

Monthly Funding Information May 2026

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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Funding for projects which support Adults

[Pink Ribbon Foundation - Grants](#)

Summary

Funding is available to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations working on practical projects and initiatives to improve the physical and mental health of individuals with or recovering from breast cancer.

This year, priority will be given to supporting organisations with limited financial resources to deliver their services.

Key Criteria

- A set of your most current accounts must accompany any grant application
- All applicants must be prepared to inform the Foundation of their projects progress at least twice in the year of the grant, unless it is to be used for a specific purchase or event then only one report is required

Amounts available: Maximum £6,000

Application deadlines: 31st May 2026 (Grants are awarded in July 2026).

[HM Govt Dept of Transport – Big Bike Revival](#)

Summary

Funding is available for local volunteer-led groups, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations across England to deliver cycling events aimed at encouraging adults to start or return to cycling this summer.

These events should particularly engage individuals who face social, economic, or health deprivation, come from diverse backgrounds, or are dealing with complex personal challenges.

The programme delivers three types of event based on the Fix-Learn-Ride model.

- Fix events – offer basic services to repair cycles and provide essential checks to ensure cycles are safe to ride
- Learn events – offer instruction, training or skills for adults to learn to maintain or repair their cycle or learn cycle skills to help them feel safer when cycling
- Ride events – offer led rides for adults to practise cycling locally, build confidence and learn new routes in a social environment

Key Criteria

- Delivery partners are typically volunteer-led groups, not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises that are rooted in local communities and working to address a range of local needs
- Organisations should be experienced in engaging with non-regular cyclists and people in need in terms of social, economic and health deprivation.

Amounts available: Maximum £3,500

Application deadlines: 1st June 2026

British Forces Broadcasting Service – Big Salute Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for armed forces charities to deliver projects that benefit the military community in the UK and overseas.

Funding is for initiatives that improve wellbeing, connection, and morale among serving personnel, reservists, veterans or their families.

Grants are mainly intended for capital costs such as equipment.

Key Criteria

- Applicants should have an annual income of under £1million
- Projects must begin after January 2027
- Grant applications must not be for staff salaries, training or running costs.

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: 31st July 2026

National Archives – Community Hub Skills Bursaries (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Bursaries are available for individuals across the UK who want to build their skills in community heritage work.

The bursaries can support a wide range of professional development activities, including training, mentoring, workshops, travel, learning resources, and placements in galleries, libraries, archives, and museums.

Key Criteria

- Open to applicants at any stage of their career (over the age of 18)
- The individual must be involved in some way to the galleries, libraries, archives and museums (GLAM) or heritage sector.
- The bursaries are intended to support those who may not have had access to professional development opportunities before
- We would expect bursary-funded projects to last between six months to a year. However, all projects must be completed, with all money spent, by December 2027

Amounts available: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: Next deadline is 3rd August 2026 (Decisions in September 2026).

Bursaries will be offered on a rolling basis from September 2025 to September 2027 and will be assessed quarterly by a panel.

Home Instead Charities - Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to community groups, CIC's and small charities for projects that enhance wellbeing or reduce social isolation among people aged 55 and over.

Key Criteria

Please note that the scheme no longer accepts unsolicited grant applications submitted directly to the charity. Potential applicants are asked to contact their local Home Instead office directly to discuss the project or organisation.

Amounts available: Maximum £3,500

Application deadlines: Open

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for not-for-profit organisations in the UK to run projects supporting girls aged 11 to 18 who are already involved in, or at high risk of entering, the criminal justice system.

Key Criteria

- Applicants must be women or girl led organisations working only with women and girls or work primarily in the following areas: County lines, gangs, young people who are care experienced, young people at risk of or who have been excluded from education
- Applicants should have an annual income of £5 million or less and relevant gender and trauma-informed experience
- Projects will need to support the wellbeing and welfare of young women and girls alongside having a good understanding of the criminal justice system

Amounts available: Maximum £100,000 (For over 18 to 36 months with a maximum of £50,000 per year).

