

Newsletter from Daphne Marston, Natural England

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NEWS

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Grants of up to £75,000 Available to Modernise Village Halls (England)

Village halls across England can now apply for grants of between £7,500 and £75,000 to improve and modernise their facilities up to a maximum of 20 per cent of eligible project costs. The Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund has been launched in England to provide capital grants to improve and modernize their facilities. The fund is managed by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) and aims to support around 125 village halls over a three-year period. The fund will be open to applications from projects that aim to improve the local environment, reduce rural loneliness, support the rural economy, and contribute to community life. The grants will be used to support infrastructure improvements, refurbish facilities such as kitchens and toilets, and improve energy efficiency. The application window for the fund will close on the on 20th January 2023

Grants of up to £20,000 Available for Projects that Bring About Long term Community Change (UK)

Grassroots community organizations in the UK can apply for grants of between £2,500 and £20,000 for projects aimed at achieving long-term change through community organising, campaigning, and democratic engagement. These grants are intended for organisations that are based in and accountable to their community, but lack the resources to achieve their goals. The Civic Power Fund prioritises organisations led by individuals who have firsthand experience of the injustice they are trying to address. In addition to financial support, successful applicants will also receive support from the Civic Power Fund Governance Hub and may have the opportunity to participate in capacity-building programs. The application deadline is the 26th February 2023.

Grants to Improve the Quality of Life for Disadvantaged & Vulnerable People (UK)

Small-to-mid-size registered charities helping to improve the quality of life of people in the UK, particularly those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable can apply for grants of up to £5,000. The funding is being made available through the Hedley Foundation. Each year the Foundation makes around 250 grants for initiatives which benefit the lives of young people, disabled people, elderly people, the terminally ill and otherwise disadvantaged people and their carers. Occasional larger sums are given to charities where high impact can be achieved. Applications should be received at least 6 weeks before the next review meeting on the 26th April 2023.

Funding for Projects that Have a Positive Impact on Communities, People or the Environment (UK)

The Matthew Good Foundation has opened the next round of its Grants for Good Fund. The aim is to support small charities, not-for-profit groups and social entrepreneurs who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community or the environment. The Fund will share £10,000 between five shortlisted projects, which will be voted for by John Good Group employees. The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £3,500, second place £2,500, third place £2,000 with fourth and fifth place both receiving £1,000. As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation want to hear from people with innovative ideas that need some funding to get their projects up and running. To be eligible, applicants will have to have had an income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months. The next deadline for applications is the 15th March 2023.

Grants to Reduce Social Isolation Amongst the Elderly (North Somerset)

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to charities and community groups to help them continue to support older people in North Somerset. The St Monica Trust's North Somerset Older People's Community Grant Programme will award funding for activities and projects that reduce social isolation amongst the elderly. Previous initiatives that have received funding include cinema nights within residential homes, outreach work to encourage older people to join a local social group, and forming an older people's group to relieve isolation. Priority will be given to smaller groups with an average income less than £500,000. Applications can be made at any time.

Grants for Organisations Tackling Injustice & Inclusion (UK)

Grants of up to £20,000 are available to local not-for-profit groups that are building power within their community and campaigning for long-term change on issues affecting peoples lives. The Civic Power Fund's Community Action Fund aims to help community organisers who are tackling injustice and exclusion, to empower people to improve their lives and their communities and dismantle the barriers to racial, economic, gender, disability, migration, climate and LGBTQ+ justice. Priority will be given to organisations led by people with lived experience of the injustice they are trying to overcome. Applicants must complete a questionnaire in the first instance by the 26th February 2023.

Funding for Sport & Physical Activities for Disadvantaged Young People (England)

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to charities, community groups, local authorities, clubs, and other not-for-profit organisations delivering sports and physical activities to improve the health and wellbeing of black, Asian and minority ethnic children and young people in England. The funding is made available by BME Youth through the Together Fund, a Sport England initiative which helps people who are most in need of support to get and remain active particularly those from culturally diverse communities, disabled people, lower socioeconomic groups and people with long term health conditions. Funding can be used for equipment, coach fees and expenses,

hire of facilities, promotion and publicity, staff costs, and transport. Applications will be accepted at any time until the 31st March 2023 or until all funds have been allocated.

Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants (UK)

The Pink Ribbon Foundation is offering grants of up to £6,000 to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations that are working on practical projects and initiatives aimed at improving the physical and mental health of individuals with or recovering from breast cancer. Higher grants may be awarded in special cases. The deadline for applications is the 26th May 2023.

Funding to Improve the Environmental Sustainability of Hospices (UK)

Grants of up to £20,000 are available to UK hospices to reduce their impact on the environment and enable them to deliver sustainable healthcare.

The funding is primarily to support capital costs. However, revenue costs that help deliver the capital activity can be included.

The funding is being made available through the Rank Foundation Hospice Grants programme. And the types of projects could include:

- Expanding the use of telemedicine to deliver some care remotely
- Solar panels; ground source heat pumps; and energy efficient LED lighting
- Reducing overall food waste and ensuring the provision of healthier, locally sourced and seasonal menus high in fruits and vegetables. (Could include developing hospice garden/allotment and greenhouses.).

Eligible organisations are independent adult hospices that are members of Hospice UK and based in the UK, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 20th January 2023.

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<https://www.hospiceuk.org/innovation-hub/support-for-your-role/grants/rank-foundation-hospice-grants#content-menu-10510>

New Fund to Support Large-Scale Rewilding Projects (England, Scotland and Wales)

Rewilding Britain has launched a new fund to tackle the climate crisis, with £100,000 to be awarded to one large-scale rewilding project every year. The Rewilding Challenge Fund

encourages community groups, farmers, landowners, and land managers across England, Scotland & Wales to work collaboratively and 'Think Big, Act Wild'. The Fund will nurture innovative and pioneering initiatives which show maximum potential for upscaling rewilding on land and at sea, and demonstrate the extensive economic and social benefits of rewilding to local communities, as well as to biodiversity. Expressions of interest should be submitted by the 17th January 2023. Shortlisted projects will be invited to submit a full application..

Rowing Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

Grants of between £500 and £4,000 are available to organisations, schools and clubs involved in Rowing to help purchase equipment, such as boats, sculls, ergos, oars and essential safety equipment. The funding is being made available through the Rowing Foundation and preference is given for activities focused on the young or disabled. Grants can cover up to 50% of costs. The next deadline to apply to the Rowing Foundation is the 21st February 2023.

Grants of up to £1,000 Available for Community Safety Projects (Avon and Somerset)

The Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust is currently accepting applications through its General Fund. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to local community and voluntary groups in the Avon and Somerset police force area for projects that improve community safety. This can include protecting local people and property from crime; reducing anti-social behaviour; etc. The next closing date for applications is the 1st March 2023.

Grants for the Planting and Care of Trees, Hedges & Orchards (UK)

The Tree Council is inviting applications through the Branching Out fund. Through the Fund, schools, community groups, parish and town councils, and tree warden networks within the UK will be able to apply for grants of between £200 and £2,000 to get communities and young people up to the age of 21 involved in planting and caring for trees, hedges and orchards. The funding will cover the cost of trees, hedges and fruit trees; reasonable costs of non-plastic protection and supports, as well as peat-free compost and/or soil improvers. The closing date for applications has been extended to the 13th January 2023.

Grants to Support Outdoor Learning for Primary & Secondary School Children (UK)

Grants of £500 are available to UK State-funded Primary and Secondary Schools (including multi-academy trusts and alternative provision schools) to enable them to get their pupils learning outdoors. The funding which is being made available through the Ernest Cook Trust's Outdoor Essentials Grant scheme will support school travel and transport costs to outdoor learning venues,. This can include outdoor learning centres, forest schools, countryside parks, woodlands, national parks, farm parks, farms (including city farms), coastal areas and beaches. This round will close to applications when sufficient grant applications have been approved.

Funding for Community Activities to Reduce Environmental Damage (Devon)

Grants of between £2,000 and £5,000 are available for projects and initiatives that improve the

lives of individuals and communities across Devon. Charities, voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, parish/town councils, schools, churches and faith groups can apply for the funding to support activities which bring people together to reduce environmental damage and improve the place where they live. Activities could include: workshops to encourage learning about the local ecology and how to protect and regenerate it; community planting and growing initiatives; and local initiatives to reduce motorised transport. The funding is made available by the Devon Community Foundation, in partnership with Sovereign Housing, through the Thrive With 5 Devon on Earth Grant Scheme, which closes to applications at 12pm on the 31st January 2023.

