

Newsletter from Daphne Marston, Natural England (South West) – November 2023

Funding Opportunities

If you are successful in obtaining funding through any of these opportunities, I'd really be grateful if you could let me know.

Funding to Improve Health & Wellbeing through Marine Conservation (UK)

Marine conservation charities and not-for-profit organisations based and working in the UK can apply for grants of around £3,000 to £5,000 to support socially beneficial marine conservation approaches and solutions. The funding, which is being made available through the Sea-Changers' Marine Conservation Social Fund, will support up to seven projects that will achieve marine conservation outcomes and increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation, alongside social, health and /or well-being benefits for the disadvantaged individuals and communities that participate. Sea-Changers is particularly interested in funding pilot programmes which might be continued, expanded and / or replicated with additional funding in future years. Applications from partnerships between marine conservation organisations and social welfare organisations are actively encouraged. The closing date for applications is **22 December 2023**.

Grants to Support Canoeing and Inland Waterway Conservation (UK)

Not-for-profit organisations, charities, clubs, and other interest groups based in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands can apply for a grant to help them to increase participation in canoeing. Grants ranging from £500 to £10,000 can be used to promote new or improved access points for canoe trails on to moving water, estuaries, canals and reservoirs. This can include new and improved launch and landing platforms, steps or ramps; improvements to pathways and accessible routes to the water's edge and signage and information that promotes positive behaviour. Examples of projects supported include a grant for Canoe Trail Improvement at Lazonby and Bamford on the upper Derbyshire Derwent delivered in partnership with the Parish Council. The funding is being made available through the Canoe Foundation and the closing date for applications is **31 January 2024**.

Austin & Hope Pilkington Trust Announce Funding Themes for 2024 (UK)

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust has announced its new funding themes for 2024. The Trust awards grants to UK registered charities that are working to support those in society who face the greatest challenges and whose opportunities are most limited. In 2024, the first two rounds will focus on projects that support and improve employment and training for disabled people. The third and fourth rounds will address food poverty by supporting projects that provide nutritious meals, food education, cooking skills, and help to eliminate food waste. Round one will open for applications on **1 February 2024**.

Funding for Projects Connecting People & Communities to Heritage (UK)

Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations and private owners of heritage across the UK for projects connecting people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis, 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; and improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage. All projects must also consider long-term environmental sustainability. The Heritage Fund has launched its new 10-year strategy, Heritage 2033 and applications under this programme will be accepted until **December 2023**.

Screwfix Foundation (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to local charities and not for profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities for those in need in the UK. The funding is being made available through the Screwfix Foundations and the grants 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 **10 February 2024**.

The Charles Hayward Foundation (UK / International)

UK registered charities and not-for-profit organisations seeking financial assistance for their projects have an opportunity to apply for funding from the Charles Hayward Foundation. The foundation offers two types of grants: main grants and small grants. The grants provided by the Foundation are designed to support projects across various sectors, including heritage and conservation, criminal justice, older people, and overseas aid. The small grant programme is currently closed to new applications and is set to reopen in January 2024 with revised guidelines and funding priorities. The next deadline the main grants programme for UK and overseas projects is **2 February 2024**.

The King Charles III Charitable Fund Announces Funding Programmes (UK)

The King Charles III Charitable Fund is set to launch its Small Grants Programme in January 2024, continuing the legacy of former initiatives like the Prince's Countryside Fund. This new programme focuses on supporting projects that contribute to the environment, countryside, social inclusion, health and wellbeing, education, heritage and conservation. Each year, the fund will allocate grants of up to £5,000 to about 100 community-based organisations, including Charities, Community Interest Companies, and Parish Councils. The fund aims to support small-scale projects that have the potential to create substantial impacts within their communities, especially those that typically face challenges in accessing larger funding sources. Additionally, the King Charles III Charitable Fund will administer a separate Large Grants Programme. Applications to this programme will be by invitation only.

Grants of up to £6,000 to Create or Improve Green Spaces (England, Scotland & Wales)

Community, groups, schools and other not for profit organisations in England, Scotland, and Wales have the opportunity to apply for one of 50 grants of up to £6,000 to create new green spaces or to improve existing ones. The grants are being made available through the Nature Hubs Fund is being made available through a partnership between the environmental charity Hubbub and Starbucks. Projects must take place within 5km of a Starbuck store. The fund will provide grants to projects that meet one or more of four themes: increasing access to nature; bringing people together; upskilling the community; and building climate resilience. The closing date for applications is 3pm on **11 January 2024**.

Grants to Support Canoeing and Inland Waterway Conservation (UK)

The Canoe Foundation has announced that the next closing date for applications is **31 January 2024**. The Canoe Foundation provides grants of between £500 to £10,000 to promote new or improved access points for canoe trails on to moving water, estuaries, canals and reservoirs. The projects supported include:

- Launch and landing platforms, steps or ramps.
- Improvements to pathways and accessible routes to the water's edge.
- Signage and information that promotes positive behaviour (Countryside Code, "Check, Clean, Dry", take your litter home etc).
- Designated or additional parking for water users.
- Works to address erosion and create more sustainable access points.

- Projects that actively engage water users in helping protect/enhance the waterway environment
- Projects that can benefit more than one user group.
- Projects that benefit all paddlers, rather than private member facilities

Applications are welcomed from:

- Paddling clubs
- Community groups
- Parish Councils
- Local Authorities
- Anyone in the UK with an active interest in improving access to water and protecting the environment
- Organisations or partnerships with local paddle sport groups who will continue to support the use of the facilities on an ongoing basis

<https://www.canoefoundation.org.uk/online-funding-applications/>

Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas (UK / International)

Grants are available to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational projects with children and young people under the age of 25 in marginalised communities within the UK and internationally. The British & Foreign Schools Society (BFSS) normally makes grants totalling about £900,000 in any one year. For UK projects, the focus is on improving the educational outcomes and life chances of young carers and children looked after. For international projects, the focus is on improving the quality, sustainability, and access to education for young people in marginalised and deprived communities. Grants for UK projects range between £30,000 and £90,000 and for international projects up to £60,000. There is a two stage application process and applications can be submitted at any time. Application shortlisted at this stage will be invited to submit a Stage 2 proposal.

Funding for Activities to Improve People's Lives (UK)

Grants are available for UK registered charities seeking to enhance and improve people's lives through the advancement of the arts, health and medical welfare, and the environment. The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust typically awards grants of between £500 and £6,000 for projects and core costs, with a preference for small-scale, locally based initiatives. The types of services provided to communities could include promoting access to the arts, conservation activities, music and art therapy to improve mental health and wellbeing, and providing breaks for carers. There are three grant-making meetings held annually. Projects should have a start date of at least three months after the meeting date. The next deadline for applications is **6 February 2024**.