Application deadlines: 21st May (For expressions of interest)

Land Aid Charitable Trust – Young Futures Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for not-for-profit organisations in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to support 16 to 25-year-olds who are homeless, have experienced homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness.

The fund will support frontline, locally connected projects that improve access to safe, secure and affordable housing, while also helping young people sustain their homes and move towards independent living.

The project must focus on increasing access to safe, secure and affordable housing, alongside services that help young people maintain tenancies, manage their homes, and build independence

Key Criteria

The applying organisation must have:

- An independent board or governing body
- A safeguarding policy in the organisation's name, outlining clear reporting and escalation procedures, a named safeguarding lead or representative, regular safeguarding training and appropriate background checks for relevant staff and volunteers
- The scheme will prioritise projects that primarily support young people who are overrepresented among those experiencing homelessness, including Communities experiencing racial inequity, Care leavers, LGBTQAI+ young people, Young people seeking asylum or refugees, Young people affected by domestic violence or abuse, Young people with a disability

Amounts available: Between £5,000 and £40,000

Application deadlines: 22nd May 2026 (For expressions of interest)

[ILPA - Strategic Legal Fund](#)

Summary

Funding is available for not-for-profit organisations and private law firms to support legal work that benefits young migrants living in poverty who face significant disadvantage or discrimination because of their immigration status.

Applications must be to fund one of two kinds of strategic legal work:

- The research and development of cases pre-litigation including gathering evidence to test a hypothesis or research to establish authorities' policy and practice, identifying potential plaintiffs/applicants/appellants; researching whether to proceed; translating relevant material; and evaluating a litigation strategy.
- Third party "interventions" in existing cases, which allow a non-party intervener to assist the court in arriving in its decision in a case, acting as an amicus curiae, a friend of the court.

Key Criteria

- The SLF only supports strategic legal work carried out in the UK. This is defined as work where the impact is likely to go beyond an individual case, and to result in changes to law, policy and practice that will benefit a wider group of people
- Not for profit organisations should be regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC)
- Not for profit organisations which are applying to undertake work in the asylum or immigration field, must confirm that staff leading on the proposed work are accredited at Level 3, Advocacy and Representation, in the relevant category of law
- Maximum grant length is twelve months

Amounts available: Maximum £30,000 (Average grant is between £12,000 and £15,000)

Application deadlines: 8th June 2026

[Universal Music UK Sound Foundation – School Awards](#) (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for schools teaching the national curriculum to improve their music departments by purchasing or upgrading musical instruments and equipment.

Key Criteria

- Schools must apply individually; trusts or academies cannot submit on behalf of multiple schools
- Staffing costs for teaching or peripatetic lessons are not eligible
- Successful applicants will have approximately 2 months to claim the donation
- Previously successful should wait for two years from when the funding was offered before applying again

Amounts available: Maximum £800

Application deadlines: 17th June 2026 (Decisions in September 2026).

The Adamson Trust – Respite Breaks (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to individual families, groups of children, schools, organisations, and registered charities, for financial assistance towards the cost of holidays or respite breaks for disabled children with physical, mental, or emotional impairments.

Key Criteria

- To be eligible, the child must be a UK resident and between the ages of 3 and 17
- The Trust requires evidence of their disability or illness from a medical or social services professional
- Successful applicants cannot re-apply until a calendar year has elapsed from the last award and a previous successful award does not guarantee any future award
- A maximum of three awards may be provided to individual applicants, including multiple family applicants.

Amounts available: Average grant £250

Application deadlines: 30th June 2026 (Trustees meet quarterly).

The Royal Society – Partnership Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for primary, secondary schools and colleges to support the teaching of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Activities funded aim to enhance science education by encouraging collaboration between schools and professional scientists or engineers.

