

## FUNDING SOLUTIONS – AUGUST 2022

### **Armed Forces Covenant Fund: Reaching and Supporting Armed Forces Communities programme**

Charities and CICs can apply for a grant of up to £100,000 over a period of up to three years. This programme will fund projects that will deliver significant changes or improvements for Armed Forces communities where there are hidden or compelling needs. They want to hear from those who know the most about what is needed and that's why this year they are running such a broad programme.

If you apply for a grant, you need to show how this would help to address hidden, compelling and complex needs, for specific and identified beneficiaries, in a meaningful way, and where evidence has highlighted gaps in support and provision. For a decision in October, the deadline for applications is 8 August. For a decision in February 2023, the deadline for applications is 14 November.

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/reaching-and-supporting/#eligibility>

**Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Force for Change programme** will award grants of up to £10,000 for community projects that reduce isolation and promote integration; supporting post-Covid recovery in local Armed Forces communities affected by isolation. To be eligible to apply, your organisation must be one of the following:

- A registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities and have been registered for at least one year at the time of your application.
- An Armed Forces unit or base.
- A local authority.
- A school.
- A statutory body that delivers or co-ordinates NHS care

For a decision in October, the deadline for applications is 8 August. For a decision in February 2023, the deadline for applications is 14 November. <https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/force-for-change/>

**Asda Foundation – U18 Better Starts Grant** – the Foundation aims to transform communities and improve lives by providing independent grants and support to locally relevant community projects throughout the UK. Through the Under 18 Better Starts Grant, the Foundation provides funding of between £500 and £1500 to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. The funding is available to not-for-profit organisations for projects which give children the best start in life, encourage them to be active, and which tackle poverty, inclusion and wellbeing. Projects could include breakfast clubs, food and clothing banks, arts and crafts groups, brownies, scouts, training for counsellors, U18 sporting/physical activity-based groups, and Easter and Jubilee Celebrations for U18's. Applications should be made through each local Asda store's Community Champion. The closing date for applications is 19th August 2022.

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

### **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>

**Ernest Cook Trust: Outdoor Essentials** - Schools can apply for £500 towards the costs of providing outdoor education for their pupils. The grants can be used for:

Wellies & Waterproofs – outdoor clothing to enable children and young people to learn outdoors.

Nature and Nurture – projects to create areas where young people can connect with nature within school grounds or the local community.

Any UK state-funded Ofsted Registered primary, middle, secondary or high school can apply.

Application deadline: Apply as soon as possible: the current application window will close once sufficient applications have been received

<https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/everything-outdoors/outdoor-essentials-grant/>

**Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund** supports museums to use their collections to become relevant and sustainable organisations that are connected to and valued by their communities. All applications to the fund must focus on existing collections, typically held by an accredited museum or partnership of museums and other organisations, and the funded work must engage and involve audiences to achieve public benefit. In 2022 they have simplified the grants they are offering, recognising the challenge of the pandemic and seeking ways to build on the great work undertaken in the last two years. This year they will offer grants of up to £90k over around two years for museums to test new, ambitious, creative collections engagement that has a social impact. These grants are for museums to innovate, kick-start or develop their collections engagement practice where there is a strong link between a relevant collection and audience. The deadline for expressions of interest is 14 September 2022. <https://www.museumsassociation.org/funding/esmee-fairbairn-collections-fund/>

#### **Foyle Foundation - Small Grants Scheme**

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 £2000 and £10,000. <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/>

**Garfield Weston 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. <https://garfieldweston.org/apply-to-us/grant-guidelines/>

**Heritage Innovation Fund** - This new programme from the Heritage Lottery Fund is designed to support organisations to explore, test and grow the new ways of working needed to support the future of our diverse and varied heritage. It aims to support heritage organisations to find innovative ways of developing the heritage workforce. There are three phases:

Explore – for organisations at the early ideas stage. This phase will focus on defining a clear problem statement and helping you to develop potential solutions for testing in practice.

Test – This phase will offer support to put promising prototypes and ideas into practice to gather evidence of what works.

Grow – This phase will support you to implement findings more widely, embedding, sharing and rolling out good practice across the heritage sector.

Applications are now open for the Explore phase only. This will provide grants up to £25,000 and six months of coaching and innovation support relating to the heritage workforce. Not-for-profit heritage

organisations of any size or type can apply, including local authorities, public- sector organisations or private owners of heritage (with a workforce). Application deadline: 27 September 2022

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/heritage-innovation-fund>

**LGBT+ Futures: Equity Fund** - Consortium and its Community Collaborators, working in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund, have announced the launch of the LGBT+ Futures: Equity Fund. This Fund has been enabled thanks to National Lottery players. £465,000 is available through small grants to LGBT+ groups and organisations who are community-led and whose primary focus is one of their 5 priority targeted areas: Trans and Non-Binary people; Those facing racial injustice; D/deaf and/or Disabled people; Older people; and Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans+ Women. Grants will be available for organisational running costs, projects and organisational / leadership development and can range from £100 - £25,000.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and the programme will close to new applications on 30 October 2022. <https://www.consortium.lgbt/EquityFund/>

**Magic Little Grants – Localgiving** - After successfully distributing 2,000 grants to Localgiving members in 2021, the 2022 programme has been announced, supported by the People’s Postcode Lottery. They will be awarding £500 grants to 2,650 charitable organisations on Localgiving. Applications for Magic Little Grants 2022 opened on 16 March and applications should take just ten minutes to complete.

