

Monthly Funding Information September 2025

This document includes information about current grants and funding opportunities primarily for Voluntary & Community Sector Groups and Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises. Where the Grant title includes an asterisk (*), Local Authorities and other partner organisations may also be eligible to apply for the funding.

Please also note the grants that are **NEW** to the bulletin.

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Open

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Open

Funding for projects which support Adults

[The Visa Foundation – CatalyseHer Programme](#)

Summary

The programme is designed to support women-led businesses with a focus on social and environmental impact in the UK. The three-year initiative will provide 500 women entrepreneurs with micro-grants, alongside two months of training and community-building support to help them grow their businesses and become investment-ready.

There are two learning tracks for this cohort:

- The Fundamentals Track for early-stage businesses with an annual income under £50,000 who are looking to refine and strengthen their business model
- The Impact Track for those ready to scale their social impact.

Key Criteria

- To be eligible, businesses must be less than five years old with an annual income below £2 million.
- Applicants must be Women founders, co-founders, or CEOs of businesses based in the UK (registered on Company House or HMRC registered)

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 7th September 2025 (Training starts 17th September 2025).

Alzheimer's Research UK's - Inspire Fund

Summary

Funding is available for a range of organisations and individuals, to engage diverse and underserved audiences, including ethnic minority, marginalised, and socioeconomically disadvantaged communities with innovative public engagement projects that raise awareness of brain health and dementia risk reduction.

Key Criteria

- The scheme prioritises applications from underrepresented parts of the UK—particularly Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and regions of England such as the Midlands, North West, North East, Yorkshire, and East Anglia
- Particularly encourage collaborative applications, and those that build relationships between communities and researchers.
- Projects must be UK-based and last up to 12 months
- Eligible costs may include staff time, materials, accessibility, and evaluation.

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 8th September 2025

Help the Homeless

Summary

Capital funding is available for small homelessness charities to support homeless people rebuild their lives. Typically, organisations awarded funding operate residential or training facilities to assist homeless people.

Key Criteria

- Charities must have an annual turnover of less than £500,000 and unrestricted reserves of less than six months.
- There should be a minimum period of two years between the receipt of a decision or grant awarded and making a further application.

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 15th September 2025

Armed Forces Covenant – Family Focus Programme * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for projects that explore and pilot solutions for family members-collectively and as individuals of wounded, injured and sick serving personnel or Veterans.

The focus for 2025/26 is supporting projects that test new ideas, refine successful pilots, or expand services developed in the past five years, provided they are not part of an organisations core work.

Projects will need to meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- Family members of those who are wounded, injured or sick feel better informed and more able to access relevant information, advice and guidance, applicable to their situation
- Family members of those who are wounded, injured or sick feel less lonely/isolated, more resilient and better equipped to deal with their circumstances
- Family members of those who are wounded, injured and sick have developed their skills for work, or have greater confidence to pursue volunteering or employment when it's right for them

Key Criteria

- Applications are welcome from Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs), Local Authorities and NHS organisations
- Projects should be for between twelve and eighteen months

Amounts available: Between £50,000 and £100,000

Application deadlines: 24th September 2025

Armed Forces Covenant – Hidden Voices *

Summary

Funding is available for local authorities, registered charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs) with significant recent experience supporting Armed Forces communities to support the mental health and well-being needs of marginalised groups within Armed Forces communities.

The programme aims to identify and fill gaps in service provision and foster collaborative partnerships between Armed Forces organisations and specialist non-armed Forces organisations

Key Criteria

Projects should last up to 12 months

Projects will need to meet both of the following outcomes:

- Those who are underrepresented, or whose voices are seldom heard, within the armed forces community, have equitable access to mental health and wellbeing support which meets their specific needs.
- Awareness of the needs of underrepresented groups within the armed forces community has been raised among organisations supporting them, through mutual learning and knowledge exchange to embed best practice.

Amounts available: Between £3,000 and £25,000

Application deadlines:

- 1st October 2025 (Decision by end of November 2025)
- 21st January 2026 (Decision by end of March 2026)

Concertina Charitable Trust

Summary

Funding is available for charitable organisations and care homes for the elderly to run activities which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly

Key Criteria

- Applications will automatically be refused if they do not include a copy of their accounts or financial statements with the application
- The Trust is particularly keen to act as a catalyst via matched funding.

Amounts available: Maximum £250

Application deadlines: 31st October 2025

Charles Hayward Foundation – Small Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for charities to support preventative and early community-based services or programmes that focus on helping older people stay in their own homes and maintain their independence.

There are three categories:

- Programmes aiming to alleviate isolation and depression in older people, including informal day care, or regular social, physical and recreational activities.
- Programmes which give practical help, assistance and support for older people living in their own homes.
- Programmes addressing the emotional and practical needs of people with dementia and their carers.

Key Criteria

- Charities should have an annual income of under £350,000
- Projects should exclusively benefit people over the age of 60

Amounts available: Maximum £7,000

Application deadlines: Open – applications are accepted anytime

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

[SIB – Better Youth Spaces Programme](#) *

Summary

Funding is available for youth organisations in specific geographic locations to undertake small-scale capital projects, including purchasing equipment and refurbishment projects. The fund will support youth organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 11 to 18, or up to 25 for those with additional needs or vulnerabilities.