Funding for Projects that Tackle the Root Causes of Social Inequity (UK)

Not for profit organisations working towards a just and democratic society and to redress political and social injustices can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. The funding is available to causes outside the mainstream that are unlikely to receive funding from other sources. Examples of projects funded in the past include the Boaz Trust a Christian organisation serving destitute asylum seekers in Greater Manchester which received a grant of £2,000; and the Grandparents Association in Leeds which received a grant of £4,800. The funding is made through the Scurrah Wainright Charity and the next closing date for applications is **14 January 2024**.

Funding to Empower Vulnerable, Disadvantaged & Under-Represented Communities (UK)

Bentley Motors Ltd is making grants of up to £500 available to charitable organisations working with vulnerable, disadvantaged or under-represented communities. The Advancing Life Chances Small Grants Programme provides funding for communities located within 20 miles of the 18 Bentley retail locations across the UK. The programme aims to empower these communities by removing barriers and improving access to services, education and employability; helping people to develop life skills; safeguarding the environment and boosting community spirit; and helping people live healthier lives. The next closing date for applications is **22 December 2023**.

Grants to Help Get People Back on their Bikes this Winter (England)

Volunteer led-groups, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £2,500 to deliver cycling events in an effort to get people back on their bikes this winter. The Big Bike Revival Programme will support organisations across England to deliver a winter programme of activity that will encourage people who do not currently cycle to consider either starting or returning to cycling, especially people experiencing social, economic and health deprivation, people from diverse backgrounds, and those facing multiple challenges. The funding, which is made available by the Department for Transport, could be spent on equipment to expand delivery, venue hire for learning events, or instructors to lead bike rides. The closing date for applications is **15 December 2023**.

Funding for Projects that Promote a Better Understanding of the Environment & Countryside (UK)

UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. Whilst the Trust does not specify a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years. Previous projects supported include Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and St Joseph's Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Funding to Tackle the UK's Most Pressing Health Issues (UK)

Organisations registered as charities can apply for grants of up to £500,000 to launch or scale up existing initiatives that address the UK's most pressing health issues. The Funding is being made available through the Peter Sowerby Foundation which will support up to 5 charities. The focus for this funding round is on innovation in process, patient care or structural and systemic changes in primary healthcare. The funding round does not have a focus on specific conditions or diseases, although applicants must ensure there is a significant need for interventions in the identified area, which is backed up by a concrete evidence base. This funding opportunity is open to organisations with national reach and potential to scale programmes across the UK and a minimum turnover of £5million. The deadline for submission of Expression of Interest forms is 5pm on **14 December 2023**.

Grants to Support Projects in Horticulture, Plant Sciences, Fine Art & Art History (UK)

UK charities and charitable organisations, including schools and colleges, are eligible to apply for grants to support projects in the areas of horticulture, plant sciences as well as the study, exhibition and conservation of fine art. The Finnis Scott Foundation is especially interested in supporting horticultural training through bursaries and apprenticeships. Applications should be made by the sponsoring institution: individuals may not apply. The Foundation will consider applications for one-off grants up to £10,000, but because of the high demand, most grants are currently £5,000 or less. Exceptionally, when funds permit, grants of as much as £60,000 are made, payable over several years. The next closing date for applications is 4pm on **15 December 2023**.

Funding to Improve the Sustainability of Community Sports Clubs (UK & Ireland)

To ensure more people have access to local sports, the Cash4Clubs grant programme is making grants of £2,000 (£2,000) available to support the sustainability of community sports clubs and organisations throughout the UK and Ireland. The programme, funded by Flutter Entertainment and delivered by Sported, offers community groups the opportunity to access unrestricted funding to improve facilities, buy new equipment, gain coaching qualifications and invest in the sustainability of their club. Applications are particularly welcomed from clubs targeting communities from deprived areas, as well as those using sport for other social purposes such as developing skills, reducing crime or addressing anti-social behaviour. The closing date for applications is **31 December 2023**.

Funding to Help Utilise Vacant Commercial Properties (Bristol)

As part of a scheme to reinvigorate the city centre, Bristol City Council is making £1.3 million in funding available for small or micro businesses that wish to open new premises in vacant commercial buildings. The Vacant Commercial Property Grant Scheme will award grants of up to £10,000 to small businesses, sole traders, charities, CICs, and arts and culture groups looking to lease or rent a vacant commercial property located within the city centre or one of the 46 local high streets. The funding can be used to cover the costs of building, decorating or signage works, and new equipment to be used in the property. 20% match funding is required. The fund closes to applications **29 March 2024**, or when all funding has been allocated, whichever comes first.

Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People (UK – excl Greater London)

Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available to charities and not-for-profit organisations working with young people aged 12-21 who are socially excluded or marginalised, and who may have experienced significant issues within their lives. The grants can be used to support a range of activities, including core costs, project work, and capital expenditure. To maximise the impact of its grants, the Foundation will only fund smaller organisations. Organisations that work across a local area, such as a village, estate, or town, must have an annual income of less than £100,000 to be eligible. Organisations that work across the entire UK must have an annual income of less than £250,000 to be eligible. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Peter Harrison Foundation Opportunities Through Sport Grant Scheme (UK)

Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) throughout the United Kingdom can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to the Peter Harrison Foundation Opportunities Through Sport grant scheme. The aim of the grant scheme is to provide opportunities for sport and physical activity at a grassroots level that enable people who are physically, mentally, socially or economically disadvantaged to develop personal and life skills to fulfil their potential. The grants can be used for a variety of purposes, such as funding new sports programmes, improving existing sports facilities, or providing training and support for sports coaches. Priority will be given to organisations with an annual turnover of up to £500,000. The next closing date for applications is **1 January 2024**.

Grants Available for Christmas Activities for Older People (UK)

UK charities and community groups can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to run activities for older people over the Christmas period. The funding is made available through the McCarthy Stone Foundation Christmas Connections 2023 grants programme, which aims to help people over 65 to feel connected and supported over the festive period. The grant can be used for a variety of activities such as:

- Christmas meals
- day trips out
- Christmas care packages

Activities must take place between 1 December 2023 and 2 January 2024. Only organisations with an annual income of less than £250,000 are eligible to apply. These grants are part of the foundation's commitment to supporting initiatives that address the social well-being of older individuals, particularly during the holiday season. No application deadline is given.

<https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/>

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 **31 May 2024**.

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 **31 March 2024**.

Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Charities Supporting Vulnerable & Disadvantaged People (UK)

The Leathersellers Company is seeking applications from small charities that are providing vital services for vulnerable people in deprived communities across the UK. The Small Grants Programme will award grants of up to £5,000 to organisations with an annual income of less than £200,000. Partnerships are encouraged. The number of applications will be capped and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Committee will meet regularly to ensure charities receive a decision within a month of submitting their application. There are 10 application windows throughout the year and each window will close when 45 applications have been received.

Funding to Support Remote and Disadvantage Rural Communities (UK)

The Royal Countryside Fund (RCF) has announced that its Supporting Rural Communities programme has re-opened for applications. The Supporting Rural Communities programme was introduced to help remote and disadvantaged rural communities address the challenges they face and to build a more sustainable and viable future. Each year the fund awards a total of £500,000 to community groups, charities, and social enterprises that are working to improve the lives of people in mostly deprived and disadvantage rural communities. Grants of up to £25,000 are available. Applications will be accepted from constituted, not-for-profit and community-led organisations with a turnover under £500,000.

Ocado Foundation for Good (UK)

The Ocado Foundation, the charitable arm of Ocado Group, is working with BizGive, to support community projects across the UK. The Foundation will provide grants of up to £1,000 to charities, community organisations, community interest companies, academic institutions, and local authorities for community projects which focus their efforts on the following core areas: skills for the future, natural resources, and responsible sourcing. For volunteering, only applications for digital volunteering will be accepted. Applications can be made at any time until **31 December 2023**.

Grants of up to £5,000 Available for Social Welfare Projects (UK)

Registered charities based in the UK and working in the areas of medical research; care of the elderly; general welfare; hospices; the deaf and blind; care of the physically and mentally disabled; and the Armed Forces can apply for grants of up to £5,000. The funding is made available through the Iman Charity. Applications must be received by the end of **February 2024** to be considered at the Spring meeting.

Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups (UK)

Hundreds of thousands of trees are being given away to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. Schools, nurseries, colleges, universities, outdoor learning centres, and other groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts and guides from across the UK are amongst the organisations eligible to apply for up to 420 trees to improve their local environment. Tree packs available include hedging, copse, wild harvest, year-round colour, working wood, wild wood, wildlife, and urban trees. The Woodland Trust is currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in March 2024. Applications are not currently being accepted from Northern Ireland. Applications are expected to close in **January 2024**, or sooner depending on stock availability.

Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children (UK)

Grants ranging from £500 to £2,750 are available for schools, youth groups, non-profit organisations, and charities to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of disadvantaged or disabled children who are 13 years old or younger. Applications from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK will be given priority. The grants can cover up to two-thirds of the total cost of a holiday or trip, which can last from one to seven days. The funding is being offered by the Henry Smith Charity, and applications must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the scheduled trip or holiday. Applications must be submitted at least six weeks before the date of the planned trip.

Funding for Leisure Activities for Children with Additional Needs (UK)

The Happy Days Children's Charity is inviting applications for funding towards trips, respite breaks and group activity holidays for disadvantaged children and young people with additional needs. The charity awards funding for different types of activities to support families with children aged 3-17 who have a disability, a special need or have been abused. Activities include family day trips, and family holiday breaks. Applications can be submitted by parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers. Groups that work with special needs children, including SEN schools and women's refuges, are also eligible to apply for funding for either a day trip, theatre visit, or a group activity holiday. Applications can be made at any time.

Funding to Develop and Improve Local Community Partnerships (England)

Not for profit organisations such as community organisations, charities, schools, and social enterprises in England can apply for grants of over £10,000 to help develop and grow partnerships with other organisations to improve their local communities. The funding will support the development of new and existing partnerships, and help organisations address pressing issues such as the cost-of-living crisis and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants can be used for project activities, operating costs, organisational development, and capital costs, and support the fund's priorities of bringing people together, improving community spaces, and helping individuals reach their full potential. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Funding for Projects Connecting People & Communities to Heritage (UK)

Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations and private owners of heritage across the UK for projects connecting people and communities to UK heritage. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis, 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; and improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage. All projects must also consider long-term environmental sustainability. The Heritage Fund has launched its new 10-year strategy, Heritage 2033 and applications under this programme will be accepted until **December 2023**.

Funding to Support the Development of Play Experiences for Children (UK)

Community groups, schools, parents, and caregivers can apply for grants of £500 to £5,000 per project from the Community Play Fund, which was introduced by ChangeX and the LEGO Foundation to support the development of playful experiences for children in communities across the UK. Individuals are eligible to apply but need to be part of a team. To apply, applicants choose the project they want to start based on their community's needs, from a portfolio of ideas on the ChangeX site. Once the applicant has demonstrated their commitment and ability to start the community project by successfully completing a 30 Day Challenge on the ChangeX website, ChangeX will provide funding, information guides and support to give the applicant the best chance of success. There is no application closing date for the Community Play Fund and applications can be submitted at any time.

Grants of up to £10,000 Available for Projects Addressing Urban and Rural Deprivation (UK)

Charities and not for profit organisations in the UK can apply for small grants of up to £10,000 to address urban and rural deprivation in the UK. The grants can be used to help cover their core costs, salaries, running and project costs to deliver essential services. The funding is being provided by the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation's small grants programme and to be eligible for a grant, charities and not for profit organisations must have an annual income of less than £250,000. Applicants need to match fund 50% of the project costs. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate a clear need for funding and how the grant will be used to make a difference. There is no deadline and applications can be submitted at any time.

Funding Available to Support Social Businesses Raise Finance through Community Share Issues (England)

Community businesses in England that are looking to launch or in the early stage of launching a community share issue can apply for grants and equity match funding of up to £25,000. The funding is being made available through the Power to Change Community Shares Booster Fund. Three funding streams are available. Pre-grant support- which provides a few days of support for early-stage activity to get community businesses started. Development grants – averaging £5,000 are available to prepare a community share offer and Equity match investment of up to £100,000 providing the minimum share offer target is achieved. Initially, applicants need to submit an Expression of Interest. Those successful at this stage will be invited to submit a full application. Expression of Interest can be submitted at any time.

Funding to Improve Homes & Community Spaces (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities for projects that improve community spaces for those most in need, such as those experiencing homelessness, financial hardship, poor health, disability, or other disadvantage or distress. The funding is made available by the B&Q Foundation to decorate, renovate, or create spaces, both indoors and outdoors, where people can feel at home and have a sense of belonging. Projects could include creating community gardens, redecorating properties, installing new boilers, and creating new buildings or rooms. Larger funding amounts are occasionally awarded depending on the strength of the application and project. The application process is open, and interested charities should submit an expression of interest in the first instance. This is intended to be a quick measure of whether the applicant organisation is eligible for a grant. Organisations that are eligible will receive an email from Neighbourly inviting them to submit a full application via the Neighbourly platform.