<https://localgiving.org/magic-little-grants/>

**Masonic Charitable Foundation** has rolling grant programmes with no deadlines as follows:

- Children and young people: This programme is open to national and local charities helping disadvantaged children and young people to overcome the challenges they face. Small grants are for charities whose annual income does not exceed £500,000. These grants are unrestricted. Small grants range from £1,000-£5,000 per year, for up to three years.
- Later life: This programme is open to local and national charities that are working to reduce loneliness and isolation in later life. Small grants are for smaller charities whose annual income does not exceed £500,000. They are to fund overhead costs. Small grants range from £1,000-£5,000 per year, for up to three years.

Large grants are for larger charities whose annual income exceeds £500,000. 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.

<https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/>

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

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

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 28th October 2022. <https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/charitable-trust/applications-for-funding/>

**Places and Spaces Fund – Sport England** - This fund is being boosted to £7 million as it goes nationwide to help communities across England benefit from the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. Originally launched in November 2021, with £3.5m to cater for organisations from the West Midlands, extra National Lottery funding has been committed to extend the fund across England and help community organisations make small-scale facility improvements that will help to develop places and spaces wanting to use Birmingham 2022 as a catalyst to improve community sport and physical activity. While the fund is now available to applicants nationwide, four areas have been selected for targeted investment to support people to get, having been identified as areas of underrepresentation in activity figures. These areas are Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Tyne and Wear and Tees Valley. Places and Spaces has been developed in partnership with Crowdfunder and will see Sport England award match funding of up to £10,000 to eligible applicants

who run a successful community crowdfunding campaign. They anticipate the fund will remain open until December 2022. <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/places-and-spaces>

**Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund – DEFRA** - England's village halls are set to benefit from a major new renovation fund launched by the Government on 28 May 2022 to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. At the heart of rural life and communities, village halls are home to fitness classes, coffee mornings, community groups, jumble sales, art clubs and post office services – even in the most remote of locations. They often provide the only place for a community to meet and socialise locally and are vital in tackling loneliness, providing a lifeline for those who can't travel long distances. The new £3 million grant fund aims to provide a significant boost to rural communities with 125 village halls set to benefit, allowing vital modernisation and improvements to take place. More details will be announced in due course.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/platinum-jubilee-fund-creates-boost-for-village-halls>

**Power to Change: Powering Up** - Community businesses in England can apply for support to help them strengthen and develop their business. Powering Up is run by Power to Change with multiple rounds of funding across the key areas of digital growth, zero carbon and sustainability, and financial resilience, with a cross cutting theme of diversity, equity and inclusion. The current two areas of focus are digital skills and environment:

Digital skills – this might include moving services online, web search optimisation or implementing digital systems to improve efficiency.

Environment – support to help your business become more environmentally sustainable.

Community businesses can apply for support through a tailored package worth £20,000 in total including technical expertise, professional development, wellbeing support and an £8,000 unrestricted grant.

Application deadline: 19 September 2022

<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/our-work/our-programmes/powering-up/>

**Scops Arts Trust** awards a limited number of grants each year to support high quality arts projects. Their aim is to give people of all ages, backgrounds and life circumstances, opportunities to access, participate in and enjoy the arts, particularly the performing arts. They are keen to find projects which widen access and have a lasting cultural impact on the community. For 2022, the Trust welcome applications from organisations planning smaller regional festivals in areas where there is little arts provision, due to socio-economic circumstances or geographically remote locations. They are especially interested in supporting performing arts projects aimed at adults and projects which will benefit all ages across the generations within communities. The next funding round will open on 16 August. Please visit the website for more information on what is supported and how to apply. <https://www.scopsartstrust.org.uk/>

**Southwest water Neighbourhood Fund 2022** - Funding is available for community groups and charities in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. South West Water is providing small grants to support community projects working on supporting the local community and environment. The focus of the fund is to:

- Protect nature and the environment for the benefit of community health and well-being
- Provide new opportunities for people to learn and develop
- Assist local projects which bring communities together
- Support the upkeep of local neighbourhood centres and facilities to keep communities strong

There are monthly funding rounds with a total of £10,000 available each month until September. Round 4 is opening soon and will appear in the South West Water list of Funds. Registered charities, informal community groups & social enterprises can apply. Application deadline: Monthly application windows until September 2022 <https://app.actionfunder.org/funder-profile/936>

**Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)** is part of the new Environmental Land Management (ELM) scheme which replaces Countryside Stewardship. SFI aims to help farmers manage land in a way that improves food production and is more environmentally sustainable. In 2022, SFI aims to:

- encourage actions that improve soil health
- recognise how moorland provides benefits to the public (public goods)
- improve animal health and welfare by helping farmers with the costs of veterinary advice for livestock

The scheme is now open for applications from all farmers who currently receive Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) payments. Details of the new scheme and how to apply are now available in the full guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainable-farming-incentive-full-guidance/sustainable-farming-incentive-full-guidance>

**Universal Music UK Sound Foundation (formerly the EMI Music Sound Foundation)** provides grants to help towards the purchase of musical instruments and/or equipment for schools who require the equipment to fund music education. Applications are open for funding up to £1500 from Schools (teaching the national curriculum) based in the UK and Ireland towards the cost of musical resources. The deadline for applications is 10 August 2022. <https://www.umuksoundfoundation.com/umuksf-school-awards/>

**Veterans' Foundation** - 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/>

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