

# RURAL FUNDING DIGEST

## February 2022

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

### **Youth Investment Fund – BBC Children in Need and DCMS**

The aim of the Youth Investment Fund (YIF) is to create, expand and improve local youth facilities and their services, in order to drive positive outcomes for young people, including improved health and wellbeing, and skills for work/employability and life.

BBC Children in Need was selected to distribute phase 1 of this funding on behalf of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). Applications can be submitted from 31 January 2022.

Phase 1 comprises £10m for youth provision in left-behind areas of England, and is funding for small-scale capital projects, including capital equipment, small redevelopments and other capital projects that can be delivered within the 21/22 financial year (by 31 March 2022).

[DCMS Youth Investment Fund - BBC Children in Need](#)

### **Local Action Fund – National Emergencies Trust**

Crowdfunder and the National Emergencies Trust have teamed up to make more than £1.2m match funding available.

This match fund of up to £10,000 per project has been launched by the National Emergencies Trust as part of its Coronavirus Appeal. It offers support to voluntary and community organisations in the UK by helping them to counter financial challenges created by the pandemic, including the inability to fundraise in the usual ways, reductions in staff and volunteers, and increased demand on their services.

You need a crowdfunding project to apply for funding.

[NET: Local Action Fund | Crowdfunder UK](#)

### **Waking Watch replacement Fund – Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities**

On 10 January the government announced a further £27 million to fund the installation of alarms and replace costly Waking Watch measures in all buildings in England where a Waking Watch is currently in place at cost to leaseholders.

The fund builds on the £35 million Waking Watch Relief Fund (WWRF) which was focussed on high-rise residential buildings (above 17.7 metres) with unsafe cladding.

The new £27 million fund extends financial support to more buildings and is aligned with guidance published by the National Fire Chief's Council (NFCC) on buildings that change from a 'Stay Put' to a 'Simultaneous Evacuation' fire safety strategy. Applications to the fund opened on 27 January 2022 and will close on 28 March 2022.

[Waking Watch Replacement Fund - GOV.UK \(\[www.gov.uk\]\(http://www.gov.uk\)\)](#)

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund – Sport England**

This Fund aims to use sport and physical activity as a means of bringing a community together and tackling inequalities via awards of between £300 and £10,000 from a pot of £5 million of National Lottery funding.

Sport England want organisations to consider how they could work more collaboratively across their community, in order to make the biggest possible impact. The priority is to support projects working with people in disadvantaged communities.

Awards are to help inactive people get active, or less active people become more active.

[Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund | Sport England](#)

### **Get Fishing Fund – the Angling Trust and the Environment Agency**

Building on the successful launch of the Get Fishing Fund in December 2020, the Environment Agency and Angling Trust have announced an additional £100,000 investment to encourage more people to give fishing a go for the first time in 2022. Funded from fishing licence sales, grants of up to £2,500 are available to benefit angling-based projects. The funding can be used to help purchase equipment, fishing tackle and resources to run fishing events and activities to give people the opportunity to get into fishing.

The deadline for applications is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Applications will be judged on a weekly basis and as a result, the funds may be allocated before the deadline.

[Get Fishing Fund - Angling Trust](#)

### **Let's Create Jubilee Fund – UK Community Foundations**

UKCF is working with Arts Council England to distribute a new fund which will enable communities to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee through culture and creativity.

The Let's Create Jubilee Fund is a £5 million programme that will support community and voluntary organisations in England to develop creative and cultural activities as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022.

The programme is made possible with funding from the National Lottery. UKCF will be managing the fund's distribution on behalf of their community foundation members across England.

Applicants will be able to apply for grants of up to £10,000 and are encouraged to partner with established artists, creatives and cultural organisations to develop their activities. They want to ensure that "The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations give people throughout England the chance to experience the best of the country's culture, while also celebrating an important milestone in our national history."

The Fund is now open, and all applications will need to be made through local community foundations.

[UK Community Foundations announces Arts Council Jubilee Fund](#)

### **Green Match Fund – the Big Give**

The Green Match Fund is a match funding campaign for charities that are working on environmental issues as part of their core mission.