Local Communities can now Apply for Grants to Help them Develop Neighbourhood Plans (England)

Local communities in England can now apply for grants of up to £18,000 and technical support to help them develop neighbourhood plans. The grants are being provided by Locality, a national charity that supports community-led regeneration. Neighbourhood plans are documents that set out planning policies for a specific area. They can be used to protect local green spaces, encourage better designed places, and bring forward housing that genuinely meets local needs. The grants are available to any community that is working on a neighbourhood plan. To be eligible, the community must have a clear project plan and a commitment to engaging with local residents. Applications can be submitted at any time and any grants awarded must be spent by **31 March 2024**.

Funding to Support Disadvantaged & Disabled People (UK)

Registered charities working to improve the lives of socially disadvantaged and disabled individuals of all ages across the UK can apply for grants of up to £10,000 from the Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust. To be eligible, charities must be registered in the UK and have an annual income of less than £500,000. Applications can be submitted at any time, with review periods taking place twice a year in the spring and autumn.

Funding for Projects that Strengthen Local Communities (England, Scotland & Wales)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for local projects that help strengthen communities across England, Scotland and Wales. The Delamere Dairy Foundation will provide support for charities, community groups, social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations delivering projects that benefit communities through the advancement of agriculture and environmental protection, by improving the lives of young people and education, and relieving financial hardship and sickness. Applications will be considered at panel meetings, which will be held regularly.

Tesco Stronger Starts Programme Opens for Applications (UK)

Tesco is introducing a £5 million grant programme to give children across the UK a stronger start in life. The grants will help schools and children's groups provide nutritious food and healthy activities that support young people's physical health and mental wellbeing, such as breakfast clubs or snacks, and equipment for healthy activities. The grants will help schools and children's groups provide nutritious food and healthy activities that support young people's physical health and mental wellbeing, such as breakfast clubs or snacks, and equipment for healthy activities. Every three months, three local good causes/projects are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK. Grants will be awarded depending on the number of votes their project receives. The programme will give priority to projects that provide food security and support to young people. Tesco Stronger Starts Grants is managed by Groundwork across the UK and is working with Greenspace Scotland to support applicants in Scotland.

Funding for Projects that Support the Education & Development of Children & Young People (England)

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to support the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other projects. Of particular interests are projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people. In most cases grants will be made on a relatively small scale. Many grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000. The funding provided by the BlueSpark Foundation and can be for physical assets (such as iPads, sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions) or for services or facilities (such as sports coaching or music or drama tuition) or simply for the provision of experiences (such as theatre visits). These examples are intended to be illustrative and not restrictive as to the funding which BlueSpark may

provide to support projects. Applications can be submitted at any time and must be made online on BlueSpark Foundation's standard application Form.

Grants of up to £5 Million Available to Foster Stronger Community Connections (UK)

The National Lottery Community Fund has launched a new grant scheme, the UK Fund, to support projects that help communities come together and make the UK a better-connected society. The fund is open to UK-based organisations and offers grants of £500,000 to £5 million. Projects can run for up to 10 years. The fund is looking to support projects that strengthen relationships between people, create connections between online and offline worlds, and help people from all backgrounds shape the future of their communities. Projects must demonstrate that they have the potential to benefit communities across the UK, scale their impact, and focus on equity. There is no deadline and applications can be submitted at any time.

National Lottery Heritage Fund Announces New 10 Year Strategy (UK)

The National Lottery Heritage Fund is investing £3.6 billion in heritage projects over the next decade as part of its new 10 year Heritage 2033 strategy. As part of its new strategy funding will be focused on saving heritage, protecting the environment, increasing inclusion and participation, and improving the sustainability of heritage organisations. The Fund will continue to offer open funding programmes as well as introducing new strategic funding streams to address long-standing heritage issues, boost pride in place and connection to heritage, and strengthen their focus on heritage at the heart of places, nature and the environment. The Fund will regularly review its strategic interventions through three-year delivery plans. The first of these plans will be announced in the Summer 2023.

Rewilding Innovation Fund to Re-open in the Autumn (Great Britain)

Rewilding Britain, a charity that works to restore nature, has announced that the next funding round of the Rewilding Innovation Fund will open for applications in autumn 2023. The fund provides up to £15,000 to support innovative rewilding projects across Britain. The Rewilding Innovation Fund will support projects that are part of Rewilding Britain's Rewilding Network and that are working to apply the principles of rewilding to benefit nature, climate and people. Projects must be at least 40 hectares in size, and can be either land-based or marine. Marine based projects can be any size. The Rewilding Innovation Fund was introduced to support the growing number of rewilding projects in Britain and aims to help these projects overcome some of the challenges they face, such as securing funding and gaining public support.

Grants of up to £2,000 for Projects Tackling Loneliness Amongst Older People and Adults with a Disability (England, Scotland and Wales)

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to charitable organisations for projects that tackle loneliness amongst older people and adults with a disability. The funding which is being made available through the Barchester's Charitable Foundation offers these grants to support projects that connect or re-connect people with others in their local community. This could include activity projects, equipment and materials, member transport, and day trips. The foundation also offers grants of up to £600 to help individuals with mobility issues. Grants can be used to purchase wheelchairs, scooters, bikes, or car adaptations. There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

Residential Breaks for Disadvantaged Young People (England & Wales)

Schools and community groups looking to offer breaks for disadvantaged young people and families can apply for support for a residential stay in England and Wales. The funding, which is made available through the Youth Hostel Association's Breaks Programme, can be used towards payment for a school residential trip for any individual or group of young people who are experiencing disadvantage including homelessness, disability, long-term illness, bereavement, and other circumstances that limit children's opportunities. Applications are currently being accepted from school groups in the alternative provision

sector of education, along with special schools that are interested in taking pupils on a residential break from primary school to secondary school. The Association is also taking enquiries from home education networks. No application deadline is given.

Funding for Projects to Tackle Isolation within the Armed Forces Communities (UK)

Grants of up to £15,000 are available for community projects supporting Armed Forces communities. In particular, funding is available to support Armed Forces communities to become less isolated and engage more in their local area, and to address needs that have arisen as a result of the cost of living crisis. To be eligible to apply, the applicant organisation must be an established registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities; an Armed Forces unit or base; a local authority; or a school. The funding is being made available through the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust's Force for Change programme. The next closing date for applications is at 5pm on **13 December 2023**.