Key Criteria

- Eligible applicants include primary, secondary school and college teachers and practising scientists or engineers
- To be eligible for the Partnership Grant scheme, each project must involve at least two partners - a member of staff from a UK school or college, referred to as the school partner, and a STEM professional from academia or industry, referred to as the STEM partner
- Projects must involve students between the ages of 5 and 18
- Applications must be for a specific research project rather than a series of independent activities or experiments for a STEM club

Amounts available: Maximum £3,000

Application deadlines: 10th July 2026, 30th November 2026. Scheme closes 1st December 2026

Armed Forces Covenant – Family Fund: Early Years *

Summary

Funding is available for early childhood education and childcare providers to help enhance early childhood education and childcare settings to meet specific needs of young children from armed forces families.

Service life can bring unique challenges such as frequent moves, disrupted routines, or long periods without a parent at home. These experiences can affect a child's sense of security and wellbeing, particularly in their earliest years.

This programme seeks to help early years settings respond to those challenges by expanding available places, enhancing indoor and outdoor learning spaces, strengthening staff understanding of military family experiences, building local networks, and increasing engagement with families.

Local authorities can apply 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.

This year, your project must contribute to at least one of the following outcomes:

- Increased capacity at the setting to allow more service children to attend.
- Better learning environments for service children.
- Stronger staff skills and understanding of the needs of service children through targeted training and resources.
- Establishing collaborative networks and shared resources to better meet the needs of service children.
- Stronger engagement with families during key service-life challenges (e.g. mobility, deployment, separation)

Key Criteria

- Eligible organisations should be working with children aged 0 to 5 years
- Childminders cannot apply to this programme
- At least 50% of enrolled children should be from service families

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

Application deadlines: 15th July 2026

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

[Easyfundraising / Tesco - May Funding Pot](#) (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for a wide range of community-based organisations including community groups, voluntary organisations, charities, CICs, social enterprises, sport organisations, schools and education settings, churches and faith organisations.

Tesco have come together again with the funding platform easyfundraising to give a little help to good causes in May.

During May, when your network of volunteers and supporters shop with Tesco or F&F Clothing via the easyfundraising website or app, your organisation will receive free donations and has a chance to receive a £1,000 funding bonus.

Funding is unrestricted.

Key Criteria

To qualify for the Tesco Community Pledge:

- Firstly, make sure you [register your organisation](#) with easyfundraising
- Then, ask anyone connected to your organisation to use the easyfundraising platform when they want to shop with Tesco or F&F

Amounts available: Maximum £1,000 (5 x £1,000 grants are available). Plus, when your supporters shop with Tesco in May, they'll raise £3 for you if it's their first-time shop, and 50p for each subsequent shop they do at no extra cost, all courtesy of Tesco.

Application deadlines: The scheme runs for the month of May.

Harborough District Council – Community Grant

Summary

Funding is available to community organisations for capital projects which create lasting assets across the Harborough district, such as improvements to buildings, facilities, or purchasing and installing equipment.

There are two webinars planned for April to help support potential applicants:

- Webinar A - Step by Step - How to complete the online application form – 14th April at 2.30pm.
- Webinar C - Open forum - an opportunity to ask general questions about the Community Grant process or discuss a potential project – 20th April at 10.00am

Please use the [Booking Form](#) to register to attend the webinars.

Key Criteria

- Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as their project is ready, rather than waiting for later rounds, as early applications may be approved in full or partially depending on available funds. Grants officers can give further guidance about individual areas.
- Applications will only be accepted from town and parish councils, constituted parish meetings and constituted community groups/organisations.
- Before applications are submitted, all applicants must seek the views of their Ward Councillor(s) and include these within their application. This link is helpful for finding contacts: [Find my councillor Harborough District Council](#).
- Community organisations outside Market Harborough who wish to apply will also need to provide a letter of support from their Town/Parish Council or Meeting, which specifies the exact value of the grant they are supporting.
- In Market Harborough only, community organisations will first need to obtain a letter of support for their proposal from the Market Harborough Special Expenses Advisory Panel, consisting of the ten ward councillors, before the organisation applies.