All public donations made to participating charities via theBigGive.org.uk during the week of the campaign (22-29 April 2022) will be matched up to a specific amount.

Charities can apply to participate in the campaign via an open application. Some charities may also be invited directly to participate by a match funding Champion. Charities applying via the open application will be awarded a ring-fenced amount of match funding which will be used to match public donations - either £2,500, £5,000 or £10,000.

The closing date for applications is 25 February 2022.

[Green Match Fund \(thebiggive.org.uk\)](#)

### **Coalfields Recovery and Resilience Fund – Coalfields Regeneration Trust**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available that can address local needs in coalfield communities.

Priority will be given to organisations that are delivering support services or have significantly adapted their services in order to respond to the current issues/challenges in their community and support vulnerable people.

Funding is awarded to organisations delivering activities/services in the top 30% most deprived former coalfield areas:

The Eligibility survey for the current round of applications closes on 4 March 2022. The deadline for applications is 18 March 2022.

[Coalfields Recovery & Resilience Fund · Coalfields Regeneration Trust \(coalfields-regen.org.uk\)](https://coalfields-recovery-and-resilience-fund.coalfields-regen.org.uk)

### **Archives Revealed – The National Archives**

Archives Revealed is a partnership programme between The National Archives, The Pilgrim Trust and the Wolfson Foundation, and is the only funding stream in the UK dedicated to cataloguing and unlocking archives. There are two funding strands:

- **Cataloguing grants:** up to £45,000 for archives to create catalogues of important archival collections. This is an annual programme that opens in the autumn each year.
- **Scoping grants:** these fund an assessment report incorporating expert advice on a range of areas relating to collections management and the development of your collection. This is a rolling programme with decisions made on a quarterly basis.

The next deadline for Scoping grants, up to the value of £3000, is 28 February 2022.

[Archives Revealed - Archives sector \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](https://nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-revealed/)

### **Methodist Grants Programme – Allchurches Trust**

This programme seeks to enhance the mission and ministry of the Methodist Church in the UK and Ireland.

Funded primarily by donations from Methodist Insurance PLC, the programme provides grants to Methodist churches to run building development projects that focus on church growth (both numerically and spiritually), community engagement and improving accessibility. Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how their planned projects will give an environmental benefit.

Grants of up to £60,000 are available, based on a percentage of project cost, and funding uplifts are awarded in the most disadvantaged areas.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

[Enhancing mission and ministry – the Methodist Grants Programme | Thematic Programme \(allchurches.co.uk\)](https://allchurches.co.uk/enhancing-mission-and-ministry-the-methodist-grants-programme-thematic-programme)

### **Supporting grassroots live music – Arts Council England**

The Arts Council have a ring-fenced budget of £1.5 million until 31 March 2022 available within National Lottery Project Grants specifically to support the grassroots music sector.

Grassroots music venues and promoters are stated as vital to England's music ecology, developing music and audiences as well as supporting talent development. This funding is available to those whose main function is to host and/or promote live music events in venues. Usually, this will be venues and promoters (or groups of venues and/or promoters).

They are particularly interested in supporting those venues and promoters who work in the grassroots part of this sector (ie those working with new, developing talent in small to mid-size venues).

They welcome applications from those who work with all types of musical types and genres. Grants from £1000 to £40,000 are available.

[Project Grants: Supporting Grassroots Live Music | Arts Council England](https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/project-grants-supporting-grassroots-live-music)

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

The government offers grants to support the wider use of electric and hybrid vehicles via the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV). This includes:

- The Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS) provides grant funding of up to 75% towards the cost of installing electric vehicle chargepoints at domestic properties across the UK.

**Update:** From April 2022, the EVHS will no longer be open to homeowners (including people with mortgages) who live in single-unit properties such as bungalows and detached, semi-detached or terraced housing. Installations in single-unit properties need to be completed by 31 March 2022 and a claim submitted to the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) by 30 April 2022. The scheme will remain open to:

- homeowners who live in flats
- people in rental accommodation (flats and single-use properties)
- The Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS) is a voucher-based scheme that provides support towards the up-front costs of the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charge-points, for eligible businesses, charities and public sector organisations.
- The On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) provides grant funding for local authorities towards the cost of installing on-street residential chargepoints for plug-in electric vehicles.