Grants of up to £100,000 Available for Community Facilities (England)

Registered charities, churches, parish councils, local authorities and CASC registered sports clubs can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 for the provision, maintenance or improvement of community facilities. This can include village halls and community centres, public play areas; publicly available multi use games areas, skate parks and BMX tracks; sport and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access; churches – community spaces only; nature reserves; public gardens, parks, country parks and woodlands with at least dawn to dusk access; and Museums. The funding is being made available through the FCC Community Action Fund and is available to projects located within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment site. The fund is currently closed but will re-open for applications from the 21st December until 5pm on the 8th March 2023.

Co-operative Bank - Customer Donation Fund (UK)

Organisations such as Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies, Co-operatives and Credit Unions; etc. that have a Community Directplus account can apply for funding of up to £1,000 from the Customer Donation Fund.

Since 2003 the Co-operative Bank Donation Fund has donated over £750,000 to 866 organisations. The money can be used to support special projects and fundraising activities; and all Community Directplus account holders are eligible to apply.

The closing dates for applications are March and September each year and they will then be assessed in April and October.

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<https://www.co-operativebank.co.uk/business/community/customer-donation-fund>

Funding to Protect Endangered Species (UK/Worldwide)

Scientific researchers and conservationists in the UK and around the world are invited to apply for funding for work that is aimed at the preservation of endangered species.

Grants of up to £10,000 per annum for up to two years will be awarded to projects seeking to find the critical scientific evidence that will facilitate the conservation of one or more species or their habitat or provide the answer to a key conservation question that will enable conservationists to undertake critical conservation action.

The funding is made available by the People's Trust for Endangered Species through their Conservation Insight Grants which close to applications at 11:59pm on the 6th August 2023.

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<https://ptes.org/grants/apply-grant/worldwide-grant-criteria/>

Society of Merchant Venturers Charity (South West)

Registered charities and organisations with a charitable purpose within the greater Bristol area can apply for grants of up to £5,000 through the Society of Merchant Venturers Charity. The primary areas supported are social needs; youth; education; environment; social enterprise; health care; culture and the arts; and projects that will benefit greater Bristol and its economic development. The charity meets four times a year, typically in January, April, July and October, to consider applications for funding and the next closing date for applications is 5pm on the 7th March 2023.

Transformational Grants for Small Charities and Not for Profit Organisations (UK)

From 10 am on the 12th December 2022, small organisations working with marginalised groups will be able to apply for grants of up to £30,000 for projects and activities that have the potential to have a transformational impact on their organisation. Transformational impact includes helping an organisations become more sustainable, more efficient, to grow significantly or enabling an organisation to take a major step forward of some kind. The funding is being made available through The Fore, a seed funder for the non-profit sector. The funding is available to any registered charity, CIC, CIO or Community Benefit Society with a turnover of under £500,000 in the last financial year. To apply for funding, organisations must first register some basic contact details at the start of each funding round. The number of registrations accepted for each round is

capped and registrations are run on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the cap is reached, the round is closed, so please register early.

£100,000 Fund to Encourage People to Take Up Fishing (England)

To promote the healthy benefits of fishing, the Environment Agency and Angling Trust have launched a new £100,000 funding round from the Get Fishing Fund. The aim of the fund is to inspire more people to start fishing, or go back to fishing. Funded by the sale of fishing licenses, grants of up to £2,500 are available to fishing clubs, fisheries, charities, schools and local authorities in the UK for projects based on fishing activity. Funding can be used to help purchase equipment, fishing gear, and resources to organize fishing events and activities that provide opportunities for everyone to get involved in fishing. The application deadline is the 5th March 2023.

Grants to Help Tackle Single Use Plastics and Pollution (UK)

Environmental charity, Naturesave Trust, has announced that the next applications window for its grants programme will open on the 1st January 2023. The theme for this funding round will be tackling pollution and single-use plastic. The Trust will be looking for community projects who are running initiatives to tackle these issues. In previous funding rounds the Trust has awarded grants of between £500 to £2,500. The closing date for applications will be the 28th February 2023. Further details will be made available shortly.

