postcode Lottery and Local-giving will be working together to award more than £1million in small grants to some 2000 charitable organisations in England, Scotland and Wales over the next 6 months.

For more information and to apply visit: <https://localgiving.org/about/magic-little-grants>

McCarthy Stone Foundation

The Foundation supports: older people facing isolation, loneliness, or poor health; young people who may be falling behind personally and academically; and communities in need of regeneration. One off grants of **up to £5,000** are available. Initially, an Expression of interest form should be submitted. This will be reviewed and, if selected, the main application form will be sent plus a copy of the Grant Making Policy.

Applications are accepted any time and are reviewed by the Trustees quarterly.

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/who-we-support>

Mental Health Sustainability Fund

The Mental Health Sustainability Programme was founded by a coalition of the UK's leading mental health charities and social enterprises in May 2020 to help voluntary,

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community and social enterprises (VCSE) mental health service providers sustain their services during and after the pandemic.

The purpose of the fund is to help mental health organisations to become more resilient and improve their ability to deliver, both during and after the COVID-19 crisis. Grants of up to **£5,000** are available.

For more information and to apply please visit:

<https://amhp.org.uk/our-work/mh-sustainability-programme/sustainability-fund/>

Military Order of the Collar Foundation

The scheme is intended to support organisations undertaking projects which aim to help those who are in need, particularly in the areas of poverty relief and education. The main beneficiaries of grants are: children/young people; elderly/old people; people with disabilities; people of a particular ethnic or racial origin. In particular, the welfare of children and the emergency services sector are supported by the Foundation.

Registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations which benefit disadvantaged people in the UK or abroad are invited to apply. Small and medium charities led by those in the field are favoured for funding.

Applications should be made in writing and be accompanied by the annual accounts and referees.

Deadline: The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time

For further information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.mocfoundation.org/>

Morrison's Foundation

The Morrison's Foundation awards grants of **up to £25,000** to community projects that improve people's lives. Applicants must demonstrate how the project will deliver public benefit, who in the community will specifically benefit and how it will bring about positive change.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis can be submitted at any time. For further information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.morrisonfoundation.com/>

Ocado Foundation for Good

The programme will support 'the many rather than the few' by providing grants of up to £1,000 to charities, community organisations, community interest companies, academic institutions, and local authorities for community projects which focus their efforts on three core areas: skills for the future, natural resources, responsible sourcing.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, for volunteering, only applications for digital volunteering will be accepted. Applications can be made at any time until **31 December 2021**.

For further information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.bizgive.app>

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Paul Hamlyn Foundation: Arts Access and Participation Fund

The aim of the Access and Participation Fund is to support change in the way the arts are created, presented, accessed and experienced so that a wider and more diverse group of people have access to quality artistic practice, both as audiences and participants.

The funding will cover work that involves any of the following: crafts, dance, design, digital arts and media, film, literature (including creative writing and poetry), 12 music, opera, photography, theatre, the visual arts, and cross arts practice.

Not for profit, formally constituted organisations in the UK can apply. Grants of between **£30,000** and **£400,000** are available.

There is a 2-stage application process. Applications can be made at any time.

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.phf.org.uk/our-work-in-the-uk/arts-access-participation>

Paul Hamlyn Foundation: Youth Funding

Not for profit youth organisations that support young people (aged 14 – 25) facing disadvantage can apply for grants of **up to £90,000** spread over three years through the Paul Hamlyn Foundation Funding to Support Youth Organisations (UK).

The Youth Fund supports organisations whose main purpose is about helping young people in the most precarious positions, where making the transition to adult independence is most challenging.

The funding is available for up to three years and will support the core operating costs of the applicant organisation. Funding could support:

- Replicating a programme or service
- Widening the reach of an idea or innovation
- Spreading a technology or skill
- Advancing policy or enhancing its implementation
- Influencing attitudes

Deadline: Ongoing. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information and to apply, please visit:
<https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/youth-fund>

Persimmon Community Champions

Persimmon Community Champions is here to fund good causes across the UK.

Each of their 31 businesses and their PLC head office are giving away up to £2,000 every month – that is £64,000 a month available to fund local community initiatives.