Amounts available: The available funding has been proportioned across the District by settlement size. Please see the [Community Fund Allocation Document](#) to see the amount available in your area.

Application deadlines: 11th May 2026

HM Govt – Community Engagement Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for grassroots organisations, including registered charities and community groups, to help people better understand the Windrush Compensation Scheme and the Windrush Documentation Scheme.

Key Criteria

The Applicant must:

- Have at least two years' experience, within the past three years, delivering Windrush related community engagements
- Deliver the community engagement events without the requirement to purchase new fixed assets (e.g. laptops/mobile phones etc)
- Deliver at least one in person event as part of your project proposal

Amounts available: Grant amounts not disclosed. Total budget £150,000

Application deadlines: 12th May 2026.

SPAR – Community Cash Back Scheme

Summary

Funding is available to voluntary or community organisations, schools and charities which make a difference within their local area.

The scheme allows shoppers across the UK to apply for a grant for an organisation or charity they feel deserves funding.

Key Criteria

- Applicants will need to share the exceptional contribution a local organisation has made to their community and what the grant would be put towards
- Limited information available prior to the launch on 9th April

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000 (NB: a total of £20,000 is available in this round).

Application deadlines: Applications open on 9th April and close on 13th May 2026.

Museums Association - Health and Wellbeing in Museums Fund

Summary

Funding is available for museums to support innovative health and wellbeing programmes including mental health initiatives, projects addressing loneliness or physical health, creative engagement activities, partnerships with health and community organisations, and staff training.

Key Criteria

- Interested museums should complete the application quiz to check eligibility before getting in touch via the link provided at the end of the quiz
- The final submission deadline will be shared with invited applicants and will provide adequate time to complete an application.
- The museum should be able to demonstrate a track record and strategic commitment to health and wellbeing.

Museums must:

- Have an existing, excellent health and wellbeing programme to develop and embed
- Build on an established and evidenced track record of health and wellbeing work
- Fit within a strategic commitment to future health and wellbeing work

Amounts available: Between £50,000 and £75,000 (Around ten grants will be awarded).

Application deadlines: 20th May 2026

Charles Hayward Foundation – Social and Criminal Justice Grants

Summary

Funding is available to UK registered charities for projects that prevent criminal activity and rehabilitate offenders.

The Foundation will fund projects in the following sub-categories:

- Targeted early intervention programmes aimed at reaching the most troubled and vulnerable families in a community.
- Targeted 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.

Key Criteria

- Organisations should have an annual income between £350,000 and £4 million
- Smaller charities with incomes under £350,000 are encouraged to apply through the Foundation's separate Small Grant programme
- The Foundation does not fund, policy and research, short term interventions, generic youth programmes or capital projects

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

Application deadlines: 22nd May 2026

Sported – Barclays Community Sport Fund

Summary

Funding is available for a range of community-based organisations, including youth groups and sports clubs, to support projects that increase access to football, cricket and tennis for women and girls, particularly in disadvantaged or remote communities.

Funding is unrestricted and can cover delivery and core revenue costs such as equipment, coaching and venue hire.

Key Criteria

- Organisations should be primarily operating in Indices of Multiple Deprivation areas 1–3
- The programme will consider applications from groups engaging women and girls with disabilities or facing challenges of rural isolation, that are not in deprived areas.
- Only one application is allowed per organisation

Amounts available: Maximum £1,000

Application deadlines: 27th May 2026 (The scheme may close early if a high volume of eligible applications is received).

BIFFA - 2026 Partnerships Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to charities and not for profit organisations for 'Built Environment' projects which improve facilities such as cultural, heritage, and visitor centres, and 'Natural Environment' projects, which restore biodiversity and habitats.