Grants of up to £10,000 to Support Grassroots Charities (UK)

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to support small, grass-roots and local charities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community across the UK. The funding, which is being made available through Foyle Foundation's Small Grants Scheme, can be used to cover projects, core costs, building projects, or essential equipment to enable ongoing service provision for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services. Competition for funding is expected to be strong. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Funding to Support Charitable Organisations During the Cost-of-Living Crisis (East Midlands, West Midlands, South West England)

In response to the current cost of living crisis, Severn Trent Water is making £150,000 in funding available to cover core costs for charities and community groups finding it hard to maintain their activities during the current economic crisis. Through the Severn Trent Community Fund: Core Funding, grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available to help not-for-profit organisations to continue delivering their vital services to communities in the Severn Trent region. The funding can be used to cover essential running expenses which could include management and administration, general office costs (rent and utilities), accountancy and audit, fundraising,

communications, and governance/compliance costs. The fund will remain open to applications until all funding has been awarded. Competition for funding is expected to be strong.

Screwfix Foundation (UK)

The Screwfix Foundation has re-opened for applications from charities and not for profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress or other disadvantage throughout the UK.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for all kinds of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities.

Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. The next closing date for applications is the 10th February 2023.

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<https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/>

Funding to Support Disabled & Disadvantaged Children (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to fund equipment and services to support disabled and disadvantaged children under the age of 13 across the UK. The Toy Trust fund helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering; support children through awful experiences; encourage achievement through adversity; purchase vital equipment; provide care; bolster existing initiatives; initiate brand new projects; and satisfy basic needs. Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply. The next deadline to apply is mid-February 2023 for the March meeting of Trustees.

Applications Invited for BBC Children in Need's Project Grants (UK, Isle of Man & Channel Islands)

As part of its new grant-making strategy, BBC Children in Need is awarding grants of up to £40,000 per year for up to three years to support the projects costs of registered charities and not-for-profit organisations (including Special Schools) working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years or under living in the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. The funding will support the delivery of a specific piece of work (project), and could be spent on project staff costs, trips and outings, volunteer expenses and/or moveable equipment. Groups requesting £15,000 or less will receive a quicker decision. Expressions of interest should be submitted in the first instance. Applications can be made at any time.

Grants to Support the Armed Forces Community During the Cost-of-

Living Crisis (UK)

Grants of up to £2,400 are being made available to help UK Armed Forces veterans and their families who are struggling to pay their bills due to the cost-of-living crisis.

The funding is being made available through the Royal British Legion's Everyday Needs Grants Programme to support people who need help with everyday essentials such as kitchen appliances, clothes, and energy costs.

The initiative will provide non-repayable emergency grants of up to £200 a month for up to twelve months.

Applications can be made at any time and should be assessed within five days of submission.

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<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/financial-and-employment-support/finance/grants/cost-of-living-grants>

Funding for Community Garden Projects (England, Wales & Northern Ireland)

Charities, community groups, and community interest companies can apply for funding for community gardening projects in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available (although most grant awards are for under £2,000) for the creation of a community garden or a community park or allotment with a horticultural focus for the benefit of the local community.

Eligible costs could include site preparation (including hire of small mechanical tools such as rotavators), hand tools, plants, trees, shrubs, containers and seating.

Projects encouraging biodiversity and wildlife are encouraged.

The funding is made available through the National Garden Scheme Community Gardens Grants programme which closes to applications at 12pm on the 31st January 2023.

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<https://ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/community-garden-grants/>

Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Increase Employment Opportunities for Disadvantaged Adults (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to support projects that equip people (18 or older in order) from disadvantaged groups with critical life skills necessary for employment.

Priority will be given to projects that target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups facing major hurdles to employment, especially; women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers.