Persimmon Community Champions have supported thousands of community groups and charities over the years, but from 1st April for the foreseeable future, they want to focus on organisations that support the over-70s – a vulnerable group in society that Persimmon Community Champions feel need their support at this time.

Community groups and charities can apply for grants of up to £1,000.

Deadline: Ongoing

Contact information: Email: contact@persimmonhomes.com

For more information and to apply visit:

www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions/

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Power to Change – Community Business Crowdmatch

This programme will help community businesses respond to the Covid-19 crisis, whether it is for launching new ideas to help your neighbourhood, help meet increased demand, save a community space, or help bridge a funding gap. For every £1 you crowd fund Power to Change will match fund every £1 up to £10,000.

The funder is particularly keen to support new and existing projects in more deprived areas of the country, and to work with Black, Asian, and ethnically diverse individuals and community business leaders across England.

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/community-business-crowdmatch>

Ragdoll Foundation – Small and Main Grants Programme

Not-for-profit organisations in the UK that are working with children and young people using the arts and creative media can apply for funding through the Ragdoll Foundation. The Foundation's vision is to support projects where the concerns of childhood can be heard. A variety of art forms can be supported including dance, drama, ceramics, creative play, film, music, puppetry and storytelling. Supported projects need to support equality of opportunity, can include families and take place in rural or urban settings and may be delivered, for example, in children's and community centres, nurseries, schools and hospitals.

Funding is available through two programmes:

- **Small Grants Programme.** Organisations can apply for up to **£1,500** for small, one-off projects, pilot projects, or research and development projects lasting up to 6 months.
- **Main Grants Programme (formerly Open Grants Scheme)** – Grants of **£5,000 to £50,000** are available for new, larger or longer-term projects. Projects can last for up to three years. There is a two-stage application process. Stage1 applications to the main grants programme are assessed on a rolling basis and can be submitted at any time. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

Projects need to support the Foundation's key aims:

- Demonstrate how the concerns of children can be heard through high quality arts engagement projects that put the child's or young person's voice at the centre
- Evidence the power of arts and creativity and their transformative power for children and young people
- Promote children's development through their imaginative thinking
- Promote equality of access to the arts and creative experiences
- Encourage innovative thinking and influence good practice
- Ensure effective evaluation of projects to promote sharing and learning

Deadlines: Ongoing. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information and to apply visit:

<http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

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Rank Foundation – DCMS Covid-19 Response Programme

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Rank Foundation has launched a new DCMS Covid-19 Response Programme to provide support to 200 small-medium charities & social enterprises within the social sector. The Foundation will provide funding in two strands:

- the **Covid-19 Recovery Fund** will provide grants of up to £25,000 for RankNet member organisations with urgent and immediate financial needs because of the pandemic. Applications can be made at any time.
- In addition, organisations can take part in the match funded **Covid-19 Time to Shine Leadership Programme** which expands on the Time to Shine programme to create new jobs within the social sector and to help build resilience.

For more information and to apply visit: <https://rankfoundation.com/rank-launches-dcms-covid-19-response-programme/>

Rank Foundation – Pebble Grants

The Rank Foundation has reopened applications for Pebble Grants which provide funding of between £250 and £4,000 to small UK registered charities and recognised churches which are raising money for projects where the total cost is less than £150,000.

The project must be for the benefit of UK residents, including but not limited to citizens, long-term residents and asylum seekers.

Funding can be used for either:

- capital costs, such as funding for fixed, one-time expenses incurred on the purchase of land, building work, refurbishment, and equipment;
- or short breaks where funding is targeted towards annual respite breaks for disadvantaged young people, and short-term activities or programmes.

Applicants must have an annual income of less than £500,000 and already raised a third of the total costs

For more information on how to apply, please visit:

<https://rankfoundation.com/pebble-grants/>

Sport England Return to Play Grants

Sport and activity groups, clubs and organisations in England can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to respond to the immediate challenges of returning to play safely post-COVID.

Funding can cover costs such as minor amendments to facilities, additional sports equipment, signage, sanitisation and training courses for clubs in areas of high deprivation, the fund will also now support ongoing running costs.

Deadline for applications is **31 December**.

