

# RURAL FUNDING DIGEST

## August 2025

*A monthly bulletin facilitated by your membership of the **Rural Services Network** highlighting a selection of current funding opportunities*

### **Capital Grants – Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

£150 million of funding is available to farmers, land managers and rural businesses for practical environmental improvements across England.

These include planting hedgerows, managing boundaries, improving water and air quality, restoring habitats, and introducing natural flood management measures. Capital Grants can be used to deliver standalone improvements or to complement existing Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI), Countryside Stewardship (CS) or Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) agreements.

As of 29 July 2025, just under 75% of the available funding has now been allocated, based on applications submitted. They will close this round of funding as soon as the remaining budget is fully allocated.

[Capital Grants now open for applications – Farming](#)

### **Million Hours Fund – The National Lottery Community Fund**

This funding is for organisations to give extra support to young people in areas with higher rates of anti-social behaviour. They'll fund extra hours of youth work to give these young people more places to go and positive things to do.

This is the third phase of the Million Hours Fund. It is funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and The National Lottery Community Fund.

They can only fund projects in certain parts of England. The work you want to fund must take place in, or benefit young people living in, one of the eligible ward areas. You can check the areas via the fund website.

You can apply for between £30,000 and £100,000, The deadline for applications is 22 October 2025.

[Million Hours Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)

### **Rewilding Innovation Fund – Rewilding Britain**

The Rewilding Innovation Fund aims to remove barriers to rewilding across Britain. Whether your site or project is in the early planning stages or looking to try out a new approach, you can apply.

From business plans to feasibility studies, community engagement to trialling the latest technology, Rewilding Britain funds works that could potentially unlock further funding for you or move you up the rewilding scale.

They choose the projects they consider will have the highest impact on people and nature, on land and sea, with opportunities for shared learning with the Rewilding Network.

Projects have two opportunities to apply for funding through the Rewilding Innovation Fund each year, in the new year and summer. The 2025 summer round is now open. You can apply for up to £15,000 and the deadline for applications is 29 August 2025.

[Rewilding Innovation Fund | Rewilding Britain](#)

### **Creating Connections Grants – McCarthy Stone Foundation**

The McCarthy Stone Foundation is awarding grants of up to £7,500 to support over 20 charitable organisations working to reduce loneliness and isolation among older people in England, Wales, and Scotland.

They are looking to fund initiatives that help create meaningful social connections for people aged 65 and over, including:

- Befriending services, including meal delivery for those living independently
- Social groups, such as art classes, dance sessions, lunch clubs, and coffee mornings
- Community transport, connecting older people to local activities and services

Please note: Dementia-specific charities and groups will not be eligible in this grant round, as they have a dedicated Dementia Grants Programme launching in Spring 2026. However, charities that serve a broad older population — including individuals with dementia — are still welcome to apply for a Creating Connections grant.

The deadline for applications is 29 August 2025.

[Our Grant Programmes – McCarthy Stone Foundation](#)

### **National Lottery Awards for All England – Environment**

This fund is available to community-led projects that improve the environment and help people connect with and enjoy nature where they live.

You can use the funding to:

- start a new activity or continue an existing one
- help your organisation adapt to new challenges
- run one-off events that have a clear environmental benefit.

They're looking to fund projects that:

- help people connect with and care for nature in their area
- make a positive difference to the environment

Funding from £300 up to £20,000 is available and the deadline for applications is 17 December 2025.

[National Lottery Awards for All England – Environment | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)

### **Inspire Fund: Public Engagement Grant – Alzheimer's Research UK**

Inspire Fund provides funding for projects that engage underserved communities with the topic of brain health and reducing the risk of dementia. This scheme is part of Alzheimer's Research UK's work to build the understanding of dementia and share the benefits of dementia research.

They are particularly interested in receiving applications from the following regions:

- Devolved nations - Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales
- North West England
- Yorkshire and North East England
- The Midlands
- East Anglia

You can apply for up to £5000 and the deadline for applications is 8 September 2025.

[Inspire Fund – public engagement grant - Grant scheme - Alzheimer's Research UK](#)

### **Music for All**

Financial support to community projects and individuals is available in the following categories:

- Physical mobility or accessibility needs (groups and individuals)
- Mental health and loneliness/isolation
- Choral groups
- Working with early years aged children
- Descant recorder pack and music pack

You can apply for up to £2000 and the deadline for applications is 24 September 2025.

## [Application Process | Music For All](#)

### **Theatre Improvement Scheme – Theatres Trust and Wolfson Foundation**

Theatres Trust's Theatre Improvement Scheme, in association with the Wolfson Foundation, offers capital funding for theatres.

The theme for the fund for the current three-year partnership is Improving

Environmental Sustainability as this is an urgent priority for the sector.

Theatre operators can apply for grants of up to £20,000 towards their building or equipment as part of the scheme.

It is hoped that these grants will support a range of projects that consider different ways theatre buildings can reduce their environmental impact. From sedum roofs to new windows, building management systems to more efficient water heaters, funding will be given to projects that demonstrate how a small intervention can have a big impact.

Grants up to £20,000 are available. The deadline for applications is 5 September 2025.

[Wolfson/Theatres Trust Theatre Improvement Scheme | How We Help | Theatres Trust](#)

### **Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in schools Grant Scheme – Department for Education**

The Department for Education (DfE) has announce that the Schools Water Strategy is now inviting applications for the Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in schools Grant Scheme. The aim of the SuDS in Schools project is the reduction of surface water risk in the school estate. This is a match funded scheme and therefore, at the DfE's discretion and where the scheme criteria allow, the DfE can grant fund up to 50% of the total project costs.

You can apply for the SuDS in Schools grant funding if you are:

- A Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA).
- A Water Company.
- A Non-Profit Organisation.
- State Funded School (Nursery, Primary, Secondary and Alternative Provisions) in England.

The deadline for applications is 20 October 2025.