Key Criteria

- A project site must be located within 25 miles of a significant Biffa Operation or active Biffa landfill site as well as being within 10 miles of a licenced landfill site
- A Third-Party Contributor must cover 10% of the application value, with all additional funding secured
- Build Environment projects should be able to demonstrate regional or national significance
- Projects must start in February 2027, complete within a year, and provide at least 104 days of public access annually
- Natural Environment projects should support the delivering of commitments within your country's Environmental Improvement Plan, legally binding targets from the Environment Act 2021 or priorities identified within Local Nature Recovery Strategies.
- Village halls, community centres and churches are not eligible to apply

Amounts available: Between £250,000 and £1 million

Application deadlines: 29th May 2026 for expressions of interest. Final decisions due in December 2026.

Wise Music Foundation (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to small UK charities supporting vulnerable people facing hardship, distress, illness, or poverty.

Priority is given to projects that help:

- Children
- The homeless
- The elderly
- People with disabilities

Key Criteria

- Charities with an annual turnover of up to £500,000 are eligible
- Due to the volume of applications, the Foundation is unable to advise in all cases when an application has been unsuccessful. If you do not hear from it within three months of an application, please assume that your application has not been successful on that occasion.

Amounts available: Between £500 and £5,000

Application deadlines: 31st May 2026 (Decisions in June 2026). There are four rounds per year.

Material Focus - Electrical Recycling Grant *

Summary

Funding is available for community sector organisations, including registered charities and local authorities, to run one year pilot projects that make it easier for households to recycle small unwanted electricals.

The scheme is looking to support pilots that introduce or expand local recycling options – including on-street collection banks, community collection points in high-footfall locations such as libraries and leisure centres, and refurbishment of existing bring banks.

Key Criteria

Projects must show long-term potential beyond the funded period

Amounts available: Maximum £100,000

Application deadlines: 31st May 2026

[The DPO Centre – Charity and Community Fund](#)

Summary

The DPO Centre is a data protection consultancy firm. The funding available is to provide access to the data protection consultancy services at a discount of 80%.

The support is available to a wide range of not-for-profit organisations irrespective of income or work area.

The website has information on the [data protection consultancy services](#) that the DPO Centre provides.

Key Criteria

- Organisations should be based in the UK, have a management committee in place of at least 3 unrelated people and have a bank account in its name
- Only one application per organisation in each 12-month period will be considered

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: 31st May 2026

[Caremark – Community Care Fund](#) * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to a range of community-based organisations including schools and local authorities for local projects that make a positive difference to people's lives.

This could include equipment for sports and activity groups, supplies for community gardens, improvements to community centres and village halls, and resources for food banks, support services, and early years settings.

Key Criteria

The Fund's judges will shortlist 12 projects, one from every UK region, which will then go head-to-head in a public vote on social media.

Amounts available: Maximum £3,000 (Only three grants will be awarded)

Application deadlines: 31st May 2026

[Leeds Building Society – Small Grants](#)

Summary

Funding is available for registered charities to support people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. Grants can contribute towards core, project or capital costs.

Alongside the purpose of supporting those in need of a safe and secure home, applications must meet one or more of the following funding priorities:

- Financial stress
- Security and refuge
- Quality and suitability of housing

Applications can also apply under the theme 'Health and wellbeing support for those experiencing homelessness' if it's part of wraparound support and the application also meets at least one of the other themes.

Key Criteria

Charities should have an income of under £500,000

Amounts available: Maximum £2,500

Application deadlines: 1st June 2026 (Decisions 24th June 2026)

[UnLtd – Awards for Social Entrepreneurs \(NEW GRANT\)](#)

Summary

Funding is available for young social entrepreneurs across the UK who are committed to making a positive impact in their communities

- The Funding Futures Programme is aimed at young social entrepreneurs aged 16 to 30. It supports those working to improve the financial inclusion of disadvantaged or marginalised people affected by the cost-of-living crisis.
- The Millennium Awards Trust is open to social entrepreneurs aged 16 and over. This stream welcomes applications from people working across all sectors and tackling a range of social issues.