Funding to Improve the Lives of Vulnerable Young People (UK)

Grants of up to £2,400 are available to support the needs of vulnerable children and young people who have experienced a recent crisis or change in life that has had a significant impact on their social and emotional wellbeing and their education. The funding is being made available through the Buttle UK's Chances for Children Grants. Support might include items and activities to support learning and development such as laptops, books, wi-fi, educational toys, tuition, etc; clothing and school uniforms; and social, sporting and leisure activities; and items for children/young people's bedrooms. Buttle UK will only accept applications from frontline professionals (from a registered charity, housing association or public sector organisation). Applications can be made at any time.

Funding to Support Animal Protection, Environmental & Social Justice (UK / International)

Grants of ranging from £100 to £10,000 are available to organisations working in the areas of animal protection, environmentalism, and social justice. The grants are funded by Lush, the British cosmetics company, and are made possible by sales of the Charity Pot hand and body lotion. The grants can be used to fund a wide range of projects, such as animal rescue and rehabilitation; environmental conservation, social justice initiatives; and educational programmes. Since its inception in 2007, the Charity Pot grant has funded over 13,000 projects in 37 countries. Applications for funding can be submitted at any time.

Grants of up to £15,000 Available for Environmental Sustainability Sports Projects (England)

Sport England has widened its Small Grants programme to provide support for projects that deliver environmental benefits for local communities. The programme will not only provide funding to encourage greater participation in sport and physical activity, but it will also award grants of up to £15,000 for projects that benefit the environment. This could include purchasing locally made equipment, using local community assets to minimise travel, energy meters to help reduce energy usage, or recycling or re-using sports equipment to reduce and eliminate waste. Eligible organisation that can apply include voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, schools and local authorities. The closing date for applications is **31 March 2024**.

Research Grants Available to Help Make Transport More Inclusive (UK)

UK charities and not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £50,000 and £1 million to develop, expand and improve transport related research for disabled people, and produce data and findings that can be freely accessed by all and make travel more inclusive. This could include, for example, looking at independent journeys taken by people with sight loss, research to help understand the end-to-end experience of disabled people travelling by taxi, or looking at the challenges and solutions of disabled people in rural communities. The funding is made available through the national disability transport charity, Motability's Research Grant Programme, which is open to applications until **March 2025**.

New £6 Million Fund Launched to Provide Access to Finance to Charitable Organisations (England)

A new £6 million fund has been launched that aims to improve access to finance for smaller charities and social enterprises. The Thrive Together Fund provides unrestricted funding to support the growth of small and medium-sized charitable organisations and social enterprises that actively contribute to social or environmental causes. Eligible applicants can receive a funding package ranging from £25,000 to £100,000, combining repayable finance with grant funding. The Fund seeks to expand social investment opportunities, especially for organisations in disadvantaged areas. The funding is being made available through a partnership consisting of Social Investment Business, Co-operative and Community Finance, Fredericks Foundation, Groundwork, Homeless Link, and the Architectural Heritage Fund. Applications can be submitted at any time as there is no closing date.

Funding to Support Youth Organisations (UK)

Not for profit youth organisations supporting disadvantaged young people (aged 14-25) can apply for grants of up to £150,000 spread over three years to assist young people who face complex transitions to adulthood. The purpose of the fund is to aid youth organisations to sustain or expand their work. The Foundation provides core funding to organisations that aim for sustainability, growth, and impact. The funding is being made available through the Paul Hamlyn Foundation Youth Fund. The Foundation will prioritise work that takes place outside of London. There are no deadlines, and applications can be submitted at any time.

Movement for Good Awards (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man)

Members of the public are invited to nominate a not-for-profit organisation, or community interest company in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands and Isle of Man to receive a £1,000 grants through the Benefact Group's Movement for Good Awards. Nominations can be made online and winners will be selected at random. Applicants will also receive a toolkit including social media resources to help them build as much support as possible whilst the nomination window is open. There will be a number of draws throughout the year. The deadline to be included in Draw 2 is the 6th September 2023. 150 charities will be selected to receive a £1,000 grant. The deadline for the final draw is 17 December 2023 where 120 charities will be selected.

Bids Invited for £1 million Defibrillator Fund (England)

The Department of Health and Social Care is inviting community organisations to bid for funding for an automated external defibrillator (AED) for their area. The total value of the funding available is £1 million. It is estimated that this will provide for 1,000 new defibrillators in community spaces across England. As part of the grant award, applicants will be asked to demonstrate that defibrillators will be placed in areas where they are most needed, such as places with high footfall, vulnerable people, rural areas or due to the nature of activity at the site. Examples could include town halls, community centres, local shops, post offices and local parks, to ensure that defibrillators are evenly spread throughout communities and easily accessible if someone is experiencing an unexpected cardiac arrest. To apply organisations need to submit an Expression of Interest.

Funding to Tackle Injustice and Structural Inequalities (UK)

Registered charities and other charitable organisations can apply for grants of £30,000 and above for projects that create a more inclusive society. The funding is being made available through the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation's Fairer Future grants programme. Through the programme, the Foundation wants to support initiatives within five priority areas. These are arts and creativity making change; children and young people's rights; racial justice; gender justice; and migrant justice. The Foundation are keen to work with those with experience of the issues being addressed. The majority of grants are for three years or

longer and can cover project and core costs. There are no application deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

Funding to Support the Core Costs of Organisations Working with Children (UK, Isle of Man & Channel Islands)

Not-for-profit organisations working with children and young people aged 18 or under can apply for grants of up to £40,000 per year for up to three years to support their core costs such as management and administration, HR, monitoring, evaluation and learning, etc. The funding is being made available through BBC Children in Need's Core Cost programme and will support eligible organisations within the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands. Whilst the programme prioritises smaller, local organisations, exceptions are made for certain cases. Organisations with an annual turnover exceeding £1 million can still apply if they fall into categories such as hospices (including children's hospices), housing associations, or if their work has a nationwide or UK-wide impact. There is no closing date and applications can be made at any time.

Funding for Community-Led Tree Planting Projects (UK)

Schools, community groups, and other not for profit organisations in the UK can apply for grants for community-led tree-planting projects. The International Tree Foundation provides funding through the UK Community Tree Planting Programme to conserve and protect native species while raising awareness of trees' importance to the environment and well-being. Two funding tiers are available: Small scale grants of up to £1,000 for projects lasting 1 year or less, such as community woodlands, orchards, or hedging; and larger scale grants for projects involving 1,000 to 10,000 trees, with a maximum cost of £1.50/tree suitable for community woodlands or hedging. Trees must be planted in publicly accessible spaces like schools, parks, or sites managed by community groups. Applications are accepted until 15 December 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 £15,000 between five shortlisted projects every three months, which will be voted for by John Good Group employees. The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £5,000, second place £3,500, third place £2,500 with fourth and fifth place both receiving £2,000. As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation wants 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.