[Sustainable Drainage Systems \(SuDS\) in schools Grant Scheme. - GOV-UK Find a grant](#)

### **Customer and Community Investment Fund – LNER**

This fund works to support charities and causes within 15 miles of the LNER route. It provides funding to small and medium sized projects that deliver a positive impact to issues within three priorities:

- Better for People. Fostering a culture of equality, that champions diversity and inclusivity; Creating a culture of positive mental health, bringing people and communities together.
- Better for Places. Creating skilled and inclusive communities along our networks that can thrive.
- Better for Planet. Conserve resources, reduce waste and reuse where possible.

The maximum amount that can be applied for is £10,000. The deadline for applications is 25 August 2025.

[Customer & Community Investment Fund | LNER](#)

### **Village Hall Grant Scheme – Action with Communities in Rural England**

Village halls across England can apply for grants to improve buildings and facilities. The grants scheme was first announced to mark the occasion of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The fund recognises the important role that village halls play in supporting rural communities. To date just under £3m in grant funding has been awarded to village halls across rural England.

Groups responsible for village halls and working on projects to the value of £37,500 or more that lead to a reduction in rural loneliness, have a positive impact on the local environment, support the rural economy and contribute to community life can apply for grants between £7,500 and £75,000.

[Main grants scheme for village halls - ACRE](#)

### **Trees Outside Woodland Fund – The Tree Council**

The Tree Council and Defra are working in partnership to provide a new Trees Outside Woodland Fund in 2025/26. The fund's purpose is to establish trees outside woodland to create or enhance green spaces using a range of tree types and planting methods.

Grants of between £10,000 and £40,000 for trees and supporting capital items are available, per application.

Local authorities based in England (county council, unitary authority, metropolitan or London borough, combined authority, district or city council) can apply along with registered charities planning to undertake a project in England (with a turnover of more than £100,000).

This fund is open to applications to 31 October 2025, or until all funding has been allocated — whichever comes first.

[Trees Outside Woodland Fund - The Tree Council](#)

### **Branching Out Fund – The Tree Council**

The Branching Out small grants fund aims to support a new season of community tree planting.

Grants of between £250 and £2,500 are available per application. The Fund is designed for community groups, schools, not-for-profits, residents associations, Tree Warden Networks, charities and many more.

The deadline for applications is 14 November 2025.

[Branching Out Fund - The Tree Council](#)

### **Solidarity Fund – The National Lottery Community Fund**

This funding is for organisations in England dealing with the causes of inequality. By inequality they mean poverty, disadvantage and discrimination.

They'll fund organisations that are working on making a lasting change to the causes of inequality, and that support people who've lived through these issues to work together and influence this.

You do not need to be a long-established organisation to apply, but they'll expect you to have the ability to help make the kind of big and long-lasting changes they're looking for. They are unlikely to fund work that's completely unrelated to what you already do.

They are especially interested in work that builds on your knowledge, relationships, or things your community has learned – and that helps you take your work further or in a new direction.

You can apply for between £1 million and £5 million in total. You can spend this funding over 5 to 10 years.

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

### **Aviva Community Fund**

Aviva will match each donation you receive through crowdfunding up to £250. This means that if someone gives £5, they'll double it to £10. If they give £250, they'll match it, so the cause gets £500. Organisations can receive up to £50,000 in match funding and eligible causes can apply at any time.

Aviva want to support forward-thinking causes that are helping to build stronger communities, and your project should align with one of the Aviva funding areas:

1. Financial Wellbeing: helping people take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially independent and ready for anything.
2. Climate Action: Promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change.

### [Aviva Community Fund](#)

### **Heritage Revival Fund – the Architectural Heritage Fund**

The Heritage Revival Fund has been created to help communities across England rescue and repurpose neglected historic buildings. It will do this by supporting community organisations to take ownership of, adapt and reuse the local heritage assets that matter to them, transforming them into thriving spaces that meet their needs.

This new programme is being delivered by the Architectural Heritage Fund in partnership with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and Historic England. Three types of grant are available:

- Project Viability Grants. These grants, up to £15,000, should help you to establish whether a project is viable. Work will probably focus on understanding the condition of the building, how it might be used, and whether that intended use is appropriate for the building and likely to be sustainable.
- Project Development Grants. These grants, up to £100,000, aim to support development work on historic building projects. Project Development Grants can contribute towards the costs of developing and co-ordinating your project and taking it towards the start of work on site. To qualify, an organisation must have established that the end use of the project is likely to be viable and have decided to take the project forward.

The next deadline for Project Development Grant applications is 13 October 2025.

[England | The Architectural Heritage Fund \(ahfund.org.uk\)](#)

### **NFU Mutual Charitable Trust grants**

The objectives of Trust focus on the areas of agriculture, rural development and insurance in the UK and in particular:

- Advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to agriculture
- Advance the education of young people within rural areas
- Relieve poverty within rural areas
- Promote the benefit and social welfare of inhabitants of rural communities by associating together with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure
- Promote research into agriculture associated activities
- Advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to insurance provided that the charity may also promote, facilitate and support any such other purposes as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales

The Trust focuses on providing funding to larger initiatives, which would have a significant impact on the rural community. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas.

The Trustees meet twice a year to consider applications received. These meetings are currently held in June and November. Applications for the November meeting must be submitted by 10 October 2025. Most grants fall within the range £1000 to £50,000.

[NFU Mutual Charitable Trust: What do we do | NFU Mutual](#)

### **CLA Charitable Trust grants**

The CLA Charitable Trusts seeks to support the most disadvantaged, and especially disadvantaged young people, to access the benefits of the countryside.

Their charitable objects are:

- Advancing people's physical and mental health and wellbeing through financial support of charities, not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises, which are delivering access, recreational and educational opportunities within and about the countryside.
- To promote and encourage education in sustainable farming, food production and rural land management.

They support a wide range of organisations providing activities engaging young people and communities in these areas. This include but are not limited to:

- Farms providing day or residential experiences for disabled or disadvantaged young people.
- Growing projects including horticultural therapy and community projects supporting people through outdoor activities and gardening.
- Forest school type activities giving people the opportunity to utilise their outdoor spaces for the benefit of their mental and physical wellbeing.
- Conservation and environmental projects giving people the chance to learn about the natural environment and how to care for it.