In addition to financial support, successful applicants will receive a tailored support package, including dedicated support manager, peer learning opportunities, expert advice and legal consultancy

Key Criteria

- Applicants must either have not yet started trading or have been trading for less than one year
- The social venture must have a clear need and do more than raise awareness of the social issue

Amounts available:

- Starting Up Awards up to £8,000
- Scaling Up Awards up to £18,000

Application deadlines: 1st June 2026

Blaby District Council – Community Grants (UPDATED)

Summary

The grant schemes help community groups, sports clubs and charities improve facilities or run activities in Blaby District.

There are five grant schemes:

- Capital Green Grants - Eco-friendly projects
- Large Capital Grants - Building work or equipment
- Small Capital Grants - Equipment or start-up costs
- Revenue Grants - Running costs or events
- Everyone Active Grants - Health and wellbeing projects

Key Criteria

- Organisations can apply for one grant at a time, and the scheme will usually only fund an organisation once every two years.
- A level of match funding is required for capital grants
- Specific criteria apply to each grant scheme

Amounts available:

- Capital Green Grants £5,000
- Large Capital Grants £5,000
- Small Capital Grants £500
- Revenue Grants £500
- Everyone Active Grants £500

Application deadlines: 5th June 2026. Further deadlines on 25th September 2026, 4th December 2026 and 5th March 2027.

Anglian Water – Thriving Communities Fund

Summary

Funding is available for projects across the East of England that improve the natural water environment and deliver community benefits.

Projects must nurture, repair, protect or sustain the natural water environment. This means projects must deliver physical interventions or capital work that makes a positive difference to the natural water environment.

Projects could include work to reduce flood risk, improve water quality, improve biodiversity, expand green spaces, protect wildlife and boost wellbeing.

Key Criteria

- Eligible organisations include charities, community groups, environmental organisations, and schools.
- Funding is available to projects in the entire [Anglian Water region](#). The black boundary line on the map is the eligible area. This includes the extreme eastern side of Leicestershire.
- Please use the [postcode checker](#) to ensure you are in an eligible area, i.e. your water or sewerage services are delivered by Anglian Water

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

Application deadlines:

- For applications under £50,000 the deadline was 1st May 2026
- For applications over £50,000 expressions of interest can be submitted between 27th April and 8th June 2026

The National Archives – Project Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for community groups and heritage organisations across the UK to deliver collaborative heritage projects. The fund supports partnerships between GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives and museums) or heritage organisations and community groups.

The grants support in-depth research, skills development, and the creation of lasting resources that reflect diverse voices and experiences.

Key Criteria

- Projects must be community-led and co-designed, and may support new work or build on earlier Seed Corn activity
- Projects can last up to one year
- All funding must be spent by December 2027

Amounts available: Maximum £30,000

Application deadlines: 12th June 2026

OPCC – Community Action Fund

Summary

The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has announced further information on its rounds of funding for 2025-26. The next round to open will be:

Violence Against Women and Girls

Work in the following crime types will be supported:

- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Violence and Harassment
- Forced Marriage and Honour-Based Abuse
- FGM
- Stalking and Online Abuse
- Sexual Exploitation

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)
- Projects involving structural components (e.g. signage, CCTV, road markings) must have approval from the relevant authority. Evidence of this approval must be included in the application.

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: The Violence Against Women and Girls round of funding opens on 20th April 2026 and closes on 14th June 2026.

[The Matthew Good Foundation – Grants for Good Fund](#)

Summary

The aim is to support small charities, not-for-profit groups and social entrepreneurs who are 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.

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.

Offers unrestricted funds that can be used for any of the applying organisation's costs, including core running costs.

Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a UK-based local community group, charity, voluntary group or social enterprise
- Have an annual income of less than £50,000
- Have a bank account in the organisation's name

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 15th June 2026 (Deadline every three months)

[War Memorials Trust - Grant](#)

Summary

Funding is available to community organisations including councils and individuals for the repair and conservation of non-freestanding and freestanding war memorials in England.

