Monthly Funding Information
November 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.

This document, along with information about other sources of funding and associated support, can also be accessed via the Leicestershire Communities Grants and Funding page.

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Social Investment Business – Flexible Finance Fund (New)	Open
Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Migration Fund (New)	Open

Funding for projects which support Adults

Veterans Foundation – Access Unconquered: Adaptive Sports Grants
(NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for charities and other not-for-profit organisations to support adapted sporting activities exclusively benefiting wounded, injured and sick (WIS) veterans and serving personnel.

The grant scheme will fund organisations whose work supports the wider goals of Invictus Games Birmingham 2027:

- Inspire Recovery: Foster holistic pathways that empower and support participants to embrace a new reality, embark on a recovery journey, and reach their full potential through the transformative power of sport and community.
- Improve Resilience: Enhance resilience of Armed Forces wounded, injured and sick and their families by understanding and overcoming barriers, preparing for the future and successfully adapting to life after injury or illness.
- Influence Reconnection: Positively influence reconnection and social integration of the armed forces wounded, injured and sick, realising mutual benefits and enabling communities to thrive.

Key Criteria

- Applicants must have substantial recent experience supporting the Armed Forces community
- Applicants must have an annual income of under £1million
- Statutory organisations; Local Authorities, NHS, Educational Institutions are not eligible
- 'Adaptive sport' is sporting activity that has been modified through equipment, coaching, rules or delivery methods to enable WIS members of the Armed Forces community to participate
- All projects must have WIS veterans and serving personnel as their exclusive, direct beneficiaries and contribute their improved physical and mental health
- Please note that due to the high volume of grant applications we receive, if you have an existing grant award, you may only submit a new application six months from the date of the previous grant award. If your application is unsuccessful, you can reapply 3 months after the decision notification.
- Funding must be spent by 31st May 2027

Amounts available: Between £1,000 and £15,000

Application deadlines: 4th December 2026

MOD – LGBT Financial Recognition Scheme

Summary

Individuals affected by the Armed Forces LGBT Ban between 1967 and 2000 can apply for the Financial Recognition Scheme and other forms of recognition.

Whether you were dismissed, discharged or affected in other ways, it's worth checking what's available before the deadline.

Dedicated advisers are available to answer questions, explain the schemes, talk through what applicants may be eligible for and support them throughout their application.

- Dismissed or Discharged Payment – if you were dismissed or discharged because of the LGBT Ban you can apply for a financial recognition payment of £50,000
- Impact Payment – if you were affected by the Ban in other ways while serving, for example you experienced harassment, investigations, disciplinary action or other forms of mistreatment you can apply for a financial recognition payment oof £20,000
- Non-financial scheme – everyone affected by the Ban can request forms of non-financial restorative measure including receiving an official letter of apology or a restoration ceremony

Key Criteria

- The scheme is open to anyone who was impacted by the LGBT Ban, regardless of their actual sexual orientation or gender identity. This means that veterans or personnel who experienced mistreatment under the policy due to the perception of others are able to apply.
- Persons of Sufficient Interest can apply for Non-Financial Restorative Measures on behalf of a deceased affected veteran, but not for either of the two financial payments.

Application deadlines: 12th December 2026

Flutter UK & Ireland – Cash4Clubs

Summary

Funding is available to not-for-profit sports organisations, charities, community groups and formally constituted clubs for activities which sustain or expand opportunities for adults, aged 18 and over, to take part in sport.

The funding is unrestricted so organisations can use it as they see fit, whether that's to purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications or invest in the sustainability of their club.

Key Criteria

- Organisations that also run activities for children or young people under 18 are not eligible to apply.
- Priority will be given to organisations working in disadvantaged areas and with groups that are under-represented in sport, including women, racially diverse communities, disabled people and LGBT+ people
- The funding should be spent within a six-month period

Amounts available: Maximum £2,000

Application deadlines: Open. Scheme closes on 1st January 2027

Nuffield Foundation – Extending Healthier Working Lives (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for UK-based organisations to help people aged 50 and over who are disabled or have long-term health conditions stay in work or return to employment. The Foundation encourages collaboration between researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds and non-academic partners.

It can fund activity in two areas:

- Extending what we know about effective approaches - Improving the evidence base for effective approaches to supporting people with long-term mental or physical health conditions or disabled people over the age of 50. This can be by:
    - Evaluating the impact and implementation of existing pilots or programmes that have potential to be scaled;
    - Understanding how scaling of effective approaches can be achieved; or,
    - Delivering and evaluating innovative approaches with a clear theory of change and potential for wider rollout.
- Addressing barriers and seizing opportunities - It will support research and analysis on specific challenges faced by older disabled people and those with long-term health conditions staying in, or re-entering, work. This should lead to new insights that can inform action.

Key Criteria

- Funding cannot be used for clinical treatments, existing services or projects focused solely on collecting data
- All projects must involve people with direct experience of the issues being addressed

Amounts available: Maximum £750,000 (over four years).

Application deadlines: 14th January 2027 (For initial applications. Shortlisted applicants invited to submit full applications in April 2027).

Turning Point – Community Innovation Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for charities, community groups, social enterprises and Turning Point services to support initiatives that promote inclusion, wellbeing, and positive social impact in their local areas.

Projects should focus on one or more of the following themes:

- Employment, Volunteering & Skills - Supporting people to learn, grow and access opportunities.
- Social Connections & Community Participation - Helping people build relationships and feel part of their community.
- Housing & Basic Living Standards - Making sure people have stability and the essentials they need to thrive.
- Access to Health & Care Services - Removing barriers and helping people get the right support when they need it.
- Healthy Lifestyles & Prevention - Promoting safer choices, wellbeing and early support.
- Tackling Racism, Inequality & Stigma - Creating inclusive, welcoming communities where everyone is valued.