Grants up to £5000 are available.

[Apply for CLACT funding • CLA](#)

### **Remediation Enforcement Support Fund – Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government**

This funding is only available for Local Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities. The funding is for them to procure legal advice on pursuing those responsible for remediating buildings.

This funding is available as 2 options. The options are assessed and applied for separately. And a regulator does not need to have used option 1 funding before applying for option 2.

- Option 1 - £5,000 to procure independent advice from third party professionals to assess whether a legal case can be brought.
- Option 2 - Up to £100k to procure the necessary third-party expert services required to pursue the legal case.

The deadline for applications is 28 February 2026.

[Remediation Enforcement Support Fund - GOV-UK Find a grant](#)

### **Sea-changers grants**

Sea-Changers gives one-off grants (i.e. not continual funding) to UK-based charities and other organisations (including schools) carrying out marine conservation related activities.

For grants between £500 and £2,500, there are two grant rounds per year. Deadlines for applications are 31st March and 30th September each year.

Smaller grants up to £500 can be applied for at any time.

[Marine Conservation Grant Applications | Seachangers](#)

### **The AAUK (Air Ambulance UK) Improving Outcomes Fund**



The AAUK Improving Outcomes Fund exists to create equity in the aftercare space for air ambulance patients and crews, ensuring that provisions are in place to support them through the emotional effects of what can be a traumatic and life-changing incident.

The fund aims to improve outcomes for patients, their families, and air ambulance crews. Applications are welcome for amounts between £5,000 and £25,000.

Applications to the fund are invited from air ambulance charities within the following areas:

1. Patient aftercare support services
2. Dedicated crew support services
3. Dedicated support spaces for patients and/or crews
4. Outdoor reflection spaces for patients and crews

The deadline for applications is 19 September 2025.

[AAUK Improving Outcomes Fund - Air Ambulances UK](#)

### **Access without limits grants – DofE**

This fund is open for applications until January 2026. Grant funding of up to £10,250 is available for eligible community and voluntary organisations to set up and deliver the DofE, as well as the enrolment costs for young people taking part.

DofE not only offer grant funding but support organisations every step of the way.

This includes training for your staff and volunteers.

[Access Without Limits - Community - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)

### **Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme – Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs**

The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme is a part of Defra's Agricultural Transition Plan.

It will offer funding to farmers and land managers in National Landscapes (previously known as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs)), National Parks and the Broads. It is not an agri-environment scheme.

The programme will fund projects that:

- support nature recovery
- mitigate the impacts of climate change
- provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage
- protect or improve the quality and character of the landscape or place

The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme has been developed by Defra with the support of National Landscape and National Park staff from across England.

This is a competitive programme which will now run until March 2026. Applications will close sooner if all funding is allocated.

[Get funding for farming in protected landscapes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Legal & General Health Equity Fund**

This £3 million fund offers grants of up to £75,000 to place-based projects that address the social determinants of health: non-medical social and economic factors, such as housing, education, infrastructure, or quality of work.

The fund pilot initially launched and opened to receive expressions of interest to projects based in the North East of England. The opportunity is now open to receiving interest from organisations with projects or ideas for projects to be delivered in regions and communities UK-wide.

Example projects that may be supported include funding for inner-city schools in areas of deprivation to community programmes which address the social determinants behind pressures on A&E services, or partnerships raising awareness of the contribution the natural environment makes to health and wellbeing.

[Legal & General Health Equity Fund - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS](#)

### **Physical Activity Grants Programme – Parkinson's UK**

This programme supports activity providers, communities, networks, organisations and others to develop opportunities for people with Parkinson's to become and stay active. Projects must run for a minimum of 12 weeks and a maximum of 52 weeks and must start within 12 weeks of receiving the grant.

Applications can be made for a minimum of £500 up to a maximum of £3,000. Up to 100% of costs are available if required,

Applications opened on 10 March and will remain open until all funds are allocated.

[Grants for physical activity providers | Parkinson's UK](#)

### **Football Foundation grants**

Football Foundation grants are available to football clubs, schools, councils and local sports associations under the following categories:

- Goalposts
- Catering units
- Portable floodlights
- Storage containers
- Changing pavilions and clubhouses
- 3G pitch maintenance machinery and equipment
- Fencing
- 3G pitches
- Creation of new grass pitches
- Small-sided facility improvements
- Grass pitch improvement
- Grass pitch drainage
- Grass pitch maintenance machinery and equipment
- Premier League defibrillator fund
- Premier League stadium fund

[Looking for funding | Football Foundation](#)

### **Energy Efficiency Sharematch – Crowdfunder**

will support Co-operative Societies, Community Benefit Societies and Charitable Community Benefit Societies based in England to undertake activities which reduce their energy usage, or identify alternative sources of energy, leading to a reduction of both the organisation's carbon footprint and energy bills.

Eligible activities could include but are not limited to:

- Installation of new on-site energy/heating generation measures (eg solar panels, heat pumps)
- Installation of new energy efficiency measures in a building (eg insulation, LED lighting, double glazing, draft-proofing, improved doors)
- Improvements to other aspects of operations (e.g. changes to more energy efficient equipment, transport upgrade)

Energy Efficiency Sharematch is a £250,000 fund administered by Crowdfunder, working with Co-operatives UK and funded by Access – The Foundation for Social Investment using funds from the Dormant Assets Scheme, which redirects money from forgotten accounts to good causes.

The fund will run until March 2026, with the ambition to award all funds before this time.

[Energy Efficiency Sharematch | Crowdfunder.co.uk](#)

### **Healthy Heart Grants – Heart Research UK**



Healthy Heart Grants of up to £15,000 are available for community projects aimed at supporting adults to reduce their risk of coronary heart disease, helping them to live healthier, happier and longer lives. The grants are available to charities and community interest companies across the UK.