The grants support the care and preservation of war memorials to a high standard and prevent the decay of this important part of our built heritage. Grants will normally cover 50% of eligible costs.

Key Criteria

- If the grant applicant is not responsible for the war memorial, they must provide written proof that they have the custodian's consent to carry out the proposed works
- The scheme does not fund new war memorials, maintenance, inappropriate works and works to graves

Amounts available:

- Non-freestanding maximum £5,000
- Freestanding maximum £20,000

Application deadlines: 30th June 2026 (Decision by 31st August 2026). There are generally three grant rounds per year.

[Yorkshire Building Society – Small Change Big Difference](#) (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Members and colleagues of the Yorkshire Building Society can nominate UK Charities to apply to the fund.

Once nominated, organisations can apply for grants to support initiatives that provide urgent support or relief to those experiencing financial hardship, to enable them to address immediate needs.

Key Criteria

- Priority will be given to organisations with an annual income under £100,000 and those supporting marginalised communities
- To access the funding, charities should consider encouraging supporters who are members or colleagues of the Yorkshire Building Society to nominate them for potential funding opportunities.
- Applicants must not have received a YBS Charitable Foundation donation in the last 2 years

Amounts available: Between £250 and £2,500

Application deadlines: The next nomination deadline is 30th June 2026. There are three other deadlines for nominations per year 31st March, 30th September and 31st December.

[Worshipful Company of Weavers – Charitable Gants](#)

Summary

Funding is available for UK charities and charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) to support projects that:

- Support offenders into work
- Help specific groups in the criminal justice sector
- Supporting young people already involved in the Criminal Justice System to ensure they are given every chance to realise their full potential and to participate fully in society

Key Criteria

- Organisations can have an annual income of up to £5 million
- Young people are defined as being aged 16-25 years

Amounts available:

- Small grants up to £5,000
- Main grants have no formal upper limit, but most awards are between £10,000 and £15,000

Application deadlines: 2nd July 2026 (Applications considered for decisions in October 2026).

Postcode Innovation Trust – Dream Fund * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to registered charities together with two to four partners for collaborative projects addressing social challenges across the UK.

Partners may include charities, universities, companies, local authorities and other not-for-profit organisations.

Projects must align with one or more of the Postcode Trust themes, which include health, wellbeing, families, children, environmental conservation, biodiversity, wildlife and animals, culture and heritage.

Key Criteria

- The lead applicant must have an annual income of at least £5 million
- Applicants can apply more than once, either as a lead or a partner organization, up to a maximum of twice
- Applications that score highly in their originality, ambition and collaborative nature stand the highest chances of being successful.
- It is critical that the project ideas can deliver exceptionally strong impact and are pushing boundaries in terms of their innovation, rather than rigidly matching a pre-existing theme.

Amounts available: One award of £5 million (over one to five years)

Application deadlines: 31st July 2026 for Stage 1 applications. There is a three-stage application process.

Baily Thomas - General Grants Programme (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for UK charities, parent-teacher associations, and schools to help children and adults with severe learning difficulties, including autism.

The funding can be used to purchase equipment, support capital works, and cover project and core costs.

Key Criteria

- A further application from an organisation will not normally be considered for a period of at least two years after consideration of a previously successful grant (if your previous application was unsuccessful, this period is one year)
- CIC's are not currently eligible to apply

Amounts available:

- Small Grants - up to £5,000
- Main Grants - £5,000 or over

Application deadlines:

- Main Grants deadline of 31st August 2026 (Decisions in November 2026).
- Small Grants – applications can be made at any time

William and Jane Morris Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for churches, chapels and other places of worship, built before 1896, to carry out small programmes of conservation work to decorative features and monuments.

Eligible work includes, but is not limited to, stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments, tombs, and wall paintings.