The funding is being made available through the Thomas Wall Trust. and to be eligible the applicants must:

- Be a UK charity that has been registered with the Charity Commission for at least 3 years
- Be a project or running costs for a charity that equips people (aged 18 and over) with the skills ready for employment
- Have an annual turnover of less than £500,000

The deadline for stage 1 applications is the 23rd January 2023. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

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<https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities-2/>

Funding for Primary School Breakfast Clubs (UK)

Grants are available for UK primary schools interested in opening free breakfast clubs. The Greggs Foundation will provide an initial start-up grant for equipment such as chest freezers to store food items or toys and activities for the club.

The average club costs £3,000 to set up and run for a year based on 65 children. Schools should be able to attract adult volunteers to help run the scheme which must be able to show that at least 40% of their pupils qualify for free school meals and that the school serves a disadvantaged community.

The breakfast club must be offered for free to ensure all pupils can attend

Payments are also made each term towards other food items and Greggs plc donates bread from the nearest shop.

Although applications can be made at any time, there is currently a waiting list for funding.

For more information please call a member of the Greggs Foundation team on 0191 2127830.

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<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/breakfast-clubs>

Funding for School Breakfast Clubs (UK)

Magic Breakfast which is a registered charity that aims to end hunger as a barrier to education in UK Schools has announced that its Magic Breakfast programme is open for applications. The programme provides funding and support schools that want to set up new; or improve an existing breakfast club.

For a school in England to be eligible, at least 35% of pupils should be recorded as eligible for Pupil Premium. A Primary School in Scotland qualifies for Magic Breakfast support when at least 55% of pupils are in SIMD Deciles 1 to 4 and/or at least 35% are eligible for FSM. A Secondary School in Scotland qualifies for support when at least 40% of pupils are in SIMD Deciles 1 to 4.

Magic Breakfast are planning to expand to Northern Ireland and Wales soon so welcome applications from all UK schools.

Expression of Interest can be made at any time.

Once the Expression of Interest form has been submitted, and eligibility has been checked Magic Breakfast will hold the application details on file. As soon as sufficient funding has been raised to offer support, they will get in touch to arrange a visit.

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<https://www.magicbreakfast.com/apply-for-magic-breakfast-provision>

National School Breakfast Programme (England)

The Department for Education has announced that Schools in disadvantaged can apply for a 75% subsidy for breakfast club provision until July 2024. To be eligible to participate in the National School Breakfast Programme, schools will have 40% or more pupils in bands A-F of the income deprivation affecting children index (IDACI). This can include state-funded primary, secondary, special schools and alternative provision. The contract for the programme will be delivered through Family Action, who will source and deliver breakfast food products to participating schools. All breakfast products offered through the programme meet the school food standards. Schools will be able to choose and order the food products and quantities they need for their pupils.

Grants to Support Individuals & Families in Need (UK)

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to charities, housing associations, schools and social services providing support for individuals and families across the UK who are in financial need.

The Cosaraf Charitable Foundation's Hardship Grants will support individuals and families who have exhausted all other sources of funding and are struggling with everyday costs, such as basic living expenses, household items and utilities, work- or education-related expenses, or rent arrears.

Priority will be given to:the most financially excluded people

- families over individuals
- those with caring responsibilities
- items that will make the most difference to the individual/family's long-term future

Other than in exceptional cases, Hardship Grants will only be made available for:

- Household items (white goods and occasionally other items i.e. sofas, wardrobes etc.)
- Basic Living Expenses (Utilities or food)
- Work- or education-related expenses (interview clothes, school uniforms, laptops)
- Rent arrears and Council tax arrears, but only where there is a clear and obvious risk of homelessness (for rent arrears involving a social landlord please outline what support has already been offered to your tenant)
- Contribution to immigration-related costs, where the current immigration status directly causes financial hardship to the applicant

Applications can be made at any time and are assessed every six weeks.

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<https://www.cosaraf.org/apply-for-funding/hardship-grants/>

£2 Million in Funding to Help with the Cost-of-Living Crisis (UK)

To help with the cost-of-living crisis, the Aviva Community Fund is offering an additional £2 million in match funding for causes supporting financial wellbeing in their communities across the UK.

The Cost of Living Boost will support charities and social enterprises to deliver initiatives that help disadvantaged and vulnerable people take control of their wellbeing by giving them tools to be more financially independent.