The remaining application window for 2025 in England is:

- England South: 16 July to 13 August

[Healthy Heart Grants - Heart Research UK](#)

### **Youth Music Trailblazer Fund**

The Youth Music Trailblazer fund offers grants of £2,000 to £30,000 to organisations in England to run projects for children and young people (25 or under) to make, learn and earn in music. The project should trial work or test a new way of working, sustain a grassroots programme or disrupt the status quo (or all three!).

Your work must meet one of the Fund's themes:

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

The next round of applications will open on 1 August and close on 29 August 2025.

[Trailblazer Fund | Youth Music](#)

### **IT4Good – WCIT Charity**

The WCIT Charity is a national charity with a City of London home. Their purpose is to use the power of tech for impact through digital inclusion, education, charitable, and public engagement initiatives across the entire UK.

As an IT charity, all projects they fund must make use of information technology, and must relate to one or more of their priority areas

- Education
- Inclusion
- IT for charities
- Public understanding of IT

Projects need to demonstrate an innovative use of IT, be scalable for wider replication, and be sustainable over time.

Projects funded are usually up to £15,000.

Applications for funding may be submitted at any time and are considered at one of four meetings a year.

[Home - WCIT Charity](#)

### **The Needs of Visually Impaired People – Ulverscroft Foundation**

The Foundation gives financial help to Universities which carry out research into the causes and treatment of eye diseases. They also fund eye clinics, hospitals, schools, libraries and other organisations helping visually impaired people in the UK and overseas.

Applications for funding can be considered from any source, UK or overseas. Applicants need not necessarily be a charity: they can be a CIC or social group. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Grants range from around £100 to £500,000.

Trustees meet quarterly to consider applications: in January (deadline 15 December), April (deadline 15 March), July (deadline 15 June) and October (deadline 15 September).

[Ulverscroft Foundation | Serving the Needs of Visually Impaired People | Homepage](#)

### **Stobart Sustainability Fund**

The Stobart Sustainability fund is aimed at supporting community-led sustainability projects and initiatives led by non-profit organisations, community groups and educational facilities, such as schools and colleges, to help them transform their local community through projects that tackle climate change, reduce carbon emissions or that protect and enhance the environment.

They welcome applications from community groups, educational facilities or small businesses. Applications need to be of a green, ecological or sustainability nature with the project benefiting the environment.

[The Stobart Sustainability Fund | Stobart \(eddiestobart.com\)](https://www.eddiestobart.com)

### **Literacy small grants scheme – JJ Charitable Trust**

The Trust seeks to improve the effectiveness of literacy teaching in primary and secondary education for children with learning difficulties, including dyslexia.

Their work has a particular focus on areas of social need and those who are at risk of non-inclusion in society and the world of work.

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

They are keen to see applications for projects that use volunteers and reading mentors and those that help during transitional points. For example, when students move from primary to secondary school, and when they transition to further education, college, or the workplace. They will consider grants for literacy support at any primary or secondary key stage.

You can apply for grants between £5,000 and £20,000. You can apply for a multi-year grant, over a maximum period of 3 years.

The programme is open to applications at any time, but they make grants three times per year. These are the cut-off points for consideration of applications:

- Spring grant round: applications by 4 March
- Summer grant round: applications by 3 June
- Autumn grant round: applications by 1 October

[The JJ Charitable Trust - Literacy Small Grants Scheme \(powerappsportals.com\)](https://powerappsportals.com)

### **Grants for historic church interiors and churchyard structures – Church of England**

The Church of England give grants for the conservation of historic church interiors and churchyard structures in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust, the Radcliffe Trust, the Oswald Allen Bequest, the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, and the Anglican Parish Churches Fund. Grant categories are as follows:

- Bells and bell frames – grants up to £10,000, deadline for applications 26 January 2026.
- Books and manuscripts – grants up to £10,000, deadline for applications 13 October 2025.
- Church plate repairs – deadline for applications 13 October 2025.
- Churchyard structures – grants up to £10,000, deadline for applications 13 October 2025.
- Clocks – grants up to £10,000, deadline for applications 16 March 2026.
- Monumental brasses and decorative metalwork – grants up to £10,000, deadline for applications 13 October 2025.
- Monuments – grants up to £10,000, deadline for applications 13 October 2025.
- Organs – grants up to £10,000, deadline for applications 6 October 2025.
- Paintings and wall paintings – grants up to £10,000, deadline for applications 5 January 2026.
- Stained glass – grants up to £10,000, deadline for applications 11 August 2025.

- Textiles – grants up to £8,000, deadline for applications 13 October 2025.
- Wooden objects – grants up to £10,000, deadline for applications 13 October 2025.

[Grants for historic church interiors and churchyard structures | The Church of England](#)

### **Community support small grants – Trusthouse Charitable Foundation**

Single year grants between £2,000 and £10,000 are available to charities and not for profit organisations for core costs, salaries, running and project costs. Projects must have a focus on Community Support and address urban and rural deprivation in the UK.

if you are located in a rural area, you must be in the bottom 50% most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Your annual income must not exceed £250,000 and you can secure 50% of the total project costs.

This is a rolling programme with no deadlines.

[Small Grants | Trusthouse Charitable Foundation](#)

### **Family support major grants – Trusthouse Charitable Foundation**

Single year grants between £10,000 and £50,000 are available 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. No more than £50k can be applied for in any given year. Organisations should have a focus on Family Support, this may further include:

- Early intervention
- Families coping with addiction
- Prisoners' families

They fund voluntary sector organisations with a turnover up to £500,000.

if you are located in a rural area, you must be in the bottom 50% most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Single year small grants between £2,000 and £10,000 are also available for core costs, salaries, running and project costs.

[Major Grants | Trusthouse Charitable Foundation](#)

### **Energy Resilience Fund – Power to Change**

The Energy Resilience Fund is an initiative assisting community businesses in retrofitting their buildings with energy-saving measures. The programme is funded by Power to Change and delivered by Key Fund.

Investment amounts are available from £10,000 to £150,000. Up to 40% of the total is available as grant, where justifiable to support cost stabilisation or reduction. The minimum loan term for the remainder is 12 months, with a maximum of 7 years.