Key Criteria

- All work funded must be directed by a professional architect or established conservator and completed according to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) principles
- The object being restored must have been made no later than 1896

Amounts available: Between £500 and £5,000

Application deadlines: 31st August 2026 (Decisions in November 2026).

Grocers Charity - Open Grant (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to UK-registered charities working to reduce disadvantage and improve quality of life for vulnerable people. Funding is available for projects across a range of priority areas, including poverty relief, disability inclusion, and health and wellbeing. It also supports work with children and young people, older people and veterans, as well as projects in the arts, heritage and environment.

Key Criteria

- Eligible applicants include small and grassroots charities with an annual turnover below £500,000, as well as medical charities with an income below £15 million.
- Places of worship and educational establishments are not eligible
- There are separate criteria for each of the funding categories

Amounts available: Maximum £5,000

Application deadlines: 1st September 2026 for expressions of interest.

School for Social Entrepreneurs – Trading for Good

Summary

Funding is available to support community businesses to strengthen their impact through enterprise.

The scheme offers ten learning days across a year with expert advice, specialist support and mentoring. Some sessions will take place online and some in-person. There will be a Midlands cohort to minimise travel.

Training will support skills to:

- Generate income to be invested in your community through trading
- Create a resilient, growing community business
- Adapt to changes in external environments
- Develop emotional resourcefulness
- Build and benefit from new networks
- Positively impact your community

In addition, there will be a Match Trading grant which can be used flexibly, helping you to attend the programme and to put your learning into practice by developing your trading and community business.

Key Criteria

- Organisations must first register their interest on the [School for Social Entrepreneurs website](#)
- To claim the full grant, organisations will need to show that their trading income has increased by £4,000 over the year
- Organisations must be:
 - A community business or committed to and working towards being a community business (see below)
 - Based in England
 - Planning on starting or growing the income it makes from trading
 - Be at an earlier stage (see below)
 - Be for public benefit rather than private benefit

Amounts available: Maximum £4,000 (Match Trading)

Application deadlines: Scheme runs from 31st March to 30th September 2026

HM Govt. – School-Based Nursery Capital Grant *

Summary

Funding is available for Local Authorities to expand early-years education capacity in areas where demand for childcare exceeds available provision.

Local Authorities may bid on behalf of state-funded primary schools, maintained nursery schools and Best Start Family Hub sites.

The route for submitting funding proposals will be confirmed through an update to the grant guidance by spring 2026.

Key Criteria

- Eligible activity includes new nursery provision, facility expansion or refurbishment, and projects increasing childcare capacity.
- Projects should be delivered between 2027 and 2030

Amounts available: Not disclosed but projects are expected to cost under £1 million.

Application deadlines: 30th September 2026

National Lottery – Climate Action Fund - Food Systems * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for partnerships with long-term projects that increase access to healthy, affordable food in environmentally sustainable ways.

The Fund will support projects that:

- Work with nature to create resilient, sustainable and equitable food systems (this is called agroecology)
- Address the root cause of long-term problems, not just the symptoms (this is called systems change)

Projects must work towards systems change in the way that:

- Community organisations grow and produce food – using agroecological methods
- Food gets distributed – aiming for equitable access to healthy, affordable food for all
- Offers people and communities different food options – especially those experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination

Eligible costs include staff costs, transport, utilities, equipment, and costs that help organisations support communities and smaller partner organisations.

Key Criteria

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organisations working in partnership, such as charities, CICs, CIOs, schools, universities and public bodies.

Projects must:

- Make a lasting impact on climate change, the environment and nature
- Significantly increase access to healthy, affordable food – especially for those experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
- Have firm plans to measure the impact of your work

Amounts available: Between £2.5 and £5 million for over three to seven years.

Application deadlines: Open. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with decisions taking up to 39 weeks.

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.

Please check the [Upcoming Events](#) page for the latest information on training opportunities.

Contact Details:

Tel: (0116) 257 5050

Email: helpline@valonline.org.uk

[CASE](#) – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire



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@llrcommunityfoundation.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.