Key Criteria

- Applicants must be based in areas where Turning Point provides services
- Projects must be co-designed with people with lived experience and have a clear theme that aligns with both the Marmot Principles (reducing health inequalities) and the Five Ways to Wellbeing (Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give).

Amounts available: Maximum £2,500

Application deadlines: Open

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

Barclays Community Sport Fund – Female Coaches for Girls Grant

Summary

Funding is available for sports clubs, youth groups, charities and community organisations to make football, cricket and tennis more accessible to women and girls in underserved communities across the UK.

The fund will cover the cost of a Level 1 or equivalent coaching qualification and any additional safeguarding and first aid requirements for their chosen sport.

Key Criteria

To be eligible for funding, the female coaches you put forward must meet the following criteria:

- Aged 16+ (or 18+ depending on specific course eligibility)
- Already coaching girls or would like to start
- Part of a club or group with women and/or girls' provision where they would like to begin or continue coaching (e.g. current player, parent of a player, volunteer etc)
- Can undertake their coaching qualification within 12 months (subject to course availability)
- It particularly welcomes applications from female coaches from diverse backgrounds and with lived experience, to help ensure the programme reflects the communities it serves

Amounts available: Maximum £400 (towards the cost of two qualifications at £200 each).

Application deadlines: 4th November 2026 (although the fund may close early if oversubscribed).

British Science Association – Curiosity Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to support schools in challenging circumstances to create opportunities for underrepresented young people to engage with the skills, concepts, stories and people behind research and innovation, and to build the school capacity to embed these experiences in everyday learning.

This may include helping students to:

- Explore how new knowledge is created (research), in any discipline
- Experience how existing science and tech is used to solve real-world problems (innovation)
- Learn about the people and careers in science and technology

Key Criteria

- College/FE, secondary, primary school, special school, and alternative provision educators supporting young people aged approximately 5-19 are eligible to apply. However, the funding priorities are more likely to be met by schools working with older students (i.e. aged 11+ or working at that level).
- The following criteria must be met:
    - The school is state funded. Registered independent special schools that receive local authority funding for places are also eligible to apply
    - The school is not academically selective
    - The school also meets at least one of the following criteria:
    - A minimum of 30% of students are from ethnic minority backgrounds*
    - A minimum of 30% of students experiencing economic deprivation: In England eligible for free school meals (FSM**) or pupil premium
    - The school is located in a designated area classified as rural
- Activities/events can commence as soon as funding is received, and delivery is to be completed by 31st July 2027.

Amounts available: Maximum £600

Application deadlines: 4th November 2026

Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Teacher Development Fund

Summary

Funding is available for primary schools and arts/cultural organisations to support arts-based learning and professional development in primary education.

All projects should focus on how arts-based approaches can build equity in schools so that pupils who experience systemic inequity can access and make progress in their learning.

Key Criteria

- Arts organisations can be charities, community organisations, social enterprises and not-for-profit companies active in the arts and culture sector
- Participating schools can be mainstream, specialist SEND or alternative provision settings, working with primary-age children
- Projects should last for two academic years
- All applications must have solid partnerships in place
- Each partnership must include one or more arts/cultural organisations
- A minimum of six and a maximum of ten schools should be involved in each project, regardless of whether the lead applicant is an arts/cultural organisation or a school
- Each participating school should commit at least two teachers and one senior leader to the project, though flexibility can be offered to small, rural schools

Amounts available: Maximum £165,000 (over two academic years).

Application deadlines: 11th November 2026 (For first stage applications, decisions by 10th December 2026).

National Lottery LGBT+ Fund – Youth Joy Fund **(NEW GRANT)**

Summary

Funding is available for not-for-profit organisations including youth groups to support activities that improve wellbeing, belonging and self-acceptance among LGBT+ young people aged 11 to 25.

Funding can support youth work, trips, outings, community engagement, local events and activities that encourage social connections.

It can support both core and project/activity costs.

Key Criteria

- Organisations must have been delivering youth work for a minimum of 2 years and must have existing LGBT+ youth provision to apply to the fund
- All grants must be fully spent within 18 months of the date a grant is awarded
- Only one application per organisation is permitted

Amounts available: Between £5,000 and £25,000

Application deadlines: 18th November 2026 (Decisions in March 2027)

Youth Music – Trailblazer Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for projects that support disadvantaged and disabled children and young people in making, learning, and earning in music. The project should trial work or test a new way of working, sustain a grassroots programme or disrupt the status quo (or all three!).

The work must meet one of the following themes:

- Early years
- Disabled, d/Deaf and neurodivergent young people
- Youth justice system
- Young people facing barriers
- Young adults
- Organisations and the workforce

Key Criteria

- The organisation applying for Trailblazer funding must be actively involved in project management or delivery. Working in partnership with other organisations is fine. However, applications will be ineligible if the applicant organisation plans to hand over the majority of the grant to a third party who will plan, manage and deliver the project.
- A minimum of 10% match funding is required
- Applying organisations should have an annual turnover of less than £250,000
- Projects must last between 6 and 24 months
- Organisations less than one year old can only apply for a maximum of £15,000
- Schools and academies and universities can't apply to this fund

Amounts available: Between £2,000 and £30,000

Application deadlines: 20th November 2026 (Decisions in March 2027).

The Frederick Soddy School Awards

Summary

Funding is available to schools in the UK and Ireland planning geography fieldwork and expeditions that include a strong element of human geography.

The grants aim to enable students aged 5 to 18 years to gain the valuable experience provided by fieldwork, regardless of background or circumstances.