Projects must meet at least one of the fund objectives:

- Improving the reach of activities provided
- Improving the safety of existing youth facilities
- Improve the youth sector's capacity and quality to deliver a range of enrichment activities
- Funding priority areas on the basis of youth need
- Improving the financial sustainability of youth facilities

Key Criteria

- Leicester is one of the 42 priority areas
- Please note: the eligible postcode area relates to the building/land being refurbished or where the equipment being purchased will be stored.
- Although the minimum grant size is £5,000, for equipment to be classed as capital and therefore eligible, all equipment items that make up the grant of £5,000 or more must each be £2,000 or greater in value.
- The fund cannot consider part funding or match funding requests due to the timescales for this funding to be spent. Applications must cover the full costs of the work/ equipment.
- Local authorities can apply where they provide youth services

Amounts available: Between £5,000 and £100,000

Application deadlines:

- Applications for refurbishment have been extended to 21st September 2025
- Applications for equipment will remain open until 21st September 2025, unless oversubscribed

The National Lottery Community Fund - #iwill Fund 2025 * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for voluntary and community organisations, along with statutory bodies to support youth led social action. That is young people playing an active role in addressing the issues of a specific place or area that matter most to local people.

Eligible projects can include environmental action, peer mentoring, health campaigns, tackling food insecurity, intergenerational initiatives, support for carers and disabled young people, and creating new youth networks.

Organisations must show how the project:

- Creates place-based youth social action opportunities for young people
- Will help young people get involved in social action. This should be throughout their life, even after the funding ends
- Will reach young people who have not taken part in regular social action activities
- Will continue, even after the funding ends
- Involves the voices of young people. They should also be a part of your organisation

Key Criteria

- Projects must be aimed at those up to age 20, or 25 for young people with additional needs
- Applicants must match at least £200,000 in cash or in-kind contributions
- Projects must be completed by March 2027

Amounts available: Minimum grant £200,000 (Only expect to fund 4-6 projects). Total available budget £3 million.

Application deadlines: 24th September 2025 for Expressions of Interest

Active Together -Young People Physical Activity & Sport Hardship Fund **(NEW GRANT)**

Summary

The Fund is specifically for and aimed at helping individual young people overcome financial constraints affecting their involvement in physical activity and sport. There are four categories:

- Participant – for young people who are not able to access ongoing sport or physical activity due to the cost of membership fees/subs or who may need support with the purchase of kit or equipment required to participate.
- Coach/Official – for young people who have a passion for coaching or officiating in sport but are unable to access coaching or officiating courses/qualifications due to the cost of training.
- Volunteer – for committed young people who would like to give their time to volunteer in sport or physical activity, however they may face barriers such as the cost of transport to access the activity.
- Talented sportsperson – for young people who compete at a Regional, National or International level however cost is a barrier to travelling to competitions, purchasing equipment

Key Criteria

- Young people must live in Leicestershire, Leicester or Rutland
- Young people must be aged between 7 – 21 years old, or up to the age of 25 for young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND)
- For young people under the age of 18, applications must be completed by a parent or guardian on their behalf.

Amounts available: No minimum or maximum amount, however previous grants have been around £200 to £300.

Application deadlines: 5th October 2025 and 1st March 2026

Armed Forces Covenant – Early Years Programme * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to support early years education for children from Armed Forces families.

Applications are invited from:

- Early childhood education and childcare providers operating where armed forces families live or work and must offer group-based childcare and have at least 50% of service children on roll (unless under a cluster, see below).
- Local authorities who wish to supply specific training to early childhood education and childcare providers supporting service children aged 0-5 years and provide a shared resource working across multiple settings.
- Settings that have less than 50% service children on roll, could still apply as a cluster. This means submitting a group bid on behalf of two or more settings with smaller numbers of service children.

Projects will need to contribute towards at least one of these outcomes:

- Increase capacity at the setting to allow more service children to attend
- Provide better learning environments for service children
- Provide appropriate training and development of staff to support service children
- Establish collaborative networks and shared resources through clusters to address the needs of service children

Key Criteria

- Applicants must be a registered charity, a CIC, or a company limited by guarantee or a local authority in one of the four countries of the UK.
- Charities must have been registered in the UK for at least three years at the time of your application and able to provide published accounts for all three years if requested.
- CIC's must have been incorporated in the UK for at least three years and you must have submitted three years of accounts to Companies House at the time of applying
- Organisations cannot apply more than once per funding round to this programme unless this is for programmes of work in different places (e.g. charities that run nurseries in two eligible locations)

Amounts available: Between £5,000 and £80,000

Application deadlines: 8th October 2025

Universal Music UK Sound Foundation – School Award (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for schools across the UK and Ireland that teach the national curriculum, to improve their access to music by purchasing or upgrading musical instruments and/or equipment.

Key Criteria

- Successful applicants will have approximately 2 months to claim the donation
- The Foundation is unable to accept applications on behalf of Trusts/Academies for multiple schools, each school must submit their own application form
- Unable to fund retrospectively and you are not eligible for financial assistance if you have already purchased your resources or if you buy them after you submit your application, but before an offer of funding is made
- If you have applied for funding in the past and were successful, please wait for two years from when the funding was offered before applying again

Amounts available: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: 21st October 2025

National Lottery Community Fund – Million Hours Fund *

Summary

Funding is available for a range of organisations (including local authorities) to give extra support to young people in areas with higher rates of anti-social behaviour. It will fund extra hours of youth work to give these young people more places to go and positive things to do.

Key Criteria

The work must take place in, or benefit young people living in, one of the [eligible ward areas](#). Leicester and Leicestershire both have eligible wards.

To apply, your project must:

- Benefit young people aged 10 to 18, or up to 25 if they have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)
- Effectively engage with young people at risk of taking part in anti-social behaviour
- Deliver more hours of youth work than you provide now
- Involve young people in deciding how you work
- Deliver youth work that is open to as wide a range of young people as possible (known as 'open access')
- Be run by trusted adults such as qualified youth workers, youth support workers, or experienced volunteers

Amounts available: Between £30,000 and £100,000

Application deadlines: 22nd October 2025 (The application window may close early if the scheme becomes oversubscribed).