For more information on how to apply, please visit:

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/return-play-small-grants>

Sport England Active Together

Sport England's Return to Play Active Together Fund is a crowdfunding initiative that can match successful Crowdfunder campaigns by up to £10,000.

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Sports Clubs, charities and other community organisations delivering sport or activities across England are invited to run their own crowdfunding campaigns, fundraising for things such as loss of income due to the crisis, additional coaching, facility hire and any other COVID related needs.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/return-play-active-together#applicationprocess-10212>

Sporting Equals

Sporting Equals is undertaking a research project funded by Sport England that looks at the experiences of participation in sport, exercise, and fitness activities in women aged 16 and older in England, who identify as Black. This research is being conducted as data suggests a drop in levels of physical activity in Black women during COVID-19 (Active Lives Survey, May 2019/2020). Part of the research will involve focus groups that will help them understand the experiences and barriers towards their participation in physical activity before, during and after COVID-19 restrictions.

Sporting Equals are seeking 2-3 organisations who will be able to host online or offline focus groups of 5-6 individuals per focus group between **now and Dec 2021**. Hosting organisations will be remunerated **£150** per focus group to cover the costs of venue/hosting/and/or participant incentives. The facilitation can be carried out by someone in your organisation, moderator guidelines can be sent out in advance to help participating organisations fully prepare for the session.

If your organisation is interested in being involved in this opportunity, please contact the Sporting Equals North Activator Rashid Hussain on activatornorth@sportingequals.org.uk

Support Adoption for Pets Grant Programme

Pet rescue organisations can apply for funding to help support rescues throughout the short- and medium-term impact of the coronavirus. Through the Support Adoption for Pets Grant Programme, charities and not-for-profit organisations which rescue and rehome pets or provide temporary support to ensure pets can remain with their owners can apply for funding of **up to £10,000** or up to 30% of total annual expenditure, whichever is the lower amount.

Funding must have a direct impact on animal welfare and can be used to cover vet bills, boarding costs, food, salaries of animal care staff, utilities, and consumables. Priority will be given to organisations whose medium-term survival is at risk.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.supportadoptionforpets.co.uk/grant-programme/>

TESCO Community Grants Programme

The Tesco Bags of Help Programme has been relaunched as the Tesco Community Grants programme to support local good causes that focus on helping children and families across the UK.

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Registered charities, voluntary and community organisations, schools, parish/town councils and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of **£500, £1,000 or £1,500**. Three projects from each local area will be shortlisted to go to the public vote by Tesco customers every three months, with grants awarded depending on the number of votes their project receives.

Deadline: Ongoing. Applications can be made at any time.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.tescocommunitygrants.org.uk>

The Ashley Family Foundation Fund

Funding is available for small-scale arts and/or community and social welfare projects in England and Wales.

The Foundation focuses funding on three main themes:

- **Rural** – projects that open up opportunity in rural areas where it might not otherwise exist, and that help alleviate the isolation and other hardships that can affect rural communities
- **Arts** – projects that can help bring art to those people that it can help and help those who go on to bring art to people. It supports organisations that provide a wide range of educational and creative activities, including applied arts and crafts, music, drama and textiles.
- **Community-** projects that bring people together, to help each other out and make their community a better, more joyful place. Support is available for a range of community and social welfare projects, including those focused on helping people who suffer from isolation, mental health problems and financial and/or social disadvantage.
- **Small Charities** – the Foundation has an affinity with small charities, the ones set up by people who are driven by love and kindness to help better the lives of people around them.

Funding is awarded up to the value of **£10,000**. It is generally awarded to one-off projects although funding for a number of years (up to 3) will be considered if the project requires it.

Applications can be made at any time. Trustees meet up to 3 times a year.

For further information on how to apply, please visit:

www.ashleyfamilyfoundation.org.uk/

The Child's Charitable Trust

The Child's Charitable Trust is a grant-making Trust, supporting Christian UK registered charities and organisations working in the UK and overseas.

Projects will be considered in the following categories:

Youth – supporting projects in schools and with vulnerable and disadvantaged young people

Outreach – all aspects of Christian outreach

Society – social action and projects that have a positive impact in the community e.g. counselling, night shelters, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, homelessness, prison/ex-offenders work

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Education – all aspects of Christian education

The primary focus of grants awarded in 2021 will be to those organisations who actively share the Christian gospel in their work.