For more information visit the website below.

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

### **Hospice grants: re-imagining day hospice services – Masonic Charitable Foundation**

This grants programme will fund projects within hospices aimed at re-opening day care using new approaches to both virtual and safe face-to-face services. This would help to address any urgent needs a hospice might face in delivering its services in a radically changing landscape.

Grants of up to £35,000 are available to support projects running over a period of 18 months. This allows for up to 3 months setup phase and 12 months project delivery – with a further 3 months to cover any unforeseen delays mid project.

Grants can be used to make better use of technology - building on recent experiences gained during COVID-19, technological innovations offer the opportunity to make transformative shifts in patient-centred care models.

The deadline for applications is 14 February 2022.

[Details \(hospiceuk.org\)](https://hospiceuk.org)

### **Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation grants**

Applications are open for the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation's 2022 funding round to support access to arts and heritage across the country. Grants of up to £25,000 will be offered to arts, culture and heritage projects that enrich lives, support potential, improve skills and reach diverse communities.

This round will award grants of up to £25,000 per year for 3 years and will prioritise applications from:

- Organisations and projects increasing diversity in the arts and heritage by breaking down social, economic and geographical barriers, encouraging engagement and providing high quality training to young people aged under 25, eg youth theatres, youth orchestras, side-by-side music initiatives, music therapy groups, music in prisons, heritage skill training.
- Organisations and projects providing specialist training and work-place experience and apprenticeships for emerging artists and newly graduated professionals, eg theatre director schemes, actor mentoring and training,

heritage building craft apprentices and training schemes, young composer schemes, writers' workshops.

The deadline for stage 1 applications is 28 February 2022.

[Funding round now open! \(andrewlloydwebberfoundation.com\)](https://andrewlloydwebberfoundation.com)

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

Delivered by the Community Shares Unit and funded by Power to Change, Community Shares Booster supports community businesses in the process of setting up and launching a community share offer that can demonstrate high levels of community impact, innovation and engagement. The programme provides:

- Development grants of up to £10,000 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 £100,000 providing that the minimum share offer target is achieved
- Ongoing support and advice as an active investor in community businesses

[Community Shares Booster - Power to Change](#)

### **Community Business ReBoost – Power to Change**

Community Business ReBoost aims to support community businesses to raise community shares capital that can support their recovery, pivot or expand the business in response to Covid-19. The ReBoost fund provides grant funding and matched equity investment as follows:

- Development grants between £3,000 and £5,000 to prepare a recovery community share offer and be awarded the Community Shares Standard Mark
- Match equity investment – typically matching pound for pound up to £25,000 providing that the minimum share offer target is achieved

Additional business development support may also be provided where required and will be prioritised to help community businesses operating in deprived neighbourhoods, or those led by and supporting communities experiencing racial inequity, and those led by and supporting disabled people.

[Community Business ReBoost - Power to Change](#)

### **Community Business Crowdmatch – Power to Change**

Power to Change has teamed up with Crowdfunder to launch Community Business Crowdmatch to back new or existing community businesses to deliver brilliant community-led projects.

Whether it's launching new ideas to help your neighbourhood, help meet increased demand, save a community space or help bridge a funding gap, Power to Change will match fund up to 50% of your target, to a maximum of £10,000, as long as you can raise the rest through crowdfunding.

Through this fund Power to Change are particularly keen to support new and existing projects in more deprived areas of the country, and to work with communities experiencing racial inequity across England.

[Crowdmatch - 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>

### **Social Enterprise Support Fund – National Lottery Community Fund**

This fund provides grants to help social enterprises rebuild from COVID-19. It is established in partnership by The National Lottery Community Fund and five social enterprise support agencies.

Grants between £10,000 and £100,000 are available to social enterprises in England. They want to reach the most marginalised communities and to promote inclusion. They want to support social enterprises that are helping communities affected by COVID-19 to recover, and to help social enterprises themselves to recover and rebuild their trading.

Round 1 of the fund is now closed. Round 2 will open on 28 February and close on 24 March 2022.