Duke of Edinburgh - Access Funding (NEW GRANT)

Summary

State-funded specialist schools, Alternative Provision settings, and Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) in England can apply for grants to enable young people with disabilities and additional needs to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) scheme.

Funding can be used to purchase equipment for the Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and Expedition sections as well as 75% of the 2025/26 annual DofE license fee and provides fully funded Bronze, Silver and Gold participation places to remove cost barriers for young people with disabilities and additional needs.

Key Criteria

- The organisation is a state funded Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) school, Alternative Provision (AP), or Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) that receives funding through their local authority or directly from the government
- The organisation does not currently have a DofE license
- The organisation has not terminated a DofE license in the past six months at the point of application

Amounts available: Maximum £4,500

Application deadlines: 11th December 2025

The Outward Bound Trust – Adventure Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available in the form of bursaries for schools or youth groups to help young people (aged between 11 and 24 years) from across the UK access outdoor education programmes run by The Outward Bound Trust.

Key Criteria

Applications are open to both individuals and organisations, with priority given to those facing financial hardship or disadvantage

Amounts available: Bursaries cover up to 40% of course fees

Application deadlines: No application deadlines are provided, but it states: "Early applications are encouraged, as funding is limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis".

Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Youth Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for not-for-profit youth organisations which support disadvantaged young people aged 14 to 25. Funding is for core operating costs and to help grow the impact of what organisations already do.

There is a focus on:

- Targeted work with and for young people who face transitions in their lives which may be challenging or create barriers for example into or out of education, care settings, housing or the secure estate (including prisons, bail accommodation and youth detention accommodation).
- Work that recognizes young people's multiple and overlapping identities (for example race, gender, sexual orientation, class, faith, migration status, ability).

Key Criteria

- The Foundation will prioritise work that takes place outside of London.
- Organisations should have an annual turnover of over £30,000 and under £3.5 million
- At least 50% of the organisation's focus is on work with and for 14–25-year-olds
- For work delivered through partnerships, there must be a lead partner who can receive funds and the partnership must already be active
- The Fund is not looking to support new or untested approaches, projects or finite pieces of work

Amounts available: Maximum £150,000 over three years

Application deadlines: Open – applications can be submitted at anytime

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

[Leicestershire County Council – Get Ready Community Energy Fund](#)

Summary

Community organisations can apply for funding to kickstart renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in their area.

Projects may include those that reduce the energy use of homes or community buildings and renewable energy generation projects such as photovoltaic panels, heat pumps and wind turbines.

Eligible costs may include:

- Undertaking feasibility studies
- Costs of structural surveys, planning applications, contracts and legal fees
- Developing demonstration projects that help educate people about community energy

The funding is intended for project development costs and cannot be used to directly fund the cost of installing renewable energy unless the installation is part of a demonstration project for the wider community

Successful applicants will be allocated a project mentor to help make the project a success and will be invited to join the Community Energy Leicestershire Forum

Key Criteria

- Applicants must be part of a community group or other organisation with a dedicated bank account and has plans in place to develop energy efficiency and or renewable energy projects that benefit local people
- The fund is not open to individuals or limited companies
- The main beneficiaries must be residents of Leicestershire, excluding Leicester City and Rutland
- The grant must be spent by 28th November 2025

Amounts available: Not disclosed, but the total budget available is £140,000

Application deadlines: Open, but the scheme will close to new Expressions of Interest on 8th September 2025

Henry Smith Foundation – Domestic Abuse Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for registered not-for-profit organisations offering specialist, person-centred services for people experiencing domestic abuse, particularly within marginalised and minoritised communities.

Key Criteria

- Eligible applicants must have at least three years' experience, deliver consistent one-to-one casework, and provide wrap-around services such as counselling, safe accommodation, immigration advice, and culturally specific support.
- Organisations must be "led by and for" people who are from marginalised and minoritised communities that face additional forms of discrimination, and structural and systemic inequality.
- No organisational maximum or minimum income eligibility requirements

Amounts available: Maximum £250,000 (£50,000 per year for five years). Expect to make twenty grant awards.

Application deadlines: 10th September 2025 for Expressions of Interest

HM Govt. – Digital Inclusion Innovation Fund * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

The UK Government has launched a £9.5 million fund to tackle digital exclusion and expand online access as part of its Digital Inclusion Action Plan priorities:

- Improving digital skills
- Improving access to digital services
- Improving data and device poverty
- Improve confidence in the use of digital services

Initiatives should target vulnerable groups such as older people, job seekers and low-income households, the fund will support projects ranging from digital skills training and improved device and connectivity access to confidence-building programmes, innovative pilots, and scaling proven best practices.

The fund will also cover the purchase of capital assets like devices and assistive technologies.

Key Criteria

- Projects must be completed by 31st March 2026
- Charities must have been registered for at least one year from the date that this Fund went live
- A consortium must have a Lead Organisation to serve as the main contact point through which the grant can be awarded and managed

Amounts available: Between £25,000 and £500,000

Application deadlines: 10th September 2025.

The Society Foundation

Summary

Funding is available for UK-registered charities and charitable organisations seeking to help people move towards paid employment who are either ex-offenders, the recently homeless or vulnerably housed, or 16-24 year-olds not in employment, education or training.

Key Criteria

Organisations should:

- Have a turnover of up to £500,000
- Be working in capacity-building activities, including IT infrastructure and equipment, staff training and development, and external consultancy/support

Amounts available: Maximum £2,500

Application deadlines: 12th September 2025

UKRI – Gambling Harms Funding *

Summary

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), supported by the statutory gambling levy, is launching two linked grants to advance the new Research Programme on Gambling:

Gambling Harms Research and Innovation Partnerships (GHRIPs) Grant - funding partnership development and evidence analysis through interdisciplinary consortia involving academia, business, government, and third-sector partners. Successful applicants may later apply for larger phase two awards.