Key Criteria

- Grants are awarded on the merits of each project, with priority given to schools who were not funded the previous year
- The grants cannot support the costs of physical resources
- Successful applicants will need to submit a risk assessment approved by their institution before funding can be released

Amounts available: Between £200 and £700

Application deadlines: 30th November 2026 (Decisions on applications are normally communicated by mid-March).

Youth Music – Recharge Fund: Racial Equity (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to creative organisations in England that are led by and support communities affected by racial injustice.

The fund aims to strengthen organisations working creatively with children and young people aged 0 to 25. Although Youth Music is a national charity focused on improving young people's lives through music, the fund is open to organisations working across all art forms.

Grants are mainly intended to cover day-to-day running costs and organisational development, rather than individual creative projects.

Key Criteria

To be eligible, organisations must:

- Have been operating for at least one year by December 2026
- Have an annual turnover of £500,000 or less
- Show that communities affected by racial injustice play a central role in decision-making and are the main beneficiaries of their work
- Start their programme between 1st June 2027 and 30th September 2027

Amounts available: Between £40,000 and £120,000 over four years.

Application deadlines: 4th December 2026 (Decisions in March 2027).

Nuffield Foundation – Essential Employment Skills Fund

Summary

Funding is available for UK organisations to evaluate existing programmes that help 16 to 24-year-olds facing significant barriers to employment develop essential employment skills and access good jobs.

Applications are sought from partnerships which bring together programme delivery organisations and independent evaluators. Delivery partners may include third-sector organisations, education and training providers, employers, and organisations working with young people. Independent evaluators should have appropriate expertise in impact and process evaluation.

Key Criteria

- Partnership teams will require expertise in both evaluating and delivering frontline programmes
- It is essential that the partnership is established prior to applying and that the research design is co-developed
- A programme must have an explicit focus on developing at least one essential employment skill among the young people participating, although most programmes are likely to address more than one.
- A programme must be based on a clear and compelling theory of change, underpinned by prior testing of this or similar programmes and/or relevant theoretical literature.
- Earliest possible start date for projects is September 2027

Amounts available: Maximum £500,000 (It is anticipated that most grant awards will be between £200,000 and £400,000).

Application deadlines: 10th December 2026 (For outline applications with shortlisting decisions communicated in February 2027).

HM Govt. – Dept for Education - Condition Improvement Fund * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to eligible academies, voluntary aided schools and sixth-form colleges in England to improve their buildings and facilities.

There are three categories of Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) project:

- Condition - projects to improve the condition of buildings, with no expansion of the gross internal floor area (GIFA)
- Condition with expansion - projects to improve the condition where the GIFA of the new block is up to 10% larger than the previous block. The aim of the project must primarily be to address significant condition need
- Expansion - to create additional places or address existing overcrowding in schools, where the existing number of pupils on roll is greater than capacity

The focus of the fund is to keep school and college buildings safe and in good working order. The highest priority is given to condition projects that address compliance and health and safety issues. These include building safety matters, fire protection systems, gas safety, electrical safety or emergency asbestos removal.

Key Criteria

- All projects must aim to improve a capital asset currently used for educational provision for pupils between the ages of 2 and 19 years.
- Assets must be held freehold by the school or college concerned, held by the school on a long lease (minimum 25 years) or held by charitable site trustees for the school's purposes.
- Schools in multi-academy trust or voluntary aided schools should have fewer than five schools in the group or fewer than 3000 pupils
- Applicants looking to expand must demonstrate that they are high performing and the GIFA of the new block must be more than 10% larger than the previous block or add functional areas or facilities.
- Primary Schools - minimum project funding threshold of £20,000 and maximum project funding threshold of £4 million.
- Secondary and colleges - minimum project funding threshold of £50,000 and maximum project funding threshold of £4 million.

Amounts available: Maximum £500,000

Application deadlines: 15th December 2026 (Please note that new applicants must register for a Condition Improvement Fund portal account by 30th November 2026). Decisions in May 2027.

The Adamson Trust (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to families and groups of children, schools, organisations, and other 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 aged 3 to 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

Amounts available: Average grant of £250

Application deadlines: 31st December 2026

Digital Poverty Alliance – Tech4Youth (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Tech4Youth supports young people aged 11 to 19 who are currently without a suitable device at home by providing free laptops, connectivity, and support with digital skills. The laptop is completely free with no rental agreement and no requirement for it to be returned.

The scheme is currently available in Leicestershire, Leicester and Lincolnshire.

Key Criteria

- Applicants can apply directly if aged 16 to 19, but will need to apply through a parent or carer if aged under 16
- A trusted professional – such as a teacher, youth worker, or councillor – must "verify" that the young person would benefit from receiving a device
- Please note that if your application is approved, it can take three to six months before your device will arrive. After verification, it may be some months before you receive an update

Amounts available: The scheme provides free laptops.

Application deadlines: Open, applications can be submitted at any time. Please note that the scheme is due to end in April 2027, but it will close earlier if all 150 laptops have been allocated.

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

Consortium – LGBT+ Get Active Fund

Summary

Funding is available for UK-based, LGBT+ led non-profit groups and organisations to support community-based sport and physical activity.

Physical activities is any activity that intentionally and explicitly facilitates increased physical movement and wellbeing. Examples include hiking, skateboarding, football, ballroom and vogue, gardening, frisbee, dance, and circus skills.

Priority will be given to under-resourced grassroots organisations supporting LGBT+ communities facing additional barriers to participation.

Funds can be used for project and activity costs, subsidising training or activity costs, core or running costs, collaborative work between organisations and coaching qualifications.