The next closing date for applications is **30 November**.

For more information and how to apply, please visit:

<https://childscharitabletrust.org>

The Clothworkers' Foundation Open Grants Programme

The Clothworkers' Open Grants programme will award grants to UK registered charities, CICs, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools). Grants are awarded towards capital projects which are defined as:

- **Buildings:** purchase, construction, renovation, or refurbishment.
- **Fittings, Fixtures, and Equipment:** this includes but is not limited to office equipment/furniture, sports/gym equipment, digital/audio visual equipment, garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment. It does not include equipment for one-off use, or which will be given to service users for personal use on a permanent basis.
- **Vehicles:** This includes a minibus, car, caravan, people-carrier, or 4X4. We are unlikely to fund the total cost of a new vehicle.

The programme wants to fund organisations that support people in the following areas:

- Alcohol and substance misuse
- Disadvantaged minority groups
- Disadvantaged young people
- Domestic & sexual abuse
- Homelessness
- Older People
- People with disabilities
- Prisoners and ex-offenders
- Visual impairment

At least 50% of service users benefiting from the capital project must be from one or more of these groups. [Application Guidance](#) and a list of [exclusions](#) can be found on the website.

Applications can be made at any time. The Foundation aim to make a decision within eight weeks for grants and projects **less than £10,000** or within six months for grants **over £10,000**.

For smaller projects (with a balance of less than £10,000), the Foundation generally funds between 50% and 100% of the balance.

For larger projects, £100,000+, the Foundation generally funds 10% or more of the balance to be raised.

Deadline: Ongoing. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information and to apply, please see

<https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/what-we-fund>

The Dulverton Trust

The Dulverton Trust is looking for applications from organisations working to produce significant impact in one of the following priority areas:

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- youth opportunities,
- general welfare,
- conservation,
- preservation,
- Africa, and
- Peace and humanitarian support.

Grant-making will be focused on:

- charities which meet their funding criteria and are well-placed to support vulnerable communities through this crisis (previous grant recipients will be prioritised, but the Trust may consider new charities to them as an exception)
- supporting charities with which the Trust have an existing relationship to overcome funding challenges caused by the COVID-19 crisis

Charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) with an annual income of between £200,000 and £10 million (but preference is given to charities with an income of £5 million can apply for grants of **between £25,000 – £35,000**

Application process: Applicants first need to complete an online eligibility quiz

Deadline: Ongoing

Contact information: Tel: 020 7495 7852 Email: grants@dulverton.org

For more information and to apply visit: www.dulverton.org

The Edward Gostling Foundation Fast Track Small Grants Programme

The Foundation provides grants to other charities that support people of all ages living on low incomes who have a physical and/or mental disability or long-term illness. Themes:

- **Health and Wellbeing** – the funder is looking to support partner charities in providing access to community facilities offering support services that maintain, improve and advance the health and welfare of people living with disabilities and/or long-term illnesses.
- **Independent Living at Home** - the funder is looking for charity partners that need funding to support people who wish to remain living in their own home for as long as is practically possible.
- **Respite** – the funder is looking for partner charities providing facilities in the UK where either the person living with a disability and/or long-term illnesses or the individual caring for them can go to access sports and leisure activities or simply enjoy fun, friendship and the opportunity to socialise and share with others who may be in a similar situation.
- **Transition** – includes projects that provide a journey through education, training or personal development into employment, long-term volunteering, or other meaningful day time activity, leading to independence, affordable housing and/or supported living.

UK registered charities with less than 6 months of free reserves can apply for grants of **up to £10,000**.

Deadline: Ongoing

Contact information: Tel: 01753 753 900 Email: info@edwardgostling.org.uk

For more information and to apply visit:

www.edwardgostlingfoundation.org.uk/content/apply-grant-0

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The Fat Beehive Foundation – Small grants for websites and digital products

The Fat Bee Foundation has launched to support and amplify the work of small charities providing much needed services. The charity will provide grants of **up to £2,500** to help small charities build websites and digital products which will enhance their work and consequently provide social good.