Gambling Harms Research Coordination Centre (GHRCC) Grant - to coordinate and manage the programme, supporting research scoping, partnership building, and capacity development.

Key Criteria

For GHRIPs Grant:

- Project co-leads from government, local government, third sector and non-profit organisations and industry are eligible and encouraged for this funding opportunity.
- The full economic cost of your phase one project can be up to £100,000

For GHRCC Grant:

- You must be based at a UK research organisation, IRO, or UK registered business eligible for UKRI funding
- The full economic cost of your project can be up to £10 million. UKRI will fund 80% of the full economic cost
- Third sector institutions can act as partners and collaborating organisations
- Applications must be consortia based and must bring together diverse people, institutions, expertise, experiences, places, and wider stakeholders. This includes people with lived and learned experience from gambling and gambling related harms.
- Please see the online list of [Research Organisations Eligible for UKRI Funding](#)

Amounts available:

GHRIPs Grant – Between £70,000 and £100,000 (up to 20 awards for nine months)

GHRCC Grant – Maximum £10 Million (1 award to a consortium)

Application deadlines: 16th September 2025

Charles Hayward Foundation – Main Grants

Summary

Funding is available for registered charities working in the areas of Social and Criminal Justice to deliver projects that prevent people from entering the criminal justice system and to support those already in it to rebuild their lives.

The Foundation will fund projects in the following categories:

- Targeted early intervention programmes aimed at reaching the most troubled and vulnerable families in a community
- Tailored preventative and diversionary projects for young people at risk of offending, including interventions identifying and addressing the particular needs of girls and young women
- Programmes combining prison-based and community interventions dealing with the rehabilitation of offenders, accommodation and support on release, maintaining family relationships, mentoring, and creating pathways to employment
- Schemes offering viable alternatives to custody, in particular for women and young people
- Programmes of support that alleviate the consequences of domestic abuse

Key Criteria

- Charities must have an annual income of between £350,000 and £4 million)
- Charities that have previously received a grant must wait at least two years from the date of the last grant payment before re-applying.
- Charities that have applied unsuccessfully must wait one year from the date of declination before re-applying.

Amounts available: between £15,000 and £25,000 (per year for up to three years)

Application deadlines: 19th September 2025 (deadline for stage one applications)

Blaby District Council – Community Grants

Summary

The scheme supports local voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations to develop and strengthen community facilities and activities for the benefit of Blaby district residents.

The following grant schemes are available:

- Capital Green Grants - up to £5,000 for energy efficiency measures and improvements to open spaces (20% match funding required)
- Large Capital Grants - up to £5,000 for purchase of higher value items or large-scale improvements to community buildings or spaces (50% match funding required)
- Small Capital Grants – up to £500 for small items of equipment or start-up costs
- Revenue Grants - up to £500 for on-going delivery costs such as venue or transport hire, marketing or energy costs
- Everyone Active Grants - up to £500 for setting up a new group or activity, running costs, coaching fees

Key Criteria

- Organisations can only apply for one grant at a time
- Specific criteria apply to each grant scheme

Amounts available: Please see information above regarding the different grant schemes

Application deadlines: 19th September 2025. Later rounds close on 5th December 2025 and 6th March 2026

Music For All – Community Project Funding

Summary

Funding is available to community groups, schools and individuals undertaking music initiatives in the following categories:

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

Key Criteria

- Projects should be working in deprived or marginalised areas
- There are specific criteria for each of the categories

Amounts available: Maximum £2,000. For the Descant recorder pack and music pack category there is an application limit of 60 recorder packs

Application deadlines: 24th September 2025

Association of Independent Museums (AIM) – Grants *

Summary

The following grants are available for small and medium-sized museums to improve the care of their collections:

- Collections Care Audits grants - to help smaller museums conduct professional collections care audits
- Collections Care Scheme grants - for small to medium AIM member museums that seek to improve the sustainability of their collections' conservation and management through better collections care
- Remedial Conservation Scheme grants – for museums to finance the conservation of objects in their collections

Key Criteria

- Applicants need to be AIM members which are either a UK registered charity, an organisation with exempt charitable status or a public body
- Applicants should have less than 50,000 visitors per year
- Larger museums are encouraged to apply for funding to the Pilgrim Trust directly.

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: 26th September 2025

Charnwood Borough Council – Community Grants

Summary

Charnwood Borough Council's current grant programmes include:

- Charnwood Community Grants - this scheme provides revenue funding including organisational running costs for community bodies, one-off contributions of equipment costs for projects with community benefit.
- Community Facilities Grant - provides capital funding for voluntary organisations, to assist with the renovation, improvement, and provision of community buildings and enhancement of adjacent outside space
- Small Grants - for the activities of properly constituted Voluntary and Community and Voluntary Sector (VCS) organisations and projects in Charnwood, including organisational running costs and projects (for up to one year), and one-off contributions for equipment costs for projects with community benefit.

Across all grant programmes, the following will be of particular interest for 2025/26:

- Projects that mitigate the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on VCS organisations and those they support.
- Projects that meet the Borough Council's new environment and climate change corporate strategic aims

Key Criteria

- A maximum of 2 grants can be applied for across all grant programmes in 2024/25 including Small, Community and *Facilities Grants for different organisational and project activities costs.
- Please contact Tina Robinson, VCS Development Officer (tina.robinson@charnwood.gov.uk) before applying for a Charnwood Community Grant or Facilities Grant to ensure eligibility criteria will be met.