[Essential financial support for social enterprises recovering from COVID-19 | SESF \(socialenterprisesupportfund.org.uk\)](https://socialenterprisesupportfund.org.uk)

### **Recovery Loan Fund – Social Investment Business (SIB)**

The Recovery Loan Fund provides loans to UK charities and social enterprises who have been impacted by Covid 19 and need funds to help them to survive, recover and grow. It has been established by Social Investment Business (SIB) to make an existing Government guarantee scheme, the Recovery Loan Scheme, more easily accessible to charities and social enterprises.

The Fund will lend to organisations that are improving people's lives, or the environment they live in, across the UK. All funding purposes will be considered including refinancing of existing debt onto more patient terms.

The Fund closes to submissions on 20 May 2022. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served. Eligible organisations can apply for loans of £100k-£1.5m.

[Recovery Loan Fund \(sibgroup.org.uk\)](https://sibgroup.org.uk)

### **Event Funding – Armed Forces Day**

The Ministry of Defence offers a grant for Armed Forces Day events up to the value of £10,000, depending on the size and format of the event. This grant is match-funded and can cover up to half the total cost of the event.

Grants are available to local councils, organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals for Armed Forces Day events. Events must be held on or around Armed Forces Day (June 25th, 2022).

Grant applications opened on 1 November 2021 and close on 1 March 2022.

To apply for this grant, you must first register your event on the Armed Forces Day website.

[Event Funding – Armed Forces Day](#)

### **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 £3,000 up to millions of pounds.

Current programmes include:

- National Lottery Grants for Heritage - £3,000 to £10,000; £10,000 to £250,000; £250,000 to £5 million. The impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic means the Fund will prioritise heritage projects that:
  - promote inclusion and involve a wider range of people (a mandatory outcome)
  - boost the local economy
  - encourage skills development and job creation
  - support wellbeing
  - create better places to live, work and visit
  - improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage

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

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

### **Cornerstone, Gateway & Foundation Grants – National Churches Trust**

The National Churches Trust has three grant programmes currently open:

- Cornerstone grants. The Cornerstone Grant Programme offers grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 towards the cost of urgent structural repair projects costed at more than £100,000 including VAT. The Trust 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 deadline for applications is 7 March 2022.
- Gateway grants. The Gateway Grant Programme offers grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 towards 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 project costs for this phase. The next deadline for applications is 12 May 2022.
- Foundation grants. The Foundation Grant Programme will offer grants of between £500 and £5,000 towards urgent maintenance works and small repairs identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection or Survey Report. Also, small investigative works and surveys. Project costs should not exceed £10,000. The next deadline for applications is 31 October 2022.
- Preventative maintenance micro grants. If the cost of booking maintenance services is a problem, the National Churches Trust, with its partner the Pilgrim Trust, can offer grants towards the cost of a building's maintenance services. You could receive up to 50% of the cost of works (excl. VAT) up to a maximum grant of £500. The cost of your service must not exceed £1,000 (excl VAT).

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

### **Neighbourhood Planning Grant Funding – Locality**

You can apply for three types of grant funding if you are preparing a Neighbourhood Plan:

- Basic Grant Funding: All groups undertaking a neighbourhood plan are eligible to apply for up to £10,000 in basic grant. As well as applying for a basic grant, you can also apply for technical support (provided you meet the eligibility criteria) to help you with your neighbourhood plan.
- Additional Grant Funding: Groups meeting the eligibility criteria are able to apply for additional grant of up to £8,000 (in addition to the basic grant). This will take the total amount of grant available to you to £18,000.
- Affordable Housing for Sale Grant Funding: This is a new element to the programme, and it is running as a pilot scheme. The pilot began in 2019-20

and will continue in 2020-21. If you are wishing to bring forward affordable housing for sale you may be eligible for further grant funding of up to £10,000 to help develop these ideas.

All grants are now open.