National Lottery Community Fund Announces News Strategy and Funding (UK)

The National Lottery Community Fund, the UK's largest community funder, has revealed its new strategy and funding initiatives. The fund aims to have a significant impact on key social issues facing the UK through four missions. It will "turbo charge" support for grassroots projects by doubling to £20,000 the funding amount and term of its small grants programme, National Lottery Awards for All. Additionally, £15 million will be allocated to a programme connecting communities, and £9 million will be invested in climate action. The new strategy, "It starts with community," underpins the fund's goal of distributing at least £4 billion of National Lottery funding by 2030. The fund will focus on communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage, and discrimination. The strategy is the result of extensive consultation involving thousands of stakeholders.

Grants of up to £60,000 Available to Support Disadvantaged Communities (UK)

Grants of between £20,000 and £70,000 per year for up to three years are available to community-led charities and not-for-profit organisations working to support communities in the most deprived areas of the UK. The Henry Smith Charity's Strengthening Communities programme focuses on supporting the running costs of organisations working at grass-roots level, to ensure that funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas, targeting places that are economically marginalised and affected by poverty. Funding could be used to increase existing service provision, take on a new staff member, improve sustainability or cover small capital costs. Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made within 6 months.

New £40 Million Funding Programme for Biodiversity Research Projects (UK)

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs has announced a new £40 million funding programme to support research into natural solutions to climate change and poverty. Around £7 million will be delivered through the first round of the Global Centre on Biodiversity for Climate's Official Development Assistance programme to deliver policy-relevant research on how the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity can help address climate change and improve livelihoods in countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa, and South East Asia and the Pacific. Applications for grants of up to £750,000 are accepted from a diverse range of UK and international partners, from non-governmental organisations to academic institutions. No application deadline has been given.

Screwfix Foundation (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to local charities and not for profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities for those in need in the UK. The funding is being made available through the Screwfix Foundations and the grants 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.

£1 Million in Match Funding Available to Protect & Restore Nature (UK)

Aviva, in partnership with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), is making £1 million in funding available to support community groups across the UK to protect and restore nature in their local area. The Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund is a crowdfunding initiative that will give £2 for every £1 raised by each project. The matching applies to each individual donation up to £250, with a total of £5,000 in match funding available per community project. A wide range of nature projects can be supported, from creating community gardens and replanting wildlife meadows, to protecting wildlife and promoting community connection to nature. Applications can be made at any time until all funding has been allocated.

Funding Available to Support Social Businesses Raise Finance through Community Share Issues (England)

Community businesses in England that are looking to launch or in the early stage of launching a community share issue can apply for grants and equity match funding of up to £25,000. The funding is being made available through the Power to Change Community Shares Booster Fund. Three funding streams are available. Pre-grant support- which provides a few days of support for early-stage activity to get community businesses started. Development grants – averaging £5,000 are available to prepare a community share offer and Equity match investment of up to £100,000 providing the minimum share offer target is achieved. Initially, applicants need to submit an Expression of Interest. Those successful at this stage will be invited to submit a full application. Expression of Interest can be submitted at any time.

Funding to Improve the Quality of Life of Older People (UK)

UK registered charities can apply for grants of up to £7,000 for projects that improve the quality of life of older people. The funding, which is made available through the Charles Hayward Foundation's Small Grants programme, will support preventative and early intervention programmes that help older people to stay in their own homes and remain independent. Projects could include informal day care, or social, physical and recreational activities to reduce isolation and depression, practical assistance and support for those living at home, emotional and practical support for older caregivers, and programmes tailored to the needs of people with dementia. The funding is available 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.

Grants to Encourage Deaf Children & Young People to Participate in Activities or Learning (UK)

Grants of up to £150 are available to support deaf children and young people to get involved in events and activities, groups, and clubs across the UK. The funding, which is made available through the National Deaf Children's Society's Inclusion grants, will support activities that help to build confidence, independence and development in deaf children and young people aged 5-18 years, particularly those from lower incomes and with more complex needs. This could include initiatives such as after-school clubs, British Sign Language courses, and swimming lessons. Applicants should be members of the National Deaf Children's Society. Payments will be made directly to the person, organisation or business that provides the service (eg.: school, football club, Scout Association, recreation centre). Applications can be made at any time. For any questions please email inclusion.grants@ndcs.org.uk

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/our-services/services-for-families/apply-for-a-grant>

Funding for Projects that Benefit the Lives of Young Deaf People (UK)

Young deaf people can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to create projects that make positive changes for themselves and other young deaf people across the UK. The funding, which is made available through the National Deaf Children's Society's Make a Change Fund, will support projects that benefit the lives of deaf young people aged 8 to 25, such as improving their local area, addressing an issue they face, or pushing for greater inclusion. Creative projects involving art, drama, music, film etc, and projects that tie their ideas in with school projects or youth group activities will also be considered. A youth worker or an organisation such as a school or youth group must be involved to support and manage the funds. Applicants should register their interest in the first instance.

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/our-services/services-for-families/apply-for-a-grant/make-a-change-fund/>

Funding for Initiatives that Deliver Benefits to Local Communities (UK)

Charities, schools and community organisations operating within a 15-mile radius of a Moto Motorway Services site can apply for funding for projects and activities that deliver benefits to local communities across the UK. Moto in The Community Trust will fund different types of projects provided they directly benefit the communities where Moto is present or where it has a significant staff catchment. The average grant awarded is £1,000, however, larger grants maybe agreed. In addition, successful applicants will be able to promote their organisation at their Moto service area and will be entitled to one collection day per year in their nearest Moto. Please note that any application that is submitted should have the endorsement of a Moto colleague; that is someone directly employed by Moto Hospitality Ltd. Applications can be made at any time.

Grants to Help Disabled Young People to Compete in Sporting Events (UK)

Disabled children and young people across the UK can apply for funding to help them participate in disability sports. 'Get Kids Going!' provides young people up to 26 years with all disabilities and from all backgrounds with funding for specialist sports wheelchairs to help them compete in sporting events such

as marathons, triathlons, tennis, athletics, skiing, rugby, basketball etc. The charity also inspires disabled youngsters, from beginners to paralympic level, by awarding sports grants to help with the cost of training, physiotherapy, sports psychology, travel, competition fees and the design and development of sports equipment. To apply, email info@getkidsgoing.com for an application form.