Energy Audit Grants are also available between £500 and £2,500 where these have not been completed.

[Energy Resilience Fund - Power to Change](#)

### **The Movement Fund – Sport England**

Launched in April 2024, the Movement Fund offers crowdfunding pledges, grants and resources to improve physical activity opportunities for the people and communities who need it the most.

If your project aligns with Sport England priorities, they can fund a wide range of costs and items up to £15,000.

Their focus is to support projects that match their goal of getting more people active, reducing the number of inactive people and tackling inequalities.

Projects providing opportunities for groups facing barriers to activity are of particular interest, such as:

- people living on low incomes

- disabled people or those with long-term health conditions
- older people
- people from culturally diverse communities
- pregnant women and parents with very young children
- girls aged 5-16
- LGBTQ+ people
- people who are in foster care
- people who provide care without pay.

[The Movement Fund | Sport England](#)

### **Electricals Recycling Fund – Material Focus**

The Electricals Recycling Fund aims to grow existing methods or test new creative and practical ones for recycling small household electricals. If you have a project that would make it easier for the public to repair, reuse or recycle their electricals, you can apply for funding.

They fund two types of projects – those seeking to grow or develop existing household collection services for small household electricals, and those seeking to innovate new collection methods.

- Organisations can apply for up to £100,000 of funding for projects that aim to grow or improve existing household waste and recycling collection services.
- Organisations can apply for up to £50,000 for projects that aim to innovate or test new approaches to collect electricals for reuse and recycling.

They're keen to see applications from registered organisations only – such as local authorities, waste collection authority areas, contractors, non-profits, community sector organisations, producer compliance schemes, and retailers.

Applications are currently open on a rolling basis.

[Electricals Recycling Fund - Material Focus](#)

### **Climate Action Fund: Our Shared Future – The National Lottery Community Fund**

The Climate Action Fund is a commitment to help communities tackle climate change. The Fund is supporting communities to be environmentally sustainable.

With Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Future, Lottery want to involve more people in climate action. They want to inspire bold and exciting change.

They'll fund formal partnership projects that reach more people by either:

- linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities. And inspiring them to take action.
- influencing communities at a regional or national level. Like linking up groups across locations. Or a campaign that inspires change across one country, or the whole UK.

Formal partnerships can apply, working across sectors and led by community and voluntary organisations or public sector organisations.

The minimum you can ask for is £500,000. They expect to fund most projects for between £1 million and £1.5 million over 3 to 5 years and aim to fund up to 25 projects. The deadline for applications is 17 December 2025.

[Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](#)

### **The UK Fund – The National Lottery Community Fund**

The UK Fund is looking to fund organisations that want to do more to help communities come together and help make us a better-connected society.

Your project must either work across the UK, or be able to inform, influence or scale across the UK.

They want to fund projects that:

- strengthen relationships between people whose experiences of life have not been the same. For example, relationships between people of different ethnic backgrounds, generations, occupations or geographies
- create connections between online and offline worlds
- help make sure people from all backgrounds can shape the future of their communities.

£500,000 to £5m is available and they expect most projects to run from 2 to 5 years. They may consider funding for up to 10 years.

[The UK Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

### **Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure – Office for Zero Emission Vehicles**

The government offers grants to support the installation of electric vehicle chargepoints via the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV). This includes:

- Electric vehicle chargepoint grant for renters and flat owners. You can get 75% off the cost to buy and install a socket, up to a maximum of £350.
- Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Grant for Households with On-Street Parking. You can get 75% off the cost to buy and install a socket, up to a maximum of £350.
- Electric vehicle infrastructure grant for staff and fleets. You can get up to £350 per chargepoint socket installed and up to £500 per parking space enabled with supporting infrastructure.
- Electric vehicle chargepoint and infrastructure grants for landlords. You can get 75% off the cost to buy and install a socket, up to a maximum of £350 per socket.
- Workplace charging scheme. The grant covers up to 75% of the total costs of the purchase and installation of EV chargepoints, capped at a maximum of £350 per socket and 40 sockets across all sites per applicant.
- Workplace Charging Scheme for state-funded education institutions. You can get 75% off the cost to buy and install chargepoints up to a maximum of: £2,500 per socket (40 sockets across all sites including any applications made previously via the Workplace Charging Scheme).

The closing date for all grants is 31 March 2026. For more information visit the website below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles>

### **Suez Communities Fund**

The SUEZ Communities Fund in England has approximately £1.6M available per year, funded by donations from SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK, through the Landfill Communities Fund.

To be eligible for a grant, your project must be located within one of their active funding zones. A postcode checker is available on their website.

Grants between £3,000 and £50,000 are available for community projects delivering capital improvements to public amenities. Examples may include:

- Village hall improvements
- Nature reserves and conservation
- Village greens
- Community centres
- Public playgrounds
- Cycle paths
- Sports fields and facilities
- Country parks
- Historic buildings, structures or sites

There are four deadlines for applications, each year. The next deadline is 3 September 2025.

[SUEZ Communities Fund - England - Grantscape Grantscape](#)

### **Historic Houses Foundation Grants**

The Historic Houses Foundation gives grants for the repair and conservation of rural historic buildings and structures in England and Wales, including their gardens, grounds and outbuildings. We also give grants for the restoration and conservation of works of art in historic house collections open to the public.

Grants are made to owners (charities, institutions, local authorities and individuals) who demonstrate a sustainable and long-term commitment to the care, management and public access of the historic country houses in their care.

The minimum Historic Houses Foundation grant is £1,000 and the maximum is £250,000 but an award of this size is only made under exceptional circumstances. Most grants are for less than £50,000.

[Historic Houses Foundation](#)

### **Community and Environmental Grants – Veolia Environmental Trust**

The Trust award grants towards projects that make improvements to community facilities and the natural environment.

The Trust's Community Grant Scheme is available to constituted not-for-profit organisations, local authorities and Environmental Bodies (EBs). Grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 are available to create or improve buildings or outside spaces for the benefit of the community.