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/grant-funding/#affordablehousing>

### **Covid-19 Response Fund – National Heritage Memorial Fund**

Launched in June 2021, this funding stream offers project grants to support any heritage asset which is:

- of outstanding importance to the national heritage
- at risk due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19)

A total of £40million is being distributed by NHMF, made up of two lots of £20m:

- NHMF has made a commitment of £20m, which is available to applicants from across the UK.
- A £20m Cultural Assets Fund has been made available by DCMS as part of the government's wider Culture Recovery Fund. This funding will safeguard nationally important heritage assets within England.

Distributing NHMF's own commitment as a single fund with the Cultural Assets Fund aims to ensure a UK-wide balance of funding.

This funding is available until the end of April 2023. There are no deadlines for applications.

[COVID-19 Response Fund | National Heritage Memorial Fund \(nhmf.org.uk\)](https://nhmf.org.uk)

### **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 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), 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
- support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses

The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme has been developed by Defra with the support of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and National Park staff from across England.

The programme runs from July 2021 to March 2024.

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

### **England Woodland Creation Offer – Forestry Commission**

Landowners, land managers and public bodies can apply to the England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) for support to create new woodland, including through natural colonisation, on areas as small as 1 hectare. EWCO opened for applications on 9 June 2021 and replaces the Woodland Carbon Fund, which closed for applications in March 2021.

The grant is administered by the Forestry Commission and is funded through the Nature for Climate Fund.

There are four types of payments available under EWCO:

- support for the capital items and activities to establish new woodland, at 100% of standard costs
- 10 years of annual Maintenance Payments to help establish the young trees once the capital works are complete



- contribution towards the actual cost of installing infrastructure to either enable the current and future management of the woodland, or to provide recreational access
- optional Additional Contributions where the location of the woodland and its design will deliver public benefits. You can apply for multiple Additional Contributions on the same land where it touches the right spatial layer and the design is compatible

EWCO is a criteria-based, competitive scheme, with funding offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

[England Woodland Creation Offer - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/programmes/england-woodland-creation-offer)

### **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 £750,000 that will support energy consumers in vulnerable situations.
- The Small Project Fund aimed at projects seeking grants of between £20,000 and £49,999 that will support energy consumers in vulnerable situations.
- Innovation Fund aimed at projects that will develop innovative products or services to benefit energy consumers. Applicants can apply for grants between £50,000 and £500,000.
- Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund is targeted at projects that can help domestic energy consumers participate in the just transition to Net Zero CO2 emissions. The fund awards grants between £50,000 and £500,000.

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

### **Garfield Weston Foundation**

The Foundation supports UK registered charities working within the UK in the areas of Welfare, Youth, Community, Arts, Faith, Environment, Education, Health and Museums & Heritage.

The Foundation awards grants for Capital, Project and Revenue costs. Where they already have a funding history with you, the Trustees may consider a multi-year request for up to three years, provided you can demonstrate that a longer term commitment will add value to your organisation's objectives.

There are no deadlines for applications under £100,000. Grants above this level are reviewed at one of 8 board meetings a year.

[Grant Programmes - Garfield Weston Foundation](https://www.garfieldwestonfoundation.org.uk/grant-programmes)

### **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 current round of applications closes on 2 March 2022.

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

### **Morrison's Foundation**

The Morrison's Foundation awards grant funding for charity projects which make a positive difference in local communities. From support groups to children's hospitals and homeless shelters to hospices, the grants aim to provide vital funding for good causes across England, Scotland and Wales.

In the main grants are available to fully fund projects up to £25,000.

[Morrison Foundation Making a difference to people's lives \(morrisonfoundation.com\)](https://morrisonfoundation.com)

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

The Government is providing up to £210m worth of voucher funding as immediate help for people suffering from slow broadband speeds in rural areas.

Vouchers worth up to £1,500 for homes and £3,500 for businesses help to cover the costs of installing gigabit broadband to people's doorsteps.

The new UK Gigabit Voucher launched in April 2021 and is only available through a supplier who is registered with the scheme.

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/>

### **Lloyds Bank Foundation**

The Foundation fund small and local charities, investing in their work helping people overcome complex social issues across England and Wales. They support charities with an annual income of £25,000 to £1 million with a proven track record of helping people on a journey of positive change through in-depth, holistic and person-centred support. The Foundation offer unrestricted funding, including around core costs, and tailored development support to help your charity be more effective.