Priority areas they are looking to support include charities that support people in the following areas:

- Environmental protection or climate change mitigation
- Human rights
- International development
- Equality and Diversity
- Social justice / Refugees / Housing
- Education
- Art & culture
- Health and wellbeing
- Prisoner rehabilitation

Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered at the quarterly trustees' meetings, which are normally held in January, April, July and October.

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.fatbeehivefoundation.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

The Homelessness Winter Transformation Fund

To provide support for people sleeping rough in England during winter 2021/22, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has announced a £3 million grants fund.

The Homelessness Winter Transformation Fund 2021/22 will enable small-to-medium homelessness charities, community and faith groups and voluntary sector organisations to develop accommodation options that are self-contained, Covid-secure and dignified for people sleeping rough.

The Fund will include £1 million of capital and £2 million of revenue funding, and will be managed by Homeless Link in partnership with Housing Justice.

A webinar to set out key information about the fund will be held on the 15th April 2021 with further details made available when the capital grants round opens to applications on the 4th May 2021.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.homeless.org.uk/connect/blogs/2021/apr/07/homelessness-winter-transformation-fund-202122-is-announced>

The Home Instead Bring Joy Foundation

The Home Instead Bring Joy Foundation makes donations to charities, small grassroots organisations, and other not-for-profit groups that can demonstrate their commitment to creating activities designed to improve the lives of the elderly across the UK.

Small grassroots organisation can apply for funding up to **£500** and small local registered charities can apply for funding of up to **£1,500**. Larger grants can be considered for exceptional projects. The funding is available for events, activities or

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pastimes that prevent social isolation and loneliness amongst adults over the age of 55 years.

Donation requests of more than £5,000 will be considered for exceptional projects.

This is a rolling programme and applications can be made at any time.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.homeinstead.co.uk/charities/>

The Idlewild Trust

The Idlewild Trust supports charities that improve opportunities for young professionals working in the arts, particularly at an early stage in their careers; and supporting the conservation of important works of art and objects.

The Trust awards £130,000 each year in grants. During 2020 the average grant was **£3,880**.

The next closing date for applications is **15 March 2021**.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk>

The Matthew Good Foundation – Grants for Good Fund

The Matthew Good Foundation has launched a Grants for Good Fund to support small charities, not-for-profit groups and social enterprises who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community or their environment.

The Fund will share £10,000 between five shortlisted projects which will be voted for by John Good Group employees.

The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £3,500, second place £2,500, third place £2,000 with fourth and fifth places both receiving £1,000.

As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation is keen to hear from people with innovative ideas that need some funding to get their project up and running.

Funding is awarded every 3 months. The deadline for this funding round is **15 December**.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood>

The Mobo Help Musicians Fund

The MOBO Help Musicians Fund has been created in partnership to support the career ambitions of exceptionally talented artists and groups with grants of up to £3,000 to support creative output as well as business advice and other support measures.

The funding is available for recording and releasing music; helping to build creative portfolios and get music out into the world. Artists can apply for financial support towards a new EP, a series of single releases, a marketing plan around new music or content creation to accompany any new release.

Any solo artist, producer, songwriter or group working within any genre can apply but preference may be given to; R&B, Afrobeat, Soul, Hip Hop, Grime, Jazz, Gospel, Garage, Reggae and African music.

Eligible applicants will be:

- Aged 18 or over

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- Based primarily in the UK and eligible to work here
- A resident in the UK for at least the last 3 consecutive years
- In financial need and without significant backing from labels, music publishing companies or management
- A track record of regularly performing, writing and releasing music for at least 12 months

No application deadline has been indicated.

For further information and to apply please visit:

<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme-current-opportunities/mobo-help-musicians-fund>

The Morrison's Foundation

The Morrison's Foundation awards grants of up to **£25,000** to community projects that improve people's lives.

Applicants must demonstrate how the project will deliver public benefit, who in the community will specifically benefit and how it will bring about positive change.

Grants may be applied for by any charity which is registered with the Charity Commission (England and Wales) or the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (Scotland). Applicants must also have raised some funding towards the project elsewhere.

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

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.morrisonfoundation.com/>

The National Churches Trust – Gateway Grant Programme

Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 are available to listed and unlisted Christian Places of Worship, of any denomination, across the UK towards project development costs and investigative work up to RIBA planning Stage 1, to support churches preparing for a major project, and developing their project up to a point where they can approach a major funder.