Equipment Grants for Disabled and Disadvantaged Young People (UK)

Schools, charities and not for profit organisations in the UK can apply for funding for equipment that helps mentally, physical and socially disadvantaged children. The funding is made available through the Wooden Spoon Society's Grants programme and has in the past provided funding for sensory rooms and gardens; playgrounds and outdoor spaces; specialist equipment and facilities; and projects that promote health and wellbeing. The funding available is for capital items only and will not support revenue costs such as staffing and other ongoing costs. There is no maximum grant limit but projects under £5,000 are unlikely to be considered. Applications can be submitted at any time.

New £10 Million Fund to Support Community Projects That Reduce Energy Consumption (UK)

The National Lottery Community Fund is offering £10 million in funding for community-based projects in the UK that focus on the connection between energy and climate. The Climate Action Fund is open to community and voluntary organizations and aims to support initiatives that can deliver both environmental and societal benefits. Energy use in homes accounts for 20% of UK carbon emissions and reducing this consumption can help reduce emissions and bring financial, health, and well-being benefits to individuals and communities. Projects can apply for up to £1.5 million over 2 to 5 years, with the minimum grant being £500,000 and the aim being to fund 8-12 projects. Applications can be submitted at any time and the program is expected to remain open until at least December 2023.

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust Announces Funding Programmes for 2023/24 (UK)

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust will be launching three funding programmes during Spring and Summer 2023, providing targeted support for veterans, Armed Forces families and serving personnel.

- The Force for Change programme will now offer grants up to £15,000 for one-year projects. This is in recognition of the increased cost of living, and the Trust will focus funding on vulnerable Armed Forces communities who are being most impacted. This programme will reopen for applications in spring 2023.
- The Reaching and Supporting Armed Forces Communities programme will offer grants up to £100,000 for three-year projects that clearly address hidden or compelling needs identified in Armed Forces communities. The programme will reopen for new applications in summer 2023.
- The Transformational Grants programme will offer grants of up to £300,000 for projects up to five years in length that can deliver preventative, long-term outcomes and benefits. The programme will reopen in summer 2023.

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust website will be updated as each of these funding programmes opens for new applications.

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/2023/03/08/your-2023-24-covenant-funding-opportunities-from-the-trust/>

Funding for Projects that Promote a Better Understanding of the Environment and Countryside (UK)

UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. Whilst the Trust does not specify

a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years. Previous projects supported include:

- Busby Primary School which received a grant of £2,000 to build a 'vertical garden' for environment enhancement as well as the children's educational value;
- a grant of £1,400 to Bickleigh-On-Exe Primary School to create an all-weather school and community gardening area with poly-tunnel and shed;
- Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and
- St Joseph's Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion.

Applications are usually discussed at the Trustees' quarterly meetings and applications can be submitted at any time.

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

Grants & Loans to Support Community Organisations (England & Wales)

Grants and affordable loans are available to support charities and social enterprises working to improve the lives of people in their local community. Through the Community Enterprise Fund, Social Investment Business (SIB), in partnership with the Asda Foundation, will award a mixture of grants and unsecured loans up to £50,000 (with maximum grants of up to 20%) to support community organisations across England and Wales. Loans will be available over four to seven years at an interest rate of 1-5%, and can be used for any purpose, excluding refinancing. Organisations should contact SIB in the first instance to discuss their funding needs.

<https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/funds/community-enterprise-fund/>

£76 Million Released from Dormant Accounts to Help Vulnerable People with the Cost of Living (England)

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has announced that £76 million will be redirected from dormant accounts to help vulnerable people with the cost of living, and assist social enterprises with innovative energy saving solutions. Among the projects that will benefit from the Dormant Assets Scheme is one that includes no-interest loans for 69,000 individuals struggling with finances via a £45 million grant distributed by Fair4All Finance. The Dormant Assets Scheme redirects money from forgotten accounts to good causes. Hundreds of charities and social enterprises will also receive support from a pot of £31 million, distributed by social investors Access and Big Society Capital, to retrofit premises with more efficient energy systems, such as new boilers or heat pumps, solar panels, and new lighting. Further information will be made available in due course.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/millions-released-from-dormant-accounts-to-support-vulnerable-people-with-cost-of-living>

£700,000 Fund Launched to Grow Skilled Domestic Forestry Sector (England)

The Forestry Commission, in partnership with the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, has launched a new fund to cover the training costs for short, practical forestry courses for individuals who want to start or develop a career in forestry. The Forestry Training Fund offers grants in the range of £150 to £3,000 to support a wide range of accredited training courses, teaching skills like chainsaw maintenance, coppicing, woodland management, marketing and selling timber, and fencing and hedge laying. Funding will be paid directly to the training provider for courses to be undertaken between April 2024 and March 2025. Applications can be made until **March 2025** or until funding is exhausted.

Funding of £100,000 in Funding Available for Health and Well-being Projects (South West)

The Foundation's current funding priorities include projects that improve health and wellbeing, reduce mental and physical ill-health, and reduce social isolation, and can be addressed individually or in combination. The funding can be used for various expenses such as:

- staff salaries,
- project activities,
- running costs,
- small-scale refurbishment,
- equipment,
- organisational development,
- and core costs.

The funding is available through two grant-making programmes. Small grants of up to £1,000. Applications to the small grants programme can be made at any time. Large grants of up to £10,000. The closing date for applications to the large grants programme is 31 December 2023.

https://www.livewellfoundation.org.uk/apply_for_funding_-_charities_third_sector.aspx

Funding Available for Innovative Community Projects (UK)

Aviva has partnered with Crowdfunder to support small charities, schools, and community groups with innovative ideas that benefit their communities and are looking to raise up to £50,000. Aviva Community Fund is focused on supporting projects that enhance community resilience in the face of uncertainty, with a focus on two main areas: Climate Action and Financial Wellbeing. To take part, the project must also be raising funds to develop a new approach, product, or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services. Once applications have been submitted, applicants will create a fundraising page on Crowdfunder, which Aviva employees and the public can donate to.

Grants Available to Celebrate Important National Events (England)

The National Lottery has announced that this year, funding will also be available through the Awards for All England scheme to help communities celebrate important national events such as the Coronation of His Majesty the King, the Eurovision Song Contest and the 75th anniversary of Windrush. Awards for All will also continue to make grants of between £300 and £10,000 for up to one year to local community and voluntary organisations for existing or new projects, events, and activities that aim to build strong relationships, improve community spaces, support personal potential, and assist with challenges caused by the cost-of-living crisis and the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Government Announces Multi-Sport Grassroots Facilities Programme (UK)

The UK government has announced an investment of £168 million in England by 2025 to improve and upgrade sports facilities and pitches. The funding will be delivered via the Football Foundation. This investment will be in addition to £18.1 million that will be invested in Scotland, £12.6 million in Wales, and £6.29 million in Northern Ireland by 2025.