Key Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be registered or based in the UK and be led by and for LGBT+ people.
- Be an LGBT+ sports or physical activity organisation that has run recent, or runs existing project(s) focused on sports or physical activities

OR

- A non-sporting LGBT+ organisation that runs existing project(s) focused on sport or physical activities
- Have been operating for at least six months at the time of applying

Amounts available: Between £5,000 and £25,000 per year for up to two years.

Application deadlines: 4th November 2026 (Decisions in February 2027).

Armed Forces Covenant – Family Focus Programme *

Summary

Funding is available to UK-registered charities, CICs, Local Authorities and NHS organisations for projects supporting armed forces families with care needs to access support, improve wellbeing and resilience, and prepare for the future, either during service or transition and civilian life.

Projects should last two to three years.

All projects must meet at least one of the following outcomes:

- Armed forces families with care needs report increased knowledge of, and confidence in accessing, information, advice, guidance and services relevant to their circumstances.
- Armed forces families with care needs report reduced loneliness and isolation, improved emotional wellbeing and increased resilience.
- Armed forces family members in a caregiving role develop skills, knowledge or confidence that improves their readiness to pursue volunteering, training or employment when the time is right for them.

Key Criteria

- Project planning should involve people with lived experience
- Charities and CIC's should have been registered for at least three years
- Charities and CICs can apply even if they don't have strong recent experience of supporting armed forces communities. But they must deliver the project with one or more organisations that do have this experience
- For this programme, substantial recent experience of supporting armed forces communities means your organisation either specifically exists to support veterans, serving personnel or armed forces families, or can demonstrate that supporting these groups forms a significant and regular part of your current work
- Local authorities and NHS bodies are expected to work in partnership with other relevant organisations and must demonstrate that all proposed activities are additional to their statutory responsibilities

Amounts available: Between £100,000 and £200,000

Application deadlines: 4th November 2026 (Decisions February 2027)

OPCC – Community Action Fund – Neighbourhood Crime

Summary

The OPCC's 5th funding round is designed to support local communities with tackling neighbourhood crime, reducing anti-social behaviour and helping residents feel safer in the places where they live, work and visit.

Projects can be wide ranging could include:

- Crime Prevention Workshops – Sessions for residents, schools or community groups on personal safety, home security, fraud awareness and crime prevention.
- Youth Diversion Activities – Programmes that provide positive activities, mentoring and skills development opportunities for young people who may be at risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour or crime.
- Community Safety Events – Local events that raise awareness of crime prevention, encourage community engagement and build stronger neighbourhood networks.
- Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Campaigns – Projects that educate communities about the impact of anti-social behaviour and promote positive community values.
- Environmental Improvements – Community-led initiatives that improve public spaces, reduce opportunities for crime, and increase feelings of safety, such as signage, community clean-ups, or planting projects.
- Community Cohesion Projects – Activities that bring people together, reduce isolation, and help foster a stronger sense of belonging and shared responsibility for community safety.
- Heritage Crime Prevention Projects – Initiatives that help safeguard local heritage assets from criminal damage, theft, vandalism, anti-social behaviour and arson. Funding could support security improvements such as CCTV, lighting, alarms, locks and other protective measures at locations including churches, historic buildings, war memorials, heritage railways and community heritage sites.

Key Criteria

- A wide range of community organisations can apply including charities, schools, constituted community groups and Parish Councils
- Organisations may submit more than one application
- Organisations must have fewer than 30 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff. Volunteers and school staff are not counted in this total

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines: 8th November 2026

Better Community Business Network Grant

Summary

Funding is available to a range of community-based organisations for initiatives that have a positive impact on their local community.

Key Criteria

- To be eligible, all organisations and community interest groups must be registered with a recognised governing body (such as the Charity Commission or Companies House) for a minimum of 18 months
- Projects must address a community issue or support a local community initiative; and provide benefits to the local community.
- Core/ Running costs and expenses (on-going venue hire, staff cost and salary, bills, printing) are not eligible

Amounts available: Maximum £3,000

Application deadlines: 9th November 2026 (There are three rounds per year).

Leeds Building Society Foundation – Small Grant

Summary

Funding is available for UK registered charities to support people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. The fund can be used for core costs, project costs, or capital expenses.

Activities could include support for financial hardship, access to housing, and tenancy sustainment.

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 must have an annual income of under £500,000

Amounts available: Maximum £2,500

Application deadlines:11th November 2026 (Decisions 2nd December 2026). There are four rounds per year.

Great British Energy – Community Fund

Summary

Funding is available for community organisations to develop and build community-owned clean energy projects.

Three funds are available:

- Feasibility grants - to test whether your project idea is viable before committing significant time or money.
- Development grants - to turn a viable idea into an investment-ready project.
- Capital grants - to help a construction-ready project bridge remaining funding gaps

Key Criteria

- Eligible organisations include community benefit societies, community interest companies, co-operative societies, development trusts, registered charities and Town or Parish Councils.
- Project must be designed to be at least 50% community owned when operational
- Applicants must demonstrate evidence of support from the local community, including how local people, organisations or stakeholders have been engaged in the development of the project
- All grant funding must be claimed by 31st March 2028

Amounts available:

- Feasibility grants of up to £40,000
- Development grants of up to £100,000
- Capital grants of up to £3 million (or 50% of total project value)

Application deadlines:12th November 2026

Neighbourly / B&Q Foundation - Home Improvement Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to UK charities for projects that make homes safer, more welcoming and comfortable for people in need. The Foundation supports charities helping people facing homelessness, domestic abuse, disability, illness or financial hardship.

Funding can support essential improvements to accommodation and gardens connected to accommodation.