Amounts available:

- Charnwood Community Grant maximum £5,000
- Community Facilities Grant up to £20,000, to a maximum of 50% of project cost
- Small Grants maximum £750

Application deadlines:

- The Charnwood Community and Community Facilities Grants have a series of deadlines in the year – the next round opens on 1st September and closes on 26th September 2025
- The Small Grant scheme applications can be made anytime. However, the scheme closes on 31st January 2026

The Rowing Foundation

Summary

Organisations, clubs, and schools involved in rowing can apply for grants to support junior and student rowers and adaptive rowing for all ages.

The funding is being made available through two funding programmes:

- Equipment grants
- Refurbishment grants

Key Criteria

- These grants are intended for groups who may have small funding requirements or be ineligible for other sources of funding such as the National Lottery
- Prefers to encourage participation in rowing by the young or disabled through the provision of equipment, such as boats, sculls, oars and essential safety equipment
- To be eligible for funding, the projects or work must be non-elitist, for public benefit, and aim to benefit young people, those in education, or people with disabilities
- Coaching, revenue or any commitment requiring long term support are rarely approved

Amounts available: Between £400 and £5,000 (up to 50% of the overall cost of the project)

Application deadlines: 29th September 2025 (Equipment Grants). Applications for Refurbishment Grants can be submitted at any time.

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

Summary

Funding is available for registered charities supporting the advancement of the arts, health and medical welfare and environmental protection or improvement. Funding can be for core or project costs.

Key Criteria

- The Trust favours small-scale locally based initiatives
- Due to the volume of appeals received, the Trustees do not consider requests from charities that have had an application turned down until two years have elapsed after the date of rejection.
- Charities in receipt of single grants in three consecutive years, or three grants in five years may reapply after three years have passed since the date of the last grant
- Individual hospices are not currently able to apply although applications from charities delivering music and art therapy services directly to hospices are welcomed

Amounts available: Between £500 and £6,000

Application deadlines: 30th September 2025 (Decision meeting on 18th November 2025)

De Montfort University – Community Challenge Fund

Summary

Funding is available for charities, non-profit organisations and community groups in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to deliver short projects relating to one of the university's key research themes:

- Peace, equality and social justice
- Lifelong wellbeing
- Creative and heritage industries
- Living in a digital society
- Net zero

Key Criteria

- The project should clearly and demonstrably benefit the community (or a particular section of the community) in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland
- The project should offer opportunities for students to learn and gain practical experience by getting involved, such as through knowledge exchange, research opportunities, real-life learning or volunteering
- Projects should be delivered between February and April 2026
- Applicants are requested not to submit more than one proposal in each application window

Amounts available: Between £500 and £2,000

Application deadlines: Opens 1st September and closes 30th September 2025 (Decisions on 31st October 2025)

Calisen Impact Charitable Trust

Summary

Funding is available for registered charities to support projects that deliver positive environmental, social or wellbeing outcomes.

The Fund aims to drive economic and social development within communities by supporting initiatives that focus on sustainable energy solutions, and promote inclusive, safe, and diverse educational and work environments.

Projects should support at least one of the Trust's values:

- Help to achieve the UK climate targets
- Move the UK towards zero emissions
- Create a more sustainable energy system
- Embrace and promote inclusion, safe and diverse educational and working environments
- Extend economic and social development relevant to the community

Key Criteria

- Projects should be delivered within 12 months of the award
- Successful applicants must wait for 12 months before re-applying

Amounts available: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: 30th September 2025 (Decisions 31st October 2025. There are four rounds per year).

Fat Beehive Foundation – Digital Funding

Summary

Funding is available for charities to help build websites and apps, digitise services, and purchase digital products.

Key Criteria

- Charities should have an average annual income of less than £1 million
- Particularly keen to support traditionally hard-to-fund organisations, such as those supporting prisoners, refugees, or disadvantaged youth.
- The scheme won't fund general software or hardware procurement

Amounts available: Maximum £2,500

Application deadlines: 30th September 2025 (Decisions in October 2025). There are two rounds per year).

Matrix Causes Fund

Summary

Funding is available for registered charities working with the most vulnerable people to support access to justice (particularly for people trying to get support to meet their basic personal needs), equality of opportunity, or a sustainable environment.

The fund can be used for core activities that support vulnerable persons such as prisoners, asylum seekers, people with mental health difficulties, people (particularly children) with disabilities, or women in refuges.

Key Criteria

Applications from organisations not registered as a charity but established for charitable purposes may also be considered.

Only one application per organisation per round (there are two rounds /cycles per year)

Applicants should:

- Wait for at least three years from the completion of a previously funded project before re-applying
- Be registered with HMRC as an exempt charity or non-for-profit organisation
- Have an annual income (including all sources) of under £500,000

Amounts available: Maximum one-off grant £5,000 or maximum £3,000 a year for up to three years

Application deadlines: 30th September 2025

HM Govt. Memorial Grant Scheme (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for registered charities or faith groups 'excepted' from registering as a charity, towards VAT on the construction, repair and maintenance of public memorial structures, for work which took place on or after 16th March 2005.

Key Criteria

- To receive funding the memorial must be a public memorial, be a structure or involve construction, have a commemorative purpose, have no other purpose and be accessible to the public
- This scheme does not cover memorial gardens and trees, as these are not structures
- Funding can only be provided for works that have already taken place. You cannot apply for funding in advance of future works. If the work is ongoing, you can only apply for part-funding for parts of the work which have been completed

Amounts available: Not disclosed

Application deadlines: 30th September 2025

The Different Foundation – AI for All Programme (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for registered charities to address digital bias within artificial intelligence, amplify underrepresented voices, and foster inclusive technology.

Successful applicants will receive both financial support and tailored strategic guidance to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in AI innovation.

Key Criteria

Applicants must be UK-registered charities with an annual turnover between £150,000 and £1.15 million and between one and ten employees

Amounts available: Maximum £2,500

Application deadlines: 30th September 2025

The DPO Centre – Charity and Community Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

The DPO Centre provides data protection and privacy advice. Funding is available for charities and other not-for-profit organisations to enable them to access the data protection consultancy service at an 80% discount.