The Habitat and Biodiversity Grant Scheme offers grants between £10,000 and £75,000 whilst the Environmental Improvement Grant Scheme offers grants over £75,000. Nature Conservation grants are also available.

The next funding round opens on 21 August and closes on 2 October 2025.

[Funding \(veoliatrust.org\)](#)

### **The Rowing Foundation**

The Rowing Foundation purpose is to promote the participation in rowing of young people (those under 18 or still in full time education) and the disabled of all ages.

They provide grants towards the cost of boat equipment or boat refurbishments to support junior & student rowers, and adaptive rowing for all ages.

They match your spending up to a maximum of £4,000 per grant.

The Trustees meet three times per year to consider applications for equipment grants.

The deadline for the next round is 29 September 2025.

Refurbishment Grants are awarded on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

[The Rowing Foundation](#)

### **Open Grants Programme – The Clothworkers' Foundation**

The Open Grants Programme funds capital costs that support the infrastructure needs of small- and medium-sized charitable organisations working with disadvantaged and marginalised people and communities. Eligible organisations can apply for a grant to cover the costs of a building purchases, construction or refurbishment projects, vehicle or equipment purchases, and some digital infrastructure projects (such as apps, databases and websites).

Within this programme, they prioritise organisations that embed lived experience across their work, and projects which will make a significant change to their work.

They fund both large and small projects.

[What We Fund | The Clothworkers' Foundation \(clothworkersfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

### **Bernard Sunley Foundation grants**



The Foundation offers grants in the categories of Community, Education, Health or Social Welfare.

They offer three levels of grants. These are large grants of £20,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Grants can be used for:

- Capital projects which include new buildings, extensions, refurbishments and recreational spaces.
- New minibuses and other vehicles that provide a vital service to those most in need in their local community.
- Churches and other places of worship with a strong, secular community focus.
- Charities or CIOs (Charitable Incorporated Organisations) registered in England and Wales.
- Certain organisations with exempt status such as specialist schools, scout and guide groups, housing associations, cooperatives, and community benefit societies.

Applications are accepted all year round.

[What We Fund - Bernard Sunley Foundation](#)

### **Funding for Places – The Wolfson Foundation**

The Trust's main grants programme provides support for places. These grants are for capital initiatives, i.e. buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment.

They fund a broad range of organisations working across the fields of education, science & medicine, health & disability, heritage, humanities & the arts.

The Foundation accepts applications from the following types of organisation:

- Charities working with disability.
- Charities working in mental health.
- Charities working with older people.
- Historic buildings and landscapes.
- Hospices and palliative care organisations.
- Places of worship.
- Libraries and archives.
- Museums and galleries.
- Performing arts organisations.
- Public engagement with science organisations.
- Secondary schools and sixth form colleges.
- Special needs schools and colleges.
- Universities and research institutions.

Specific funding criteria apply to each.

Decision dates are in June and December annually. Corresponding application deadlines are 5 January and 1 September each year.

[Funding for places - The Wolfson Foundation](#)

### **Small grants programme – Theatres Trust**

Theatres Trust's Small Grants Programme, supported by The Linbury Trust, funds small projects that make a big impact to a theatre's resilience, sustainability, accessibility or improving the diversity of audiences.

This scheme provides grants of up to £7,500 for essential works to enable not-for-profit theatres across the UK to be viable and thrive in the future.

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

This scheme will prioritise improvements to buildings that protect theatre use and remove barriers to participation and attendance.

The deadline for the current round of applications is 16 January 2026.

[Small Grants Programme supported by The Linbury Trust \(theatrestrust.org.uk\)](http://theatrestrust.org.uk)

### **Big Energy Saving Loans – Big Issue Invest**

Big Issue Invest is offering loan finance between £20,000 to £200,000 to social enterprises and charities in England, for energy efficiency and renewable energy installation.

This lending programme is aimed at enabling social enterprises and charities to access loan funding to help save money on energy during the unprecedented cost of living crisis. Investment can be used for a variety of projects, including:

- Insulation
- Buying and installing renewable energy equipment
- Heat exchangers and heat pumps
- LED light installations
- Replacing old gas fired boiler systems with new efficient ones
- Property improvements, such as extra single glazing on existing windows, double glazing improvements, systematic draught improvements
- Energy efficiency survey and technical assistance costs

The loans can be structured to your individual needs. They can be unsecured which means they will not require you to put any personal guarantees in place, or interfere with other financing arrangements that require security.

[Big Energy Saving Loans - The Big Issue](#)

### **Emergency Essentials Programme – BBC Children in Need**

This programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances, and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing.

All applications must be made by a registered referrer.

[BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme - Family Fund Business Services \(familyfundsolutions.co.uk\)](http://familyfundsolutions.co.uk)

### **Defibrillator grants – London Hearts**

Grants are available to fund Public Access Defibrillators in communities all over the country.

London Hearts is a charity aiming to help and support communities with the provision of heart defibrillators and teaching CPR/defibrillator skills. They can provide a grant of £300 towards the cost of a defibrillator and storage as well as a free online training video.

When someone has a cardiac arrest, timely intervention is the key to survival. By making more defibrillators available, and by training more people to use them, the better the chance of survival for a cardiac arrest victim.

[London Hearts](http://londonhearts.org.uk)

### **Biffa Award – Main Grant Scheme**

Biffa Award's Main Grants Scheme is aimed at community and cultural groups and organisations, situated in the vicinity of landfill sites, that are in need of funding to improve the quality of life in their community or to conserve wildlife.

There are four themes - Community Buildings, Recreation, Cultural Facilities and Rebuilding Biodiversity. Under these themes we provide funding to create or improve community amenities. For example, upgrading kitchens, meeting rooms and toilets in village halls and community facilities; creating new playparks; installing new seating, lighting and exhibitions within theatres and museums; or establishing, protecting and enhancing habitats for biodiversity.

Between £10,000 and £75,000 can be awarded to projects that have a total cost of less than £200,000 including VAT.