Key Criteria

- Charities providing accommodation or supporting people moving into their own homes are eligible
- Projects must be completed within 12 months
- CICs and unregistered community groups are not eligible
- The fund does not support improvements to community centres, support hubs, offices, staff or volunteer areas, meeting rooms or therapeutic/wellbeing spaces.
- Projects must be owned by the charity of have permission from the landlord

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines:13th November 2026

School for Social Entrepreneurs – DPS Social Commitment

Summary

Funding is available for charities and social enterprises tackling homelessness and housing insecurity in England and Wales. There are two schemes:

- The Activate Programme: aimed at earlier-stage organisations. Offers grants alongside business development support, coaching and peer learning over a nine-month period.
- The Scale Programme: for more established organisations that are ready to grow. Offers grants alongside business development support, coaching and peer learning over a nine-month period.

Key Criteria

- The Activate Programme is generally for organisations with an income below £100,000.
- The Scale Programme is generally for organisations with an income of over £100,000
- Both programmes are for organisations which are based in and have a majority of beneficiaries in England or Wales and which either helps people access or sustain a home – some or all of which should be in the private rented sector or reduces homelessness and rough sleeping.

Amounts available:

- The Activate Programme up to £7,000
- The Scale Programme up to £10,000

Application deadlines:16th November 2026

Rosa – Voices Form the Frontline **(NEW GRANT)**

Summary

Funding is available to support the work of grassroots women's and girl's organisations in achieving change in the UK. The fund can be used to support campaigning and influencing work that enables women and girls to use their voice in addressing social issues.

Key Criteria

Organisations must:

- Be governed and led by women
- Have a Board of Trustees (or similar) where the Chair is a woman, and the majority of members are women
- Have the principal objective of working with women and/or girls
- Have been active for a minimum of a year
- The majority of your organisation's employee leadership team will be women
- The majority of your organisation's beneficiaries are, and will always be, women and/or girls

Amounts available: Maximum £10,000

Application deadlines:16th November 2026

FCC Environmental Action Fund * (UPDATED)

Summary

Funding is available to a range of not-for-profit organisations including charities and local authorities for improvements to community amenities, conservation and biodiversity projects.

Eligible projects include community buildings, play areas, MUGAs, skate/BMX parks, sports facilities, hireable church spaces, parks/woodlands, nature reserves and museums.

Key Criteria

- Projects must be located on a single site within 10 miles of an FCC Environment facility. Please use the distance checker to check for eligibility.
- The closest FCC sites appear to be at Colsterworth and Leadenham in Lincolnshire and Eastcroft in Nottinghamshire
- Applying organisations must own or lease the land on which the project is to take place. If the land is leased there must be a minimum of five years remaining
- The sites must be open and accessible to the public
- Projects should have a maximum cost of £250,000

Amounts available: Between £10,000 and £100,000

Application deadlines: 18th November 2026 (Decision in March 2027).

Will Charitable Trust – Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for registered and exempt charities whose work is within these fields with projects based in England:

- Blind care
- Long term care of people with learning disabilities
- Cancer care

The grant has a focus of supporting organisations aimed at providing opportunities to improve connection and belonging for people who may be isolated as a result of blindness, learning disabilities, or cancer.

Both project grants and core funding are available.

Key Criteria

- Organisations must have an annual turnover of at least £50,000
- Charities with liquid (free) reserves covering more than 18 months' expenditure are not eligible unless they can clearly demonstrate that they are in financial need
- Charities that do not yet have a track record of service delivery (or other convincing evidence of ability) are not eligible

Amounts available: Minimum grant of £10,000. Grants average £20,000

Application deadlines: 20th November 2026

National Archives – Resilience Grants * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for archives and records services, including museums, libraries, universities, and community and heritage organisations, to develop sustainable, practical solutions that build organisational resilience, help them adapt to change, and continue contributing to communities and the economy.

Key Criteria

- If the archive is not currently accessible for public use, the organisation must have the intention to make the collection freely accessible to the public in the future
- The organisation must employ or have access to professional support from an archivist or similarly qualified professional
- The grant cannot support overheads, management fees or collections acquisition

Amounts available: Maximum £20,000

Application deadlines: 20th November 2026 (Decisions in January 2027).

NHS Blood and Transplant – Community Grants (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for a wide range of community organisations to inspire greater awareness and support for donation, particularly among Black and Asian communities.

The scheme aims to address the shortage of organs for individuals awaiting transplants from all Black and Asian communities, by supporting projects that raise awareness of either deceased or living donation.

Applications are also encouraged from groups or projects which aim to increase the number of blood donors of Black heritage.

Key Criteria

- Blood donation projects must be focused on engaging Black African and Caribbean communities only
- Deceased organ donation and living kidney donation projects must be focused on engaging all ethnic minority and faith communities
- Combined blood and organ donation projects are permitted but the blood donation element must be focused on Black African and Caribbean communities only
- Projects focused only on deceased organ donation cannot apply for the £50,000 funding band.
- Projects should run from December 2026 to December 2028

Amounts available:

- Between £10,000 and £20,000 per year for two years for organisations looking to deliver a project focusing on blood donation, living kidney donation, deceased organ donation or combined deceased organ and blood donation projects.
- Maximum £50,000 per year for two years for organisations looking to deliver a project focusing on blood donation, living kidney donation or combined deceased organ and blood donation projects.

Application deadlines: 24th November 2026

Henry Smith Foundation – Enterprise Gateway Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for small charities, community groups, social enterprises and early-stage social entrepreneurs to:

- Help organisations and social entrepreneurs turn promising trading ideas into practical business plans
- Help them test and develop new sources of earned income
- Strengthen their enterprise skills, capabilities and longer-term financial resilience
- Increase access to enterprise support in communities experiencing high deprivation, including IMD 1–3 areas and where enterprise development support is currently limited

The Funding will be awarded initially to at least four Intermediary Partner organisations which will distribute grants to smaller organisations and provide business development support, peer learning and networking opportunities.