Applicants will receive support from subject matter experts and data protection professionals to help decrease the potential for compliance failure across their organisation, leading to fewer data breaches.

Key Criteria

- Multiple applications can be made over time, but only one application in each 12-month period will be considered
- Not able to accept applications from organisations who are political in nature
- There are no organisation size limit or service delivery area eligibility criteria

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: 1st October 2025 (there will be one further round)

The Bagri Foundation – Arts and Culture Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for a range of organisations to support projects that explore and promote Asian arts and culture.

The Foundation supports diverse forms of cultural expression, encompassing both traditional and contemporary mediums, such as artisan crafts; exhibitions and biennials; music; literature; public events and performing arts.

Key Criteria

Projects must fulfil all the requirements below to be eligible:

- Be hosted by established organisations with a track record of delivering artistic projects
- Promote the sharing of traditional or contemporary Asian culture
- Include established or mid-career level artists from Asia or the diasporas
- Result in a tangible public outcome
- Align with the [Bagri Foundation's mission](#)

Amounts available: Between £5,000 and £150,000 (typically covering 10 to 40% of the cost)

Application deadlines: 3rd October 2025 (Deadline for stage one applications)

Ofcom – Community Radio Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for licensed Community Radio Stations to support their core running costs.

Key Criteria

Grants can only be made to Ofcom-licensed community radio stations in the UK, broadcasting on AM, FM, or via a Community Digital Sound Programme licence on a digital radio multiplex.

Amounts available: Maximum £100,000, but an average grant award of £14,000 from a budget of around £900,000.

Application deadlines: 5th October 2025 (There is only one round of funding this year). The decision panel is expected to meet in January 2026

East Midlands Airport – Community Fund

Summary

Communities around East Midlands airport can apply for grants for projects that have a long-lasting community, social or environmental benefit.

Applications must meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Provide help to community groups which are supporting vulnerable people during the Covid-19 outbreak
- Bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure-time activities
- Support young people to prepare for employment
- Offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation
- Improve awareness of environmental issues, and encourage and/or protect wildlife.

Key Criteria

- Projects must be located within the [area of benefit](#)
- This fund cannot pay for running costs, consumables, salaries, rent or maintenance. It needs to be used for tangible items of lasting benefit such as equipment and furniture

Amounts available: Maximum £2,000

Application deadlines: 6th October 2025 (Decision 3rd November 2025)

Electrical Safety First - Electrical Safety Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for not-for-profit organisations to support projects that help:

- Tackle risks associated with unsafe electrical products and installations
- Raise awareness of electrical safety and encourage safer behaviours
- Deliver practical solutions, such as removing or repairing faulty products and installations

Key Criteria

- All applications should work to help prevent accidents, protect lives, and create safer living environments for individuals and communities
- Applicants must be a charity, CIC, trust or registered not for profit organisation
- Projects must help those who are most vulnerable to electrical risk and injury. This could be due to the cost-of-living crisis, rocketing inflation, rising energy prices, and increased use of electricity
- Funding must be used within six months of the grant award

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 12th October 2025 (Decisions in November 2025)

Efficiency East Midlands Foundation – Support into Employment (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Community and voluntary sector organisations across Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland are now invited to apply for grants to deliver impactful, locally driven projects. The funding will prioritise initiatives that:

- Support Social Mobility - Projects that help people facing poverty or disadvantage to progress in education, employment or enterprise – for example through training or mentoring.
- Build Life Skills - Activities that develop essential life competencies such as confidence, resilience, communication, financial literacy, digital skills and problem-solving.
- Enable Employment Pathways - Programmes that provide pre-employment training, volunteering-to-work opportunities, apprenticeships, CV and interview support, or tailored help with job applications.

The fund will prioritise initiatives targeting young people (aged 16-25), but also welcome proposals supporting women, those from the global majority, individuals who have experienced homelessness and those who have experience of the criminal justice system.

An online Q&A surgery for potential applicants is being held on Tuesday 23rd September at 2pm on Microsoft Teams. To join, please use this link: [Q&A Surgery – 23rd September](#)

Key Criteria

- Projects must be delivered between 1st January and 31st December 2026.
- Between 25 and 40 projects will be funded with about £30,000 of the budget being allocated to each of the three eligible counties
- Applying organisations must be based in and delivering services in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire or Leicestershire and Rutland

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 13th October 2025 (decisions in mid-November 2025)

OPCC – Community Action Fund

Summary

The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has announced the dates for the first two rounds of funding for 2025-26:

- Rural Crime - to support projects that aim to reduce rural crime and enhance community safety.
- Road Safety - for projects that focus on prevention and education, and that align with the wider goal of reducing harm and improving safety.

Key Criteria

- Projects must clearly support at least one of the [Police and Crime Plan](#) priorities
- A range of community-based organisation can apply.
- Organisations should not have more than 30 full-time equivalent staff (this does not include Volunteers)

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines:

Rural Crime – round opens 1st September and closes on 17th October 2025

Road Safety – round opens 17th November and closes on 12th January 2026

The Elephant Trust – Arts Funding (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for new, innovative visual arts projects enabling artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted with a lack of funds.

The Trust supports projects that develop and improve fine arts knowledge, understanding and appreciation.

Key Criteria

- Priority is given to artists, small organisations, and galleries who are making or producing new work or exhibitions in the fine arts
- Successful applicants should leave a minimum of two years before reapplying for help with a new project
- A range of projects are not supported including arts festivals, group exhibitions, students and groups organisation community projects
- Projects with a total budget exceeding £30,000 will not be supported

Amounts available: Between £2,000 and £5,000

Application deadlines: 19th October 2025

Edgar E Lawley Foundation (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for organisations working within the categories of Hospices, Children & Young People, Elderly, Community, Disabled and Medical Research.