Project sites must be within 5 miles of a significant Biffa Operation or active Biffa Landfill Site (15 miles for Rebuilding Biodiversity projects) and within 10 miles of any licenced landfill site in England and Northern Ireland.

This is a rolling programme and as such there are no deadlines to submit an Expression of Interest in the Main Grants Scheme.

[Home Page - Biffa Award \(biffa-award.org\)](http://biffa-award.org)

### **Listed Places of Worship grant scheme – Department for Culture, Media and Sport**

The Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme gives grants that cover the VAT incurred in making repairs to listed buildings in use as places of worship. The scheme covers repairs to the fabric of the building, along with associated professional fees, plus repairs to turret clocks, pews, bells and pipe organs.

The Scheme has been run by DCMS with a focus on preserving heritage in the fabric of UK listed places of worship. Since its establishment in 2001, the Scheme has adapted to changes while continuing to support places of worship by delivering the fairest possible system of making grants and ensuring that all faiths and areas of the UK are equally able to make use of scheme.

The scheme only accepts applications where the minimum value of eligible work carried out on any one claim to the scheme is £1,000 (excluding VAT). Places of worship can make more than one claim, but the total of their claims should not exceed £25,000.

The Government has confirmed funding is available for the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme until 31 March 2026.

[Listed Places of Worship - Home page \(lpwscheme.org.uk\)](http://lpwscheme.org.uk)

### **Masonic Charitable Foundation**

The Foundation is dedicated to supporting disadvantaged children and young people, as well as vulnerable older people, in England and Wales. Their Charity Grants programme is open to registered charities in England and Wales working with any of their four main priority groups:

- Improving the health and wellbeing of older people with dementia and their carers.
- Children affected by domestic abuse.
- Early years (0-5) with a focus on poverty and neglect.
- Children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Small grants are for charities whose annual income is between £25,000 and £500,000. These grants are unrestricted. Small grants range from £1,000-£5,000 per year, for up to three years.

Large grants are for larger charities whose annual income is between £500,000 and £10 million. They must be restricted to a project. Large grants usually range from £10,000 to £60,000. They can be awarded over one to three years.

[Grants to charities - The Masonic Charitable Foundation \(mcf.org.uk\)](http://mcf.org.uk)

### **Community Shares Booster – Power to Change**

The Booster Fund has relaunched to support new and existing community businesses in England that are at all stages of a community share issue.

This includes the very early stages of exploring whether it's the right choice, through planning a community share issue to being ready to launch, or in exceptional cases, recently launched.

The programme provides:

- Development grants averaging £5,000 to prepare a community share offer; financial planning, governance support, marketing costs and being awarded the Community Shares Standard Mark
- Match equity investment – typically matching pound for pound up to £25,000 invested by the Booster Fund providing the minimum share offer target is achieved

#### Community Shares Booster - Power to Change

### **Forestry England Woodland Partnership**

The Forestry England Woodland Partnership offers long-term leases with guaranteed income for public and private landowners to create new woodlands. The partnership scheme supports government plans for woodland creation, nature recovery and progress towards net zero targets.

Forestry England are looking for sites of at least 50 hectares suitable for woodland creation for leases of between 60 and 120 years, and landowners will receive a guaranteed annual rent throughout the lease period. Forestry England will design, plant and manage every woodland created, ensuring each is resilient to a changing climate, supports wildlife, and provides wider ecosystem services.

All woodlands created through the partnership scheme will be open to the public, providing valuable health and wellbeing opportunities for communities.

Part of the Nature for Climate Fund to support the government's tree planting commitment, the Forestry England Woodland Partnership aims to create at least 2,000 hectares of predominantly broadleaf woodland over the next five years.

Applications are open all year round. Full details and brochures for public and private landowners are available on the Forestry England website.

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/woodland-creation>

### **Grants for Heritage – National Lottery Heritage Fund**

The National Lottery Heritage Fund provide different levels of funding to heritage of all shapes and sizes. Their grants range from £10,000 up to £10 millions.

Current programmes include:

- National Lottery Heritage Grants - £10,000 to £250,000.
- National Lottery Heritage Grants - £250,000 to £10 million.

The Fund also has a number of strategic initiatives as follows:

- Heritage places
- Landscape connections
- Heritage in need: places of worship
- Nature cities and towns

Full information on all National Lottery Heritage Fund programmes is available on their website.

[Welcome | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

### **Small, Medium and Large Grants – National Churches Trust**

The National Churches Trust offer two types of grant:

- Medium grants - this programme offers grants of up to £10,000 towards urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects costing up to £80,000. Also project development and investigative work up to RIBA planning stage 1, to support churches preparing for a major project, and in developing their project to the point at which they can approach a major grant funder. Grants will never exceed 50% of the net project costs (for this phase). The next deadline for applications is 12 August 2025.
- Large grants – this programme offers grants up to £50,000 towards the cost of major urgent structural repair projects costed at more than £80,000 including VAT. Grants of £40,000 to £50,000 are extremely limited and reserved for

cases which demonstrate a very high case for investment. They will also consider projects that introduce kitchens and accessible toilets to enable increased community use, costed at more than £30,000 including VAT. Grants will never exceed 50% of the project cost. The next application deadline for applications is 4 November 2025.

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants>

### **Energy Redress Scheme – Energy Saving Trust**

Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Ofgem to distribute payments from energy companies who may have breached rules. The funds can pay for anything from making a home more energy efficient, to providing advice that helps consumers keep on top of their bills.

Energy Saving Trust has developed an open application process for charities seeking funding from the Energy Redress Scheme. Successful projects will be selected with input from an independent panel of experts and could cover a range of locations across England, Scotland and Wales.

The amount of funding available through the scheme varies throughout the year and will be reviewed on a quarterly basis in October, January, April and July. Eligible charities that have registered interest in the scheme will be notified when funds become available.

The minimum grant that can be requested is £20,000 and the maximum amount is the lesser of £2 million or the total value of the current fund.