Aviva has teamed up with the fundraising platform Crowdfunder and will match each donation given by the general public, up to the value of £250 between the 4th October 2022 and the 31st December 2022, or until the entire £2 million is allocated.

A maximum of £50,000 of match funding is available per organisation.

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<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/costoflivingboost>

Funding for Community Health & Wellbeing Projects (UK)

Funding is available to neighbourhood-based community projects that build happy, strong, resilient communities across the UK.

Individuals and small, not-for-profit businesses can apply for funding to set up new groups and activities that improve mental health and wellbeing, inclusion, and learning and skills development in local communities. To be successful, applicants will need to indicate how the activity/group can become self-sustainable or be able to attract funding from other sources for the longer term.

The funding is made available through Laughology's Happiness Fund, which makes one award of £2,500 per quarter, allowing up to four different projects per year to be supported.

This funding round is now open for applications and will close when 50 applications have been received.

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<https://www.laughology.co.uk/no-category/the-happiness-fund-2>

Funding to Increase Youth Participation in Volunteering, Fundraising, & Campaigning (England)

UK Community Foundations has announced the latest round of the #iwill Fund which aims to inspire young people to get involved in social action in their communities.

With investment from the National Lottery Community Fund and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, the Fund will support projects that engage young people in volunteering, fundraising, campaigning and other activities that both benefit their communities and develop their skills.

Sixteen community foundations will award grants of up to £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations in England for projects lasting up to a year, focusing particularly on the 10 to 14 age range.

They include:

- The Community Foundation for Tyne & Wear and Northumberland
- Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
- Cornwall Community Foundation
- County Durham Community Foundation

- Dorset Community Foundation
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation
- Cheshire Community Foundation
- One Community (Kirklees)
- Two Ridings Community Foundation
- Worcestershire Community Foundation
- The Community Foundation for Staffordshire
- Northamptonshire Community Foundation
- Berkshire Community Foundation
- Community Foundation for Calderdale
- Wiltshire Community Foundation
- Herefordshire

Community foundations will use match funding to double the resources available leading to total funding of more than £1.4m for the programme.

Groups should visit their local Community Foundation website for more information.

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<https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/news/uk-community-foundations-celebrates-launch-of-new-programme-of-funding-for-youth-social-action>

Funding for Marine Conservation Projects (UK)

Marine conservation charities and not for profit organisations (including schools) based and working in the UK can apply for grants of up to £2,500 towards projects and research that address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK, and increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation. The funding, which is being made available through the Sea-Changers Main Grants programme, seeks to support creative and innovative approaches which have lasting benefits and outcomes. Sea-Changers is particularly interested in grassroots projects which galvanise community action and in projects which increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation. Small grants of up to £500 are also available. Applications to the Small Grants programme can be made at any time. The next application deadline for the Main Grants programme is the 31st March 2023.

Funding to Support Community Transport Schemes for the Disabled (UK)

Charities and organisations working in the Community Transport sector catering for disabled people can apply for grants ranging from £100,000 to £4 million to expand and improve community transport options. The funding which is being made available through Motability, can support staff or volunteer training and costs; the increase in the number of vehicles available in

the community to help organisations support disabled people; local, regional, or national initiatives to increase awareness of community transport and influence its inclusion in transport strategy and policy; programmes and initiatives that already exist, and who provide best practice solutions, but need further support to remain operational or scale up the service they can provide to help more disabled people. There is a two stage application process. Stage 1 applications can be submitted at any time and will be accessed within 4 weeks. Organisations successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application. The programme will run until March 2025.

Grants of up to £10,000 Available for Community Projects (South & South West of England)

Housing association, Sovereign, has teamed up with Crowdfunder to launch the Sovereign Thriving Communities Fund to support projects that benefit their residents and communities in the South and South West of England. Groups and charities based within three miles of Sovereign homes can apply for up to 50 per cent of their crowdfunding target, up to a maximum of £10,000, to support projects that match one or more of the following themes: health and well-being; education; social inclusion; co-creation and building partnerships; sustainable communities; community cohesion; climate change; LGBTQIA+; and cost of living support. The funds are subject to availability. Those applying must indicate their target fundraising amount and set a deadline.