The UK government's direct investment into Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland will be delivered in partnership with the Scottish Football Association, the Football Association of Wales, and the Irish Football Association respectively. The funding will deliver improvements to hundreds of sites, with at least half of the investment going directly to the most deprived areas.

In Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, each Football Association will invite and select projects across a range of facility types - from the creation or upgrade of changing rooms, grass pitches and 3G football turf pitches and pavilions, to floodlights, fencing, and improved disabled access.

Grassroots football clubs, local authorities, and schools with a relevant project that could benefit from this investment in the next two financial years are encouraged to contact their relevant delivery partner: the Football Foundation in England; and the relevant Football Association in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Projects in all four home nations will continue to be selected for their ability to deliver improved facilities in deprived areas, support multi-sport use, and increase participation among currently underrepresented groups, including women, girls, and those with a disability. To ensure that as many people as possible from underrepresented groups are able to access quality sports facilities, 40 percent of the investment will fund sites that support regular use of a sport other than football.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-wide-funding-confirmed-to-2025-for-the-multi-sport-grassroots-facilities-programme>

Climate Action Fund (UK)

The National Lottery Community Fund's £100 million Climate Action Fund is currently open for applications. Up to £8 million is available to community projects across the UK that are focusing on the link between nature and climate. Local and UK wide partnerships can apply for funding of up to £1.5 million over two to five years to support place based and UK-wide partnerships that use nature to encourage more community-led climate action and help communities tackle climate change. The National Lottery Community Fund expects most projects to be funded between £300,000 and £500,000. Development grants of £50,000 to £150,000 over 12 to 18 months are also available for those communities wanting to develop initial ideas. It is anticipated that 12-15 projects will be funded. There is no deadline and applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis.

Additional Funding to Encourage Equal Access to School Sports (England)

Schools in England are to benefit from an extra two years in government funding to help boost sport and activities both inside and outside school hours, and ensure equal access for boys and girls. Over £600 million in funding has been allocated for the PE and Sport Premium to improve the quality of PE and sports in primary schools to help children benefit from regular activity. Headteachers can choose how best to spend this funding including on teacher training, offering more opportunities for pupils to take part in competition and widening the range of sports for both boys and girls including football, tennis, cricket and hockey. An additional £22 million will be available for the School Games Organisers network. Schools will receive updated guidance this summer setting out how to use the funding.

Grants to Support Disadvantaged Young People through Educational & Sporting Activities (UK)

Applications are open for UK charities, educational institutions and NHS Trusts seeking funding to support those under the age of 18 who are living with a mental health condition, disability or growing up in poverty. The Hargreaves Foundation aims to help children and young people to fulfil their potential and improve their wellbeing, self-esteem and independence through educational and sporting activities provided. This could include initiatives that improve academic engagement and attainment, develop skills to aid future employment, improve life skills, and ensure sport is accessible. There is no minimum or maximum grant amount. Applications can be made at any time and are reviewed in the month following online submission.

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

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

From 10am on 12 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.

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 Midland, 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.

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.

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

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.

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

Funding for School Breakfast Clubs (UK)

Schools in deprived areas across the UK are invited to apply for funding to start or improve their breakfast clubs. 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 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. The funding is being made available through the Magic Breakfast, a charity that aims to end hunger as a barrier to education in UK schools. Magic Breakfast are planning to expand to Northern Ireland and Wales soon so welcome applications from all UK schools. Schools are required to submit an expression of interest in the first instance and, as funds are limited, early application is recommended.

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.

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

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.

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

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. No application deadline is given.

<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.

£5 Million Fund Launched to Support Youth Organisations Facing Higher Costs (UK)

A new £5 million fund has been launched to support youth groups through the cost-of-living crisis. Organisations with an annual income of up to £500,000 who are facing unprecedented demand or whose work is being hindered due to rising core costs can apply for three-year, unrestricted grants of approximately 10% of their current turnover. The funding is being offered through the UK Youth Fund, established by UK Youth in partnership with the Pears Foundation, to ensure that as many youth services as possible are able to continue to support young people in their local community. Applications can be made at any time until all funding has been allocated.

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Marine Environment Fund

The Marine Environment Fund is focused on stimulating widespread community education and engagement in marine environmental action and research across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The programme will support existing projects and new ideas, encouraging innovative initiatives that engage with the community. We are looking to fund projects that address one of the following themes:

- Community Action: Projects centred on instigating, continuing or expanding community involvement in mitigating the impact of pollution or climate change on our coast.
- Improving infrastructure: Projects centred on providing the means through which locals and visitors can better care for the marine environment.
- Innovation: Projects which create new and innovative ways to solve the problems of littering, pollution and climate change in Cornwall.

As part of the assessment process, we will seek to understand and collect details on community involvement and environmental impact. Grants will ordinarily range between £1,000 - £5,000, although other amounts may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Applications can be considered from not for profit community groups, organisations or social enterprises operating in Cornwall. You don't need to be a registered charity, but your activities must be considered charitable, and you must have the following:

- A recognised governing document e.g. Constitution, Articles which outlines the organisation's objectives and it must have a Dissolution Clause.
- A minimum of three unrelated members on your Management Committee or Board of Trustees. If you are a registered charity, your trustees should be registered with the Charity Commission.
- If you are working with children and/or people at risk, you must have a Safeguarding Policy in place. This should include your Safeguarding Officer's name/s and contact details and information on the training that staff / volunteers undertake.
- Up to date annual accounts for your organisation or group.
- A bank account in the organisation or group's name which requires two unrelated signatories for all withdrawals.
- Current, relevant insurance policies.

They do not fund*:

- Commercial, profit making organisations.
- Groups with a significant free reserve balance.

- Statutory/public sector organisations.
- Contributions to an endowment, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans.
- Grant making organisations or bodies who fundraise or distribute grants on behalf of other organisations.
- Retrospective grants.
- Regional offices of national bodies that do not have their own local accounts and management committee and benefit local people.
- Groups whose beneficiaries are not people.
- Projects intended to influence people's religious choices or to promote a particular belief system. The promotion of political causes.

*This list is not exhaustive.

Application Timeline: Applications can be accepted at any time but will be considered at quarterly Grants Awarding Panel meetings. These are generally held in January, April, July and October each year. Whilst there is no set deadline, to allow time for assessments to be completed, applications need to be received by mid-way through the month preceding the Grant Awarding Panel meeting to be considered at the next upcoming meeting.

The application form can be accessed here: [Marine Environment Fund Application Form](#)