The scheme can fund projects lasting up to two years, can fund 100 per cent of the project cost and can cover revenue and capital measures.

Round 13 of the Energy Redress Scheme is expected to open shortly. The previous round included the following elements:

- The Main Fund aimed at projects seeking grants between £50,000 and £2 million that will support households in vulnerable situations.
- The Small Project Fund aimed at projects seeking grants of between £20,000 and £49,999 that will support households in vulnerable situations.
- The Impact Fund which supports more in-depth monitoring of measurable impact resulting from support to energy consumers in vulnerable situations. Applicants can apply for grants between £20,000 and £500,000.
- Innovation Fund aimed at projects that will develop innovative products or services to benefit households. Applicants can apply for grants between £20,000 and £1 million.
- Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund is targeted at projects that will reduce UK carbon emissions and empower households to reduce their carbon footprint. Applicants can apply for grants between £20,000 and £1 million.
- The Just Transition Fund will fund development work for community-led renewable energy projects that also benefit energy consumers in vulnerable situations. Applicants can apply for grants between £20,000 and £250,000.

<https://energyredress.org.uk/apply-funding>

### **Garfield Weston Foundation**

The Foundation support a wide range of charities that make a positive difference, working in different sectors in the UK. These include welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage and faith.

They fund small local organisations and large national institutions. Grants range from £1,000 to several million pounds, depending on each charity's size and scope of work.

The grants can be for your organisation's running costs, for a specific activity or for capital projects. The Foundation are flexible and fund what charities need the most.

Normally, capital grants are no more than 10% of a total project cost. However, for local community projects (e.g. village halls, community centres, places of worship,

etc.), grants are unlikely to be over £30,000 regardless of the project size. If your organisation wants to apply for £100,000 or over, they expect your annual income or project to be over £1 million.

[What we fund - Garfield Weston Foundation](#)

### **FCC Community Action Fund**

The FCC Community Action Fund provides grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 to not-for-profit organisations for amenity projects eligible under Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

The following types of organisation can apply:

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

Only applications for projects sited within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility can be accepted, you can check if you are located near an eligible site on their website.

The closing date for the next round of applications is 20 August 2025.

[FCC Community Action Fund / FCC \(fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk\)](https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk)

### **Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme – Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport**

The Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS) is part of Project Gigabit, the government's programme to roll out fast, reliable broadband to homes and businesses that are not included in suppliers' commercial plans.

The majority of Project Gigabit delivery will be through major contracts, providing subsidies to suppliers to extend their gigabit-capable networks to premises that are unlikely to be reached otherwise. The GBVS is focused on helping people upgrade their broadband connections through localised projects, providing small grants for residents and businesses that suppliers can accumulate towards the cost of the network build. The GBVS operates in areas where there is no Project Gigabit procurement or contract, or existing or planned commercial coverage.

Eligible homes and businesses can access vouchers worth up to £4,500 to help towards the costs of installing a gigabit-capable broadband connection.

You can check whether your premises is eligible for a voucher, find a list of registered suppliers, and see those who are active in your area on the website below.

<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

### **Awards for All, and Reaching Communities – The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF)**

*Awards for All:*

TNLCF offer funding from £300 to £20,000 and can support your project for up to two years. You can apply for funding to deliver a new or existing activity or to support your organisation to change and adapt to new and future challenges.

They can fund projects that'll do at least one of these things:

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

*Reaching Communities England:*



TNLCF fund projects and organisations that work to make positive changes in their community. By community they mean people living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences. They offer funding that starts at £20,001.

Their priorities are to fund projects that:

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

[Funding programmes | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

### **National Lottery Project Grants – Arts Council England**

National Lottery Project Grants is an open access programme for arts, libraries and museums projects. The fund supports thousands of individual artists, community and cultural organisations.

Individual artists and practitioners, community and cultural organisations, museums and libraries can all apply. National Lottery Project Grants is open all the time, there are no deadlines.

Grants of between £1000 and £100,000 are available.

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants>

### **Veterans' Foundation grants**

If you represent a charity or an organisation that provide assistance to serving and former members of the British Armed Forces who are in need, you can apply for a grant from the Veterans' Foundation. Grants are also available to operationally qualified seafarers and their dependants.

The closing date for the next round of applications for 'Standard' and 'Salary' grants is 8 October 2025.

[Apply for a grant | Veterans' Foundation \(veteransfoundation.org.uk\)](https://veteransfoundation.org.uk)

### **BlueSpark Foundation grants**

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to Blue Spark Foundation for a wide range of projects. The Foundation value academic, vocational, artistic and sporting endeavour in equal measure but are particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people.

Many grants will be under £2,000 and none are more than £5,000.

Projects which could be supported include drama, music, sport, art and design, debating, public speaking, academic education, vocational training, community projects, enterprise projects and educational excursions. This list is illustrative and not exclusive as to the types of projects that the Foundation support.

<http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/>

### **Help the Homeless grants**

Help the Homeless makes grants to charitable organisations with the aim of helping homeless people return to the community and enabling them to resume a normal life.

Grants are available to small and medium-sized charitable organisations to fund the capital costs of projects with grants of up to £5,000. The quarterly deadlines for grant applications each year are: 15 March, 15 June, 15 September and 15 December.

<http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/>

### **Grants to support repair and conservation of war memorials – War Memorials Trust**

War Memorials Trust grants support repair and conservation works undertaken following best conservation practice. Almost all war memorials are eligible for support

and custodians/owners can find information about eligibility and processes on the website.

Grants are normally awarded at 50% of eligible costs depending on the priority level of your project and are likely to be considered up to a maximum grant of £5,000 for non-freestanding war memorials while freestanding, non-beneficiary war memorials may be considered up to a maximum grant of £20,000. The minimum award is normally £125 but there is some discretion on minimum and maximum grant levels.

War Memorials Trust seeks to help all war memorial custodians, whatever the nature and size of their war memorial by facilitating repair and conservation projects. Details on current eligibility and deadline dates as well as how to apply can be found at the web address below.

<http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/>

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