The Gateway Grant funder will offer grants between £3,000 and £10,000 for urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects costing between £10,000 and £100,000. Grants never exceed 50% of total project costs.

Deadline for applications is **13 January 2022**.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

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

The National Heritage Memorial Fund COVID-19 Response Fund

Charities, not-for-profits and public sector organisations can apply for funding to help save nationally important heritage assets at risk due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund COVID-19 Response Fund will support a broad range of heritage, from fine and decorative arts, historic buildings and land, and items of industrial, transport and maritime heritage.

Successful applications could include acquisition costs, urgent conservation works necessary as a result of COVID-19, fixed term support to enable heritage assets to

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be suitably rehomed, interim safeguarding costs and investment in permanent solutions to support heritage assets for the longer term.
The fund will remain open to applications until the end of April 2023. There are no deadlines for applications.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.nhmf.org.uk/funding/covid-19-response-fund>

The Peter Cruddas Foundation

The Foundation supports programmes designed to help disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the age range of 16 to 30, to pursue pathways to Education, Training and Employment with the ultimate aim of helping them to become financially independent.

Funding priorities include

- Pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disengaged people in the age range 16 to 30 into education, training or employment
- Work experience/skills projects for young people aged 16 to 30
- Youth work in London particularly evening work for disadvantaged young people aged 16 to 30.

Registered Charities can apply. There is no maximum or minimum grant amount.

The next deadline date is **1 March**.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.petercruddasfoundation.org.uk>

The Schroder Charity Trust

The Schroder Charity Trust is an independent grant making Family Trust they are making grants of up to £5,000 available to support VCFSE in the following areas:

- Education and young people
- Health
- Communities
- Environment and conservation
- Heritage
- Arts and culture
- International development
- The armed forces

The Schroder Charity Trust continues to accept applications from charities during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Charities registered in England & Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland are eligible to apply for up to £5,000.

Deadline: Ongoing

Contact information: email info@schrodercharitytrust.org

For further information and to apply visit: schrodercharitytrust.org/homepage

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The Volent Trust COVID-19 Response Fund

The Trust is accepting applications from organisations across the UK that demonstrate a strong focus on alleviating social deprivation and helping vulnerable groups who have particularly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding is available to support running and core costs as well as for medical equipment and the production or distribution of PPE will also be considered.

Funding awards will be at the discretion of the Trustees. The next deadline for applications is **31 December**.

For further information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.volanttrust.org/how-to-apply-covid-19>

The Weavers Company

Small, registered charities can apply for grants of up to £15,000 for projects working with: supporting offenders and ex-offenders, particularly those under 30 years of age and helping disadvantaged young people.

Applicants must show that they have investigated other sources of funding and made plans for the future, which should include replacement funding if appropriate.

The next date for applications is **19 November**.

For further advice and information about the Company's Charitable Grants or to receive an application form by e-mail, please contact Anne Howe, Charities Officer e-mail: charity@weavers.org.uk

To apply for a grant, complete the application form online, then print the form and mail it to The Weavers' Company together with your supporting documents.

Please visit: <https://weavers.org.uk>

The Yapp Charitable Trust

The Trust only make grants for ongoing core funding to groups which support:

- Elderly people
- Children and young people aged 5 – 25
- People with physical impairments, learning difficulties or mental health challenges
- Social welfare – people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin (such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, offending)
- Education and learning (with a particular interest in people who are educationally
- disadvantaged, whether adults or children)

Registered charities that have been formally established for a minimum of three years can apply for grants of **up to £3,000**.

Application process: There is an online application form

Deadline: Ongoing

Contact information: Tel: 0191 389 3300

For more information and to apply visit: <http://yappcharitabletrust.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

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The Yorkshire Building Society - Coronavirus Response Fund

The Yorkshire Building Society's Charitable Foundation has launched a Coronavirus Response Fund to support registered charities that are helping local communities affected by the coronavirus. The Foundation is keen to support the needs of charities who may be impacted by the coronavirus crisis. During this time, they are relaxing their eligibility criteria so that donations to support running costs will be considered. Funding will support groups and activities that

- Help vulnerable people who are self-isolating.
- Ensure supplies for foodbanks and organisations, to alleviate the impact of children no longer receiving free school meals due to school closures.
- Help community response coordination, including volunteer costs.
- Cover additional costs of working remotely and adapting services delivered in the wider community.
- Cover the loss of income for charities providing support for vulnerable groups

Deadlines: 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December annually.