Grants of up to £5,000 Available for Sustainable Community Projects (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation has teamed up with Crowdfunder to make £100,000 in funding available for sustainable community projects in England, Scotland and Wales.

Charities and community interest companies can apply for up to 50% of their crowdfunding target, up to a maximum of £5,000, to support projects that match one or more of the following themes:

- the environment and conservation;
- health and wellbeing;
- the prevention or relief of poverty.

Projects could include rewilding projects, community gardens, social inclusion and mental health projects, sports projects, community food banks, money management and budgeting skills, and educational projects for communities to reduce their carbon footprint.

Projects must be delivered in 2022/2023. No application deadline is given.

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<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/mortgage-advice-bureau-foundation>

Loan Programme to Help Charities with Rising Energy Costs (England)

Charities and social enterprises in England which are struggling with rising energy costs can apply for unsecured loans of between £20,000 and £150,000 to install energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. The lending programme will enable organisations to save money on energy by installing a variety of measures such as more efficient lights, insulation or heat pumps, replacing old boilers systems with new efficient ones, double glazing improvements, and systematic draught improvements to help keep costs down. The funding is being made available by Big Issue Invest through their Big Energy Saving Loans. Organisations should register their interest in the first instance.

Funding to Help Kickstart School Projects (UK)

Grants of up to £500 are available to schools and educational organisations across the UK seeking funding to kickstart projects that will benefit their students. The Twinkl Prize Draw Community Collection will help fund any type of project, such as setting up a breakfast club, resourcing after-school activities, purchasing new playground equipment, upgrading an ICT suite, or kickstarting big projects. The fund opens to applications every half-term, and applications should be submitted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team on behalf of the school. Organisations can apply for funding as many times as they need, even if they have already won before. The next closing date for applications is the 22nd January 2023.

Grants to Help Disabled & Disadvantaged People Connect with Nature (England & Wales)

Applications are invited from charities and not-for-profit organisations in England and Wales for projects that help disabled or disadvantaged people connect with nature and the countryside. The funding, which is made available through the CLA Charitable Trust, supports projects that improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people who are disabled or disadvantaged by helping them to visit and participate in recreational and educational opportunities in the countryside. Applications are particularly welcomed for projects for children and young people, disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation. Funding can be used to support projects, capital works and running costs. No maximum or minimum funding amounts are given. The closing date for applications is the 6th February 2023.

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust Sustainable Futures Fund (UK)

To address climate change and its effects, organisations, individuals and charities can apply for grants to support projects that develop and promote sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based economic model. Grants are available for projects that address the current unsustainable economic system; excessive consumerism; giving

marginalised groups and young activists a voice; and responding to the dual harms of Covid-19 and systemic racism. Previous grants awarded have ranged from a few hundred pounds to grants in excess of £100,000. The funding is being made available through the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust – Sustainable Futures programme will fund campaigns, initiatives and projects that promote alternatives to consumerism and give a voice to young activists and marginalised groups on issues of economic and environmental justice. To apply, organisations need to register with the Trust's grants management system. The deadline to register is the 14th March 2023 and the deadline to apply is 5pm on the 28th March 2023.

The Charles Hayward Foundation (UK)

The Charles Hayward Foundation is inviting applications from UK registered charities operating within the fields of Heritage and Conservation, Social and Criminal Justice, and Overseas. Through the main grants programme, charities with an annual income of more than £350,000 may apply for grants of up to £25,000 for projects over one to three years. The next deadline for applications is the 3rd February 2023. A Small Grants Programme, which focuses on Social & Criminal Justice and Older People, will award grants of up to £7,000 to charities with an annual income of less than £350,000. Applications can be made at any time, and will be considered on a quarterly basis.

National Lottery Grants for Heritage (UK)

Not-for-profit organisations across the UK can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for projects connecting people and communities to UK heritage.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic the National Heritage Fund will prioritise heritage projects that:

- promote inclusion and involve a wider range of people;
- 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.

All projects must also consider long-term environmental sustainability.

Partnerships are encouraged.

The next closing date is noon the 22nd February 2023.

Please note: for grant applications under £250,000 there are no deadlines. Once the application and all the correct supporting documents have been received. Decisions will be made within eight weeks.

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