The priority complex social issues are:

- Addiction and dependency
- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Care leavers
- Domestic abuse
- Homeless and vulnerably housed
- Learning disabilities
- Mental health
- Offending, prison or community service
- Sexual abuse and exploitation

- Trafficking and modern slavery
- Young parents

[We Fund \(lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk\)](http://lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk)

### **Transforming Places through Heritage Grants – Architectural Heritage Fund**

This programme supports projects that will contribute to the transformation of high streets and town centres in England helping them become thriving places, strengthening local communities and encouraging local economies to prosper. It is part of a wider initiative to revive heritage high streets in England, alongside Historic England's High Street Heritage Action Zones. This programme is for individual heritage buildings in, or transferring to, community ownership. They will support charities and social enterprises to develop projects with the potential to bring new life to high streets by creating alternative uses for redundant or underused historic buildings in town centres.

A range of grants are available:

- Project Viability Grants: up to £15,000, for early viability and feasibility work, open now for applications.
- Project Development Grants: up to £100,000, for capital project development costs, open now for applications.
- Crowdfunding Challenge Grants: up to £25,000, to match fund crowdfunding campaigns, open now for applications.
- Community Shares Booster Grants: supporting community share offers with development grants and matched investment.

<http://ahfund.org.uk/england>

### **Awards for All, Reaching Communities and Partnerships – The National Lottery Community Fund**

The National Lottery Community Fund is open to all applications that meet their criteria, including support during COVID-19. With the COVID-19 pandemic still with us, they'll continue to support people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19.

They can support you to:

- continue to deliver activity, whether you're supporting your existing users, responding to the immediate crisis or undertaking recovery activity
- change and adapt, becoming more resilient in order to respond to new and future challenges.

The Awards for All programme can provide between £300 and £10,000 for up to one year. The Reaching Communities programme offers larger amounts of funding (over £10,000) for up to 5 years. The Partnerships programme also offers a larger amount of funding (over £10,000) for organisations that work together with a shared set of goals to help their community thrive – whether that's a community living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/covid-19/learn-about-applying-for-emergency-funding-in-england>

### **Small Grants Scheme – Foyle Foundation**

This Small Grants Scheme is designed to support charities registered and operating in the United Kingdom, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.

Online applications can be accepted from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £150,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme.

The focus will be to make one-year grants only to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services to charities that can show financial stability.

The priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support if possible.

Grants are available between £1000 and £10,000.

[Small Grants Scheme - \(foylefoundation.org.uk\)](https://foylefoundation.org.uk)

### **Return to Play Fund – Sport England**

One element of this fund remains open.

- Return to Play: Active Together – is a crowdfunding initiative that can match fund, up to £10,000, successful Crowdfunder campaigns from a pot of £1.5m. The partnership with Crowdfunder also includes advice, guidance and training to help create a successful campaign.

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/coronavirus/funding-innovation-and-flexibility>

### **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>

### **Financial support for businesses during coronavirus – Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Public Health England**

You can find out more details about the government's support for businesses through this website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-support-for-businesses-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

### **Rural Community Energy Fund – Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy**

The Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) is a £10 million programme which supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects, which provide economic and social benefits to the community.

RCEF provides support to rural communities in 2 stages:

- stage 1: grants of up to £40,000 for a feasibility study for a renewable energy project
- stage 2: grants of up to £100,000 for business development and planning of feasible schemes

RCEF is being run by 5 regional Local Energy Hubs. If you would like to register your interest for the scheme, or would like further information, please contact the relevant hub for your area.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-community-energy-fund>

### **Veterans' Foundation grants**

Many armed forces charities struggle to raise sufficient funding to support serving and former members of the British Armed Forces' and sometimes their dependants who

are in need. The Veterans' Foundation has been created to establish a new and nationwide source of funding to help these charities. It acquires its funds through the Veterans' Lottery and donations.

The trustees of the Veterans' Foundation will disburse funds to Armed Forces charities and charitable activities.