Key Criteria

- Small organisations and social entrepreneurs cannot apply directly to the Foundation
- Intermediary Partner organisations should:
    - Have an annual income of over £500,000
    - Have an established track record of supporting organisations or social entrepreneurs to develop enterprise or trading activity
    - Have experience of managing onward grants, including appropriate grant making processes, financial controls and data management
    - Be able to design and deliver practical enterprise development support alongside grants
    - Have established networks that enable you to reach organisations or social entrepreneurs that have traditionally had limited access to enterprise support.

Amounts available: Between £500,000 and £1.5 million (over three years).

Application deadlines: 25th November 2026 (for expressions of interest).

Historic England – Neighbourhood Heritage Grant * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to community groups, charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs) and local authorities for community-led heritage projects in disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

Funding can support activities such as exploring local heritage, recording people's memories, researching local history, identifying important heritage sites, and running workshops and creative activities.

Key Criteria

- Projects must be co-created, within an area of IMD1-3, and working with underrepresented communities. This includes Communities experiencing socio-economic disadvantage, Communities who are less likely to participate in heritage activity, Minority ethnic communities, Disabled people, Neurodivergent people and LGBTQ+ communities
- Projects should ideally be completed by August 2028
- Applicants do not necessarily need to be heritage organisation but need to explain how they will obtain suitable advice or work with a heritage partner

Amounts available: Maximum £15,000

Application deadlines: 27th November 2026 (Decisions by end of January 2027)

Wise Music Foundation

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: 30th November 2026 (Decisions in December 2026). There are four rounds per year.

Music For All – Schools and Community Group Awards (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Support is available to community groups, charities and schools for musical instruments, software and grants to help people in disadvantaged and marginalised communities take part in music-making.

Specific instruments and equipment are available:

- 5 Electro acoustic or classical guitars
- 12 acoustic guitars
- 30 Pbuzz instruments
- 30 Ukuleles
- Licences to Arturia Analog Lab Pro software

Funding is also available for groups supporting children aged 0 to 4 years of age to listen to or participate in music.

Key Criteria

Applicants will need to demonstrate the barriers they face and explain how the equipment or the funds will support their music making aspirations and be used to remove barriers for participants.

Amounts available:

- The scheme provides the actual musical equipment
- Grants of up to £1,500 for groups supporting children aged 0 to 4 years

Application deadlines: 30th November 2026 (Decision within three months).

Alice McCosh Trust (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for individuals attached to institutions and those following a programme of study or qualification, as well as people engaged in private/personal study related to natural history and/or the environment.

Funding can support the cost of fieldwork undertaken as part of a research project, or the costs of producing materials that enhance knowledge and understanding of natural history and the environment, or that encourage people to engage with the environment and take action to protect it.

Key Criteria

- Preference is given to applicants or projects connected with Scotland, England, Turkey or Uganda
- Funded activities must begin within 12 months of an award
- Taught degree courses and pre-paid organised expeditions are excluded

Amounts available: Between £600 and £1,000

Application deadlines: 30th November 2026

Hospital Saturday Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for registered medical health charities within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland to support medical capital projects, medical care or research or medical training. Running costs can also be considered for funding.

There are two funds available:

- Large Grant – towards specific projects, research or equipment rather than running costs.
- Standard grant – towards running costs

Key Criteria

- Organisations carrying out non-medically related activities are not eligible
- For UK NHS hospitals only, applications will normally be accepted for projects only, the application to detail the scope of the project with supporting documentation, the amount requested, and a copy of the hospital's Annual Report (or the hospital's related charity raising funds for the project).
- Organisations may make one application for a meeting and can apply for a standard or a large grant.
- Only one successful application is allowed per year

Amounts available:

- Large grant maximum - £10,000
- Standard grant maximum - £2,000

Application deadlines: There are generally four rounds per year. The next deadlines are as follows:

- Large grant closes on 2nd December 2026
- Standard grant closes on 5th January 2027

The Fore – Transformational Impact (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding and tailored support is available for charities, CIOs, charitable community benefit societies and CIC's to help them grow, become more sustainable and increase their impact.

Funding is unrestricted and can be used for core costs, staffing, organisational development, service expansion, capital purchases and other strategic priorities.

Funding is intended to support transformational shifts. The Fore will be looking for a new, significant leap that wouldn't happen without its support.

Key Criteria

- Organisations should have an annual income of under £500,000
- CICs limited by shares are not eligible
- If you are applying for core costs, you must demonstrate how this use of the funds will move your organisation forwards, as opposed to enabling 'business as usual.'
- To apply for funding, organisations must first register some basic contact details at the start of the funding round. Once your place on the funding round has been confirmed by email, you have 3-4 weeks to submit an application document via a secure weblink

Amounts available: Maximum £45,000 over one to three years

Application deadlines: Registration opens on 25th November 2026 and closes on 4th December 2026.

The Paddle Trust - (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to a range of organisations including paddling clubs, community groups, parish councils and local authorities for projects improving public access to waterways across the UK.