For further information and to apply visit:

www.ybs.co.uk/your-society/charitable-foundation/index.html

Together for our Planet Fund – The National Lottery Community Fund

Ahead of the COP26 Climate Change Conference, a new fund has been launched to support communities and schools across the UK to take action on climate change. Grants of between **£1,000** and **£10,000** are available for community projects covering areas such as food, transport, energy, waste and consumption, the natural environment.

The National Lottery Community Fund expects to make between 400-500 grants.

The closing date for applications is **5pm on 18 November 2021**.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/together-for-our-planet#section-1>

Tree Council Branching Out Fund

Schools, community groups, parish and town councils and tree warden networks within the UK, can apply for grants between **£300** and **£1500** to get communities and young people up to the age of 21 involved in planting and caring for trees, hedges and orchards.

The fund will cover the cost of trees, hedges and fruit trees, reasonable costs of non-plastic protection and supports, other aids to establishment such as peat-free compost and soil improvers.

The deadline for applications is **5pm on 17 December**.

All projects must be completed and payments claimed by 31 December.

For further information and to apply, please visit: <https://treecouncil.org.uk>

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Small and Major Grants available through the Foundation. The preference is to fund front line organisations working directly with people in need. Small grant projects

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must have a focus on Community Support and major grant applicants must have a focus on Family Support. The Foundation do not support campaigning, organisational development, or capacity building.

The grants will fund:

- 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
- Revenue costs

Small Grants - Single year grants **between £2,000 and £10,000** for core costs, salaries, running and project costs

Major Grants - Single year grants **between £10,000 and £100,000** for core costs, salaries, running and project costs or

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

Deadlines: **Small Grants**- final decision within 8 weeks of the receipt of your application.

Major Grants – outcome decided at their Grants Committee meetings which in 2021 will take place in **January, April, July, and October**. There are no deadlines for these meetings.

For more information and to apply visit:

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

Tudor Trust

The Tudor Trust funds a wide range of organisations that are working to support positive change in people's lives and in their communities across the UK. The Trust is keen to work with organisations that have a real understanding of the challenges facing the communities they support and a clear sense of the difference they seek to make through their work.

There is no maximum or minimum level of grant, although it is unusual for a grant of less than £10,000 to be made. Grants are usually for 1-3 years.

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://tudortrust.org.uk>

Vegetarian for Life Grants

Vegetarian for Life supports and enhance quality of life for older vegetarians and vegans. Grants of up to **£3,000** are available and are normally made to assist 'independent living', for example: to provide ramps, grab handles, minor kitchen/bathroom adaptations, stair lifts, mobility scooter or perhaps respite care (a short stay in a care home for a person being cared for at home, to provide a break for the carer).

Charities and charitable organisations can apply on behalf of people who are:

- Practising vegetarians and vegans
- Over 60 years of age
- In financial need

Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://vegetarianforlife.org/resources/grants>

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Wakeham Trust

Grants are available to community groups and small registered charities in the UK. Organisations that are not registered charities can make an application through a registered charity in their area that can then pass the money onto their project. Preference is given to projects that are run by ordinary people, not professionals. Grants are normally given to projects where an initial **£125-£2,500** will make a significant difference

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.thewakehamtrust.org>

Other useful Funding & Social Investment Resources

[The National Community Lottery](#)

[Charity Bank](#)

[Charity Excellence Framework](#)

[Funding Central](#)

[Get Grants](#)

[Good Finance](#)

[Grants Online](#)

[Lloyds Bank Foundation](#)

[NCVO \(National Council of Voluntary Organisations\)](#)

[Social Investment Business](#)

[Sport England](#)

[Turn2Us](#)

If your Cheshire East VCFSE (Voluntary, Community, Faith & Social Enterprise) group or organisation would like support to help find funding for a specific project or service area please email us on enquiries@cesap.org.uk for further details.

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