They will support projects that:

- Reduce homelessness
- Increase employment
- Provide welfare and medical support
- Increase confidence and social integration
- Reduce dependence on drugs and alcohol
- Support other charitable activities that may be needed

You can apply for grants of any sum up to a maximum of £30K. Trustees will also consider a bid for a spread grant, i.e. £30K as £10K for each of the next three years. Please note that the trustees are likely to award more small grants than large grants. They will consider a range of factors including the service or item being applied for, the number of beneficiaries, the importance of the grant to the applicant charity and the needs of the beneficiaries.

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

### **Church Conservation Grants – Morris Fund**

Grants between £500 and £5000 are awarded to churches, chapels and other places of worship in the United Kingdom for the conservation of decorative features and monuments, but not for structural repairs.

Grants will be awarded to support smaller programmes of work concerned with the conservation of decorative or non-structural features such as:

- stained glass windows
- sculpture
- furniture
- internal monuments and tombs
- wall paintings

The decorative feature, monument, etc must date from no later than 1896 (the year of William Morris's death). The next deadline for applications is 31 March 2022.

<https://www.sal.org.uk/grants/morris-fund-conservation-grants/>

### **Heritage Impact Fund – Architectural Heritage Fund**

The HIF offers tailored finance for charities, social enterprises and community businesses across the UK to develop sustainable heritage at the very heart of vibrant local economies.

Loans from £25,000 to £500,000 are available for up to five years with tailored terms and both flexible and incentivised interest rates for impactful projects. These could include both capital and interest repayment holidays. HIF supports applicants across the UK who are undertaking a capital project or are looking to build upon or scale-up an existing enterprise.

The HIF is a joint initiative with contributions from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Historic England, Historic Environment Scotland, Cadw and the Architectural Heritage Fund.

<http://ahfund.org.uk/hif>

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

Family Fund Business Services are working in collaboration with BBC Children in Need to deliver the Emergency Essentials programme supporting children and young people living with severe poverty as well as additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability or poor health in the family.

The programme can deliver or fund critical items such as:

- Gas or electric cookers
- Essential household items
- Furniture and kitchen equipment
- Children's beds and bedding
- Washing machines
- Fridges and freezers
- Baby equipment
- Clothing in exceptional or emergency situations.

Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs.

<https://www.familyfunds.co.uk/emergency-essentials/>

### **HS2 Community and Business Funds – Groundwork UK**

Two funds are available to local communities to help with the disruption that will be caused by the construction of Phase one of HS2 between London and the West Midlands; the Community and Environment Fund and the Business and Local Economy Fund. The objective of these funds is to add benefit, over and above committed mitigation and statutory compensation, to communities and local economies along the route.

The administration of these funds is managed on behalf of HS2 Ltd by the charity Groundwork who will ensure both funds remain available for applications throughout the construction of Phase One.

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/hs2funds>

### **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/>

### **Family Fund – The Family Fund Trust for families with severely disabled children.**

The Family Fund helps families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under. You can apply to Family Fund subject to a number of criteria which include that you are the parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under and that you have evidence of entitlement to one of the following: Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Incapacity Benefit, Employment Support Allowance, Housing Benefit and Pension Credit.

See the website for more details.

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

### **Landfill Communities Fund – SUEZ Communities Trust**

SUEZ Communities Trust (formerly SITA) provides funding awards of up to £50,000 to not-for-profit organisations to undertake work that is eligible under the Landfill



Communities Fund (LCF). Applications are considered for three areas of work which qualify for funding through the LCF. These include:

- Public Amenities
- Historic Buildings, Structures or Sites
- Biodiversity

Projects can be supported that make physical improvements at sites located in any of 100 funding zones around qualifying sites owned by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK.

<http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.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 available between 25% and 75% of eligible costs 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 £30,000. There is no minimum award.

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/>

### **Football Foundation grants**

The Football Foundation provides grants for building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, such as changing rooms, 3G pitches, fencing, portable floodlights, pitch improvements and clubhouse refurbishment. The Fund is available to football clubs, schools, councils and local sports associations and gives grants for projects that:

- Improve facilities for football and other sport in local communities.
- Sustain or increase participation amongst children and adults, regardless of background age, or ability.
- Help children and adults to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport.

Grants are available for between £10,000 and £500,000.

[Looking for funding | Football Foundation](#)

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