Key Criteria

- Preference is given to smaller, community-based charities making a measurable impact
- Funding is unrestricted but must support charitable purposes aligned with the Foundation's priorities, including health care, community wellbeing, arts education, and skills development in commerce and industry
- If applicants have not been advised that their application was successful by mid-December they should assume that it has not been funded

Amounts available: Maximum £2,000

Application deadlines: 31st October 2025

The Tree Council – Trees Outside of Woodlands Fund *

Summary

Local authorities and registered charities in England can apply for grants to fund projects that expand tree canopy cover outside woodlands.

The fund supports initiatives such as urban tree planting to improve air quality, creating tree-lined avenues to enhance public spaces, and establishing community orchards for local food production and community engagement.

Key Criteria

- Registered charities should have a turnover of more than £100,000
- Early applications are strongly encouraged to avoid missing out on available funding
- All applicants must have public liability insurance for the planting and have written permission to undertake the planting on the specific site or sites
- Applicants must comply with bio-secure tree sourcing requirements
- Projects should be delivered by 2nd March 2026

Amounts available: Between £10,000 and £40,000

Application deadlines: Rolling application process with expression of interest phase closing on 31st October 2025 or when all funding has been allocated – whichever comes first.

The Tree Council – Branching Out Fund

Summary

Funding is available for a range of community organisations including schools, community groups, parish and town councils, and tree warden networks to work with communities and young people in planting and caring for trees, hedges, and orchards.

Key Criteria

- Grants will be paid after planting has taken place, upon submission of a claim form
- All projects must have planted and submitted a claim form before midnight on Sunday 15th March 2026
- All applicants must have public liability insurance for the planting and have written permission to undertake the planting on the specific site or sites

Amounts available: Between £250 and £2,500

Application deadlines: 14th November 2025

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) – County Grants Fund

Summary

The aim of the Fund is to support affiliated cricket clubs in broadening participation in the sport, enhancing facilities, and to help clubs tackle the impact of climate change.

Priority is given to clubs actively engaged with ECB programmes such as All Stars, Dynamos, women's and girls' cricket, and disability cricket.

- Creating Welcoming Environments – open to ECB affiliated Cricket Clubs registered for All Stars or Dynamos in 2025, and/or actively involved with competitive female cricket.
- Providing Enhanced Facilities and Playing Opportunities for Women's and Girls' Cricket and / or Disability Cricket – open to ECB affiliated Cricket Clubs actively engaged in competitive female only cricket and/or disability cricket
- Tackling Climate Change – open to any ECB affiliated Cricket Clubs

Key Criteria

Clubs will need to meet a range of criteria including having the following:

- A Constitution, Articles of Association or equivalent governing document
- Valid Buildings, Contents and Public Liability Insurance
- Security of Tenure - Leasehold, Freehold or Rental (minimum one year)
- Club Safeguarding Officer (fully compliant on ECB Safe Hands Management System)
- Adoption of the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code of Conduct

Amounts available: Between £1,000 and £10,000

Application deadlines: 30th November 2025

International Tree Foundation –Tree Planting Grants

Summary

Funding is available for community groups, schools, and local organisations to support tree planting and conservation projects on public or publicly accessible land.

Projects may also include community engagement and educational activities

Key Criteria

- Applying organisations must have signed permission from the owner or manager of the land indicating that the project meets all legal requirements
- The projects must be planting indigenous tree species, be engaging the community in the planting and have clear plans for maintenance and sustainability

Amounts available: £2.05 provided per tree for woodlands and hedging, plus two maintenance grants of £0.10 per tree in the first two summers

Application deadlines: Applications can be submitted anytime from July onwards. Final deadline 12th December 2025 (The application process consists of an initial eligibility check followed by a detailed proposal for shortlisted projects).

Motability Foundation (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding to support organisations working to remove barriers to accessible transport for people with disabilities.

There are five funds available:

- Better access to active travel experiences and equipment £50,000 to £1 million
- Better access to wheelchairs and mobility aids (large grants) £250,000 to £1 million
- Better access to wheelchairs and mobility aids (small grants) £50,000 to £249,000
- Expanding access to driving tuition for disabled people £50,000 to £1 million
- Support for travel training schemes £50,000 to £1 million

All grants are currently for between one and three years

Key Criteria

Applicants must:

- Have a minimum annual turnover requirement of £50,000
- Be UK-based incorporated organisations
- Have three months' operating reserves
- Primarily work in the field of transport for disabled people

Amounts available: Between £50,000 and £1 million (please refer to the specific amounts above)

Application deadlines: Open. Apply anytime until 15th December 2025. The Expanding access to driving tuition for disabled people is open until 31st March 2026

National Lottery – Environment Programme *

Summary

Funding is available for not-for-profit organisations to tackle environmental challenges at the local level and will support community-led projects that help people engage with, care for, and protect nature.

Funding can be used for a wide range of activities, including creating community gardens, rewilding green spaces, tree planting, outdoor learning, repair and reuse sessions, food-growing initiatives, and energy-saving projects such as solar panel installation.