The Paddle Trust looks for projects that will:

- Increase or enhance existing public access points to water for all forms of paddlesport
- Create launching and landing sites, to and alongside water, for all sectors of the community and all abilities, that are designed to be durable and use sustainable materials when applicable
- Protect and enhance the natural blue spaces we enjoy such as rivers or coastline
- Are “ready to go”. Planning permission must have been researched and granted or agreed in principle, and quotes for the work obtained. We also need to see support from relevant local groups or partners (for example a letter of support from them), and evidence that the group has tried to get funding from other organisations or matched funding in place

Specifically, the Trust is looking to fund:

- Launch and landing platforms, ramps or steps
- Improvements to pathways and accessible routes to the water’s edge
- Designated or essential additional parking for water users
- Works that create more sustainable access points
- Access improvement projects that actively engage and allow water users to protect/enhance the waterway or riverbank environment (e.g. by preventing bank erosion)
- Signage and information that promotes positive behaviour (e.g. Countryside code, “Check, Clean, Dry”, warnings of hazards or guidance on appropriate routes or trails)
- Projects that would benefit more than one user group
- Projects that benefit or provide opportunities to a wide range of paddlers rather than facilities limited to members

Key Criteria

Facilities should benefit the wider public, not just club members

Two quotes are required for contracted work exceeding £500

Amounts available: Between £500 and £10,000

Application deadlines: 7th December 2026

UK Research and Innovation - Gambling Harms Research Grant

Summary

This funding opportunity aims to deliver high-quality research projects and build capacity in the research ecosystem. It welcomes applications addressing any question or challenge that deepens understanding or supports solutions for the prevention and treatment of gambling-related harms.

Key Criteria

- Project leads must be based at a UK research institution eligible for UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) funding.
- Applications must be team based and must bring together diverse people, expertise, experiences, places and wider stakeholders. This includes people with lived and learned experience from gambling and gambling related harms.
- By lived experience, the funder is referring to people with direct experience of gambling related harms.
- The full economic cost (FEC) of your project can be up to £2 million, for up to three years.

Amounts available: Maximum £2 million (up to 80% of the cost)

Application deadlines: 8th December 2026

International Tree Foundation – Community Tree Planting Grants

Summary

Funding is available to a range of community-based organisations including schools, community groups and parish councils for tree planting schemes. Projects should:

- Create and conserve indigenous trees and woodlands, forests, habitats and associated biodiversity
- Foster community engagement in tree planting to promote reforestation and to increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human wellbeing
- Encourage social cohesion and inclusion
- Be planting between 100 and 10,000 trees

Key Criteria

Projects must:

- Take place on public or publicly accessible land. This can include private land that is being used for a social purpose or private land with permissive access/rights of way
- Have signed permission from the owner or manager of the land indicating that the project meets all legal requirements
- Plant indigenous tree species. This may include traditional fruit trees and 'honorary natives' where appropriate
- Engage community members in tree planting and enjoying the benefits of woodlands
- Have clear plans for maintenance and sustainability

Amounts available: Maximum price equivalent to £2.15/tree (inclusive of tree protection and mulch). In addition, these projects also receive two maintenance grants equivalent to £0.10/tree, both in the first and second summers after planting.

Application deadlines: The fund will remain open until 11th December 2026. However, the first round of proposal assessments will take place on 1st October 2026. After this, grants will be issued on a first come first served basis, dependant on remaining funds.

The Theatre Trust – Small Grants **(NEW GRANT)**

Summary

Funding is available for not-for-profit theatres to carry out small capital projects that improve their resilience, sustainability and accessibility.

Eligible projects include small capital works, the installation of key plant and machinery and works which make theatre buildings digital-ready.

Key Criteria

- Revenue and survey costs are ineligible
- Applicants must own or manage the theatre with more than five years left on any lease
- The theatre must run a year-round programme of public live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year
- Priority is given to projects costing under £250,000, or where the grant is the sole external funder and/or achievable within the total fund awarded

Amounts available: Maximum £7,500

Application deadlines: 15th January 2027

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation – Communities and Collections Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

The fund supports museums and community organisations using museum collections to strengthen communities. It focuses on inclusion; equitable partnerships and the role museums can play in advancing social and climate justice.

Funding is available through two streams:

- Partnership project grants to support museums and community organisations to work together on inclusive collections projects. Projects should respond to local needs and contribute to shared goals around diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI).
- Core grants to support museums to use their collections to create longer-term change within their organisations or the wider sector. The grants focus on DEI, social justice and climate justice, with an emphasis on lasting impact and stronger relationships with communities.

Key Criteria

Partnership project grant applications must:

- Come from an equitable partnership between museum(s) and community organisation(s) that have developed the application together and that have an existing relationship on which to build.
- Be for a time-limited project working with existing collections towards shared aims for diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Be for work that supports and strengthens communities and/or meets an evidenced local need

Core grant applications from single organisations must:

- Be for core work that accelerates progress towards the established strategic aims of the applicant in relation to diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Develop the museum's capability to work in equitable partnership and/or as an anchor organisation for a place or cause, in the long term.
- Work with existing collections to embed community-led and democratised practice.

Amounts available: Between £50,000 and £110,000 over up to three years (expect to award around 12 grants per year in two funding rounds).

Application deadlines: 20th January 2027 (for Expressions of Interest). Final decision in June 2027.

Woodland Trust – Free Trees for Schools and Community Groups

Summary

Schools, clubs and community groups across the UK can now apply for free tree packs from the Woodland Trust to encourage nature recovery and community wellbeing.

The scheme provides different species packs of 15, 30, 105 or 420 saplings which are then available for delivery in March 2027. Each sapling is 20-60 cm tall. Please note free tree packs don't include protection.

Key Criteria

- Eligible applicants include schools, sports clubs, faith groups, Scouts and Guides, local councils and residents' associations
- Applicants must secure landowner permission and provide a six-digit grid reference of the planting site
- Organisations can request up to four packs as long as the total does not exceed 420 trees

Amounts available: Packs of trees are provided free of charge.