Key Criteria

Applicants should apply at least 16 weeks before the anticipated project start date

The Lottery now states it will not accept applications written for you by private businesses or consultants

It will not fund improvements to school facilities or projects that mainly benefit teachers, pupils or parents. Projects must involve and benefit the community outside of the school

Amounts available: Between £300 and £20,000 (for up to two years)

Application deadlines: Open but scheme closes 17th December 2025

Arnold Clark – Community Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for organisations working in one of three themed areas:

- Cost of Living - directly helping people most impacted by rising living costs, such as food and utility banks, shelters, poverty-relief services, accommodation aid, and initiatives promoting equal opportunities.
- Community Support – for youth groups and clubs, animal welfare, arts and culture, community enhancement, education training / advancement, mental health, relief support, sustainability enhancement and projects.
- Gear Up for Sport - for youth groups and clubs

Key Criteria

- Organisations must be operating within 50 miles of an Arnold Clark branch. Note that there are branches in Nottingham and Burton on Trent so a good proportion of Leicestershire and Leicester will be eligible
- Community Support and Gear Up for Sport themes – organisations can apply once per year
- Cost of Living theme – organisations can apply every six months

Amounts available: Maximum £2,500

Application deadlines:

Open. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but it is recommended to apply as early as you can once the fund is open, as applications could be paused due to high demand.

The three themed areas have separate application windows throughout the year.
For example: Cost of Living is open in September

Co-operative Bank – Customer Donation Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Organisations with a Community Directplus account at the Co-operative Bank, such as registered charities, co-operatives, and credit unions, can apply for funding for a wide range of projects and activities that enhance the community and the environment.

Key Criteria

The fund won't support trips or holidays, salaries, rent and running costs

Amounts available: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: Open (applications can be submitted ant anytime).

Nineveh Charitable Trust (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for UK based schools and not for profit organisations undertaking a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research.

Key Criteria

NB Applications are via post only.

Applications must support the Trusts objectives:

- The health, welfare and education of the general public
- The study and appreciation of agriculture, silviculture, ecology and land management
- The study and appreciation of land and estate management that encourages conservation of the countryside

Amounts available: Suggested maximum £5,000 (per year for up to three years)

Application deadlines: Open (applications can be submitted ant anytime).

Moto Foundation – Community Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for charities, schools, and community organisations to support various projects that directly benefit the communities where Moto operates or has a significant staff presence.

Key Criteria

- Organisations must be operating within a 15-mile radius of a Moto Motorway Services site
- Applications should have the endorsement of a Moto colleague; that is, someone directly employed by Moto Hospitality Ltd
- The application to approval process can take up to 8 weeks to complete

Amounts available: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: Open (applications can be submitted ant anytime).

Support available for Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Sector organisations in Leicestershire

Voluntary Action Leicestershire



Leicestershire County Council has a contract with Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL) to provide support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leicestershire, including help with identifying and securing funding.

If you are a VCSE sector organisation who is seeking to apply for funding, or bid for contracts, please contact VAL's Sector Support Team for assistance, advice, and guidance. VAL can provide assistance with searching for funding opportunities, checking the relevance of the fund to your funding aspirations, and a read and review of your bid.

You can also [sign up](#) for further e-bulletins from VAL, including [news](#), [events](#), [training](#), [funding opportunities](#) and updates from the Government and Charity Commission. There are currently two newsletters which you can select to receive by ticking the appropriate box. At present, funding and commissioning items are included in the Voluntary Sector Support newsletter.

Safeguarding Workshops in 2025-26

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Boards and Safeguarding Children Partnerships are hosting free, two-hour online workshops about safeguarding within the VCSE sector. Two more workshops are scheduled for 24th September 2025 and 28th January 2026, from 10am-12pm.

Contact LSCPB@leicester.gov.uk to receive the invitations for the online meetings.

VAL Future Focus 2025

VAL's annual Future Focus conference will take place on Wednesday 24th September 2025 at Devonshire Place, 78 London Road, Leicester, LE2 0RA.

The theme for this year's event is Digital, Sustainable, Accessible and will include a number of interactive and informative workshops and speakers addressing these themes. [Booking is required](#)

Contact Details:

Tel: (0116) 257 5050

Email: helpline@valonline.org.uk

Get Grants Free Virtual Conference



The Get Grants Virtual Conference take place on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th of October 2025 between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

The event is for Fundraisers of all levels of experience to build their confidence and celebrate the amazing work they do with like-minded, friendly people.

There will be expert fundraising advice, top tips, Q&As, networking, peer-support, and lots of chat!

Every session will have practical support and advice that you can take away and put into practice.

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire

CASE

Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency (CASE) is a social enterprise and co-operative which provides advice, guidance, and support to existing and emerging co-operatives, social enterprises and community enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. CASE supports co-operatives and social enterprises to develop and grow, through the promotion of co-operative ways of working.

Leicestershire County Council has a contract with CASE to provide support to people currently running (or thinking of setting up) social enterprises in Leicestershire.

Contact Details:

Tel: (0116) 222 5010

Email: enquiries@case.coop

Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation



The Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation is a charity which helps local individuals and companies to give money, in a tax efficient way, directly to local needs. It does this by helping set up new local family and company charitable funds and then supports those donors to give grants to local charitable groups of their choice through the Making Local Life Better Fund (previously the Donor Matching Scheme).

The Community Foundation also administers local and national grant schemes on behalf of those organisations. These vary throughout the year, please check the website for the funds currently available.

Contact Details:

Tel: (0116) 262 4916

Email: grants@lrccommunityfoundation.org.uk

Commissioning Opportunities



VCSE organisations are encouraged to explore opportunities to receive income through delivering contracts for services commissioned by the public sector. You can register to receive details of commissioning opportunities through the following websites:

[Source East Midlands](#)

[Due North](#)

[Gov UK Contract Finder](#)

[Easy Fundraising](#)



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[Leicestershire Communities Grants and Funding Webpage](#)



The Leicestershire Communities website contains a range of useful information to help local people to actively participate in their communities, including information for people involved in community groups, charities and social enterprises. This section of the website provides a range of support, information and resources related to Grants and Funding, including Monthly Funding Bulletins, information from a range of funders, along with details of support provided to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and social enterprises, by other relevant organisations.