Application deadlines: Open. The scheme is expected to close in January 2027.

Charles Hayward Foundation – Social and Criminal Justice **(NEW GRANT)**

Summary

Funding is available for charities to deliver projects which help to prevent people entering the criminal justice system, and which support those in contact with the system to rebuild their lives.

Projects should fall in to 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

- Charities must have an annual income of between £350,000 and £4million and be operating in the British Isles
- The Grant scheme does not fund capital projects, short term interventions, generic youth programmes, policy, research or legal advice

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

Application deadlines: 5th February 2027

The Tree Council – National Highways Community Free Trees * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Charities, community groups, local authorities, educational institutions, farmers, landowners and private sector organisations in England can apply for between 500 and 50,000 free young trees for community planting projects.

Projects should provide clear benefits for local communities, involve local people where possible, improve biodiversity and help strengthen resilience to climate change

Key Criteria

Projects must:

- Include an after-care plan for the trees
- Undertake planting in publicly accessible, publicly visible, or community-used spaces to ensure broad benefit
- Hold public liability insurance for planting
- Have written permission to plant on the site(s)

Amounts available: Packs of trees are provided free of charge.

Application deadlines: Open. Applications are considered on a rolling basis and will remain open until the available tree stock has been allocated.

England's Community Forest – Trees For Climate * (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available to landowners for a variety of tree planting schemes in and around the 15 Community Forests in England. The purpose is to create green infrastructure projects that deliver social, economic and environmental benefits for millions of people.

In the East Midlands the Greenwood Community Forest is the local delivery agent working across Nottinghamshire. The eligible

The Grant aims to cover all of the costs associated with woodland creation including support for maintenance of the trees for up to 15 years.

Landowners should submit an expression of interest to the relevant Community Forest, for Leicestershire this is the Greenwood Community Forest. A Case Officer will then contact the landowner to discuss their aspirations before creating an initial design.

Key Criteria

- Any landowner in the eligible zone can apply including local authorities, parish and town councils, schools, community organisations and farmers
- The Greenwood Community Forest eligible area includes some parishes in Charnwood, North West Leicestershire and Melton Borough. The areas of Leicestershire located north of the blue line on the map are eligible

Amounts available: Amount not disclosed. Will vary according to size of planting scheme and after care costs.

Application deadlines: Open – no closing date advertised.

UnLtd – Community Climate Action Programme (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for social entrepreneurs aged 16 and over to develop new community projects that tackle climate change.

Projects should focus on areas such as transport, home energy use, sustainable food, or reducing waste and consumption.

Priority will be given to people with personal experience of the issues they want to address and strong links to their communities, particularly those from disadvantaged or underrepresented groups.

Alongside funding, Award Winners will receive one-to-one coaching, practical business support and peer learning and networking opportunities.

Key Criteria

- Applicants must either be developing a business idea or have been incorporated for less than four years.
- Applicants must be the founder or leader of the social venture
- Organisation must have a turnover of less than £250,000 per year

Amounts available: Maximum £8,000

Application deadlines: Open. Scheme closes in July 2028.

Social Investment Business – Flexible Finance Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for Black and Racially Minoritised-led charities and social enterprises in England to help then grow, take on assets and become more resilient.

Key Criteria

- Open to England-based charities and social enterprises
- At least 51% of board and senior management must be Black or Racially Minoritised.
- Minimum £200,000 annual turnover and two years' operation
- Applicants must not previously have received more than £25,000 in repayable finance, excluding Bounce Back Loans

Amounts available:

- Loans of between £50,000 and £1.5 million
- Unrestricted grants of between £50,000 and £200,000
- Grants can equal 50% to 100% of the loan, capped at £200,000. Loans are repayable over one to six years at 7.9% fixed interest
- Additional grants of up to £15,000 to help address/improve specific area of weakness/s identified during funding assessment

Application deadlines: Open

Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Migration Fund (NEW GRANT)

Summary

Funding is available for not-for-profit organisations of any size working anywhere in the UK that are working towards:

- Embedding anti-racist practice across their organisation and work
- Adopting an organisational culture that centres care and wellbeing
- Shifting power to migrants and diaspora communities so their interests, perspectives and contributions are centred across the organisation's work
- Building solidarity and collaboration across communities, while working towards transformational change that benefits us all
- Unlearning and challenging the harm, inequity, and oppression within their organisational structures and work
- Learning, reflecting and being responsive to change.

The fund can be used for:

- Core funding for salaries, organisational costs, costs relating to your safeguarding practice etc;
- Funding dedicated to a specific programme
- Funding for partnerships.

Key Criteria

Before applying, you must have an enquiry call with the Migration Team

For organisations with an annual turnover of up to £120,000, the scheme will consider grants that cover up to 50% of their annual income.

The fund will prioritise applications from organisations:

- Led by migrants and diaspora communities
- That work with historically underfunded groups and regions
- With annual turnover under £500,000
- That have less access to funding from other sources

Amounts available:

- Maximum £60,000 (per year for over three to four years)
- Maximum £50,000 (per year for five years)

Application deadlines: Open – rolling application cycle

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.

VAL has created a VCSE Impact Survey and is encouraging organisations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to take part, helping to build a clearer and more comprehensive picture of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector.

Complete the VCSE Impact Survey

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

This is a leading fundraising platform that gives organisations access to an unlimited fundraising source, that helps you to raise FREE cashback donations through online shopping. Register your group/organisation as a good cause with easyfundraising to receive free cashback donations when anyone connected to that organisation shops online with over 8000 retailers including Argos, Amazon, Just eat and Booking.com. It doesn't cost the shopper a penny more so it's an easy way for your community to support your organisation just by shopping online as they usually would.

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.