

Community:

<p><u>Grants to Support Music Making (UK & Ireland)</u> Music for All, a UK charity that promotes music making, has launched a new round of its Community Project Funding Programme. Grants are available to community groups, schools and individuals under a number of different categories, each with their own criteria and award amounts. This round will support projects working with people with learning and cognitive challenges, individuals facing financial hardship, underprivileged children aged 0-4, and community initiatives for those with mobility and accessibility needs. It will also fund choral singing opportunities for underprivileged groups, as well as the Learn to Play Award for those who either attended a Music for All's Learn to Play event in October 2023 or were inspired by a Learn to Play tutorial on Music for All's YouTube channel. The closing date for applications is the 13th January 2025.</p>
<p><u>Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children (UK)</u> Grants ranging from £500 to £2,750 are available for schools, youth groups, non-profit organisations, and charities to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of disadvantaged or disabled children 13 years old or younger. Applications from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK will be given priority. The grants can cover up to two-thirds of the total cost of a holiday or trip, lasting from one to seven days. The Henry Smith Charity is offering the funding, and applications must be submitted at least six weeks before the scheduled trip or holiday. Applications for trips between the 13th January – 30th April 2025 can be made until the 19th of March 2025.</p>
<p><u>Amazon Literary Partnership Re-opens for Applications (UK & Ireland)</u> Online Retailer Amazon has announced that the Amazon Literary Partnership (ALP) is back for its sixth year, providing grants to literary organisations that support and champion writers of all ages and stages in their career. Last year, the ALP supported 37 literary groups across the UK. Beneficiaries included organisations dedicated to amplifying voices that aren't usually heard, or groups that engage children with expressing themselves through writing. Applications are invited from registered nonprofit organisations in the UK or Republic of Ireland, whose core mission is to develop emerging writers, support diversity, celebrate storytelling, and/or build authors' careers. The closing date for applications is the 31st January 2025.</p>
<p><u>Funding to Support Young Creatives to Launch a Project, Idea or Business (UK)</u> Youth Music has announced that round 10 of its NextGen Fund has re-opened for applications. The NextGen Fund supports emerging musicians and behind the scenes creatives aged 18-25 (and under-30s who identify as d/Deaf or Disabled) from across the UK to launch a creative project, idea or business. Grants of up to £2,500 could help people, including singers, songwriters, producers, DJs, managers and agents who do not have the financial means to invest in themselves, to start a record label, launch a single, or provide a platform that supports underrepresented voices. Funding can also cover costs linked to career development, audience development or marketing, equipment and software, and business development. The closing date for applications will be the 7th February 2025.</p>
<p><u>Funding for Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities (UK)</u> UK charities, voluntary organisations, and schools can apply for grants to help children and adults suffering from severe learning difficulties and autism. The funding is being made available through the Baily Thomas General grants programme and can be used to purchase equipment, support capital works as well and cover project and core costs. Previous grants have been used to support capital works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools; employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture; play schemes and play therapy schemes; day and social activities centres; support for families, including respite schemes; independent living schemes; support in the community schemes; and Snoezelen rooms. The next deadline for applications seeking funding over £9,000 is the 1st March 2025. Applications for £9,000 and below can be submitted at any time.</p>
<p><u>Grants to Improve the Quality of Life for Disadvantaged & Vulnerable People (UK)</u> Small-to-mid-size registered charities helping improve the quality of life of people in the UK, particularly those disadvantaged and vulnerable, can apply for grants of up to £5,000. The funding is being made available through the Hedley Foundation. Each year, the Foundation makes around 250 grants for initiatives that benefit the lives of young people, disabled people, elderly people, the terminally ill, and otherwise</p>

<p>disadvantaged people and their carers. Occasional larger sums are given to charities where high impact can be achieved. Applications should be received at least 6 weeks before the next review meeting on the 29th April 2025.</p>
<p><u>Funding of up to £25,000 to Enhance Educational and Access Opportunities of Young People (UK)</u> UK-registered charities can apply for grants up to £25,000 to enhance educational and access opportunities for children and young people under the age of 26. The funding is being made available through The Steel Charitable Trust's United Kingdom Under-26 Fund. This fund operates across the UK excluding areas served by Luton Council. There is a specific fund for the Luton area. The focus is on supporting those facing economic challenges or social marginalisation that may lead to significant disadvantages in later life. Eligible applicants must be registered charities with a minimum income of £50,000 in the previous financial year. The Trust considers funding for various projects, including contributions to salaries, IT upgrades, building renovations, and both new and ongoing project costs. Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed quarterly, with specific cut-off dates preceding each meeting. The upcoming deadline for the March 2025 meeting is the 15th January 2025.</p>
<p><u>Funding of up to £5,000 Available to Tackle Problems within Families (UK)</u> Registered charities that work to tackle family problems or problems facing one or more of its members can apply for grants of up to £5,000. The funding is being made available through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust which actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become more established. The trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered. Grants are available for revenue, core and capital costs and awarded twice a year; the next application closing date is the 1st March 2025.</p> <p><u>Grants of up to £25,000 Available to Prevent People Entering the Criminal Justice System (UK)</u> UK registered charities working in the areas of Social and Criminal Justice can apply for grants of up to £25,000 to prevent people entering the criminal justice system and to support those already in it to rebuild their lives. The funding is being made available through the Charles Hayward Foundation's Main Grant Programme. The Foundation will fund early intervention programmes for young children and their families, tailored preventative work with young people at risk, and holistic support services that reduce re-offending and aid resettlement. Additionally, the Foundation looks to alleviate the consequences of domestic abuse. Charities with an annual income of between £350,000 and £4 million are eligible to apply. The next application deadline for the main grants programme is the 31st January 2025.</p>

Schools:

<p><u>Ogden Trust - Local School Partnerships (UK)</u> The Ogden Trust is currently accepting applications through its School Partnerships programme. The programme supports new partnerships of schools that are working together in order to enhance the learning and teaching of physics. The programme provides grants of £8,500 to partnerships for up to five years. Partnerships can include primary schools, secondary schools, or a mix of both. Priority will be given to schools serving disadvantaged areas. The closing date for submitting applications is the 10th of January 2025.</p>
<p><u>Grants of up to £3,000 for School Science Projects (UK)</u> The Royal Society, the world's oldest scientific institution, promoting scientific research and knowledge, has announced that the next round of its Partnership grants programme will re-open on the 3rd February 2025. The programme awards grants of up to £3,000 to primary and secondary schools 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. Eligible applicants include primary and secondary school teachers and practising scientists or engineers. Projects must involve students between the ages of 5 and 18. Additionally, the scheme includes an extension called "Tomorrow's Climate Scientists," which funds research on climate change and biodiversity. The Partnership Grants scheme is an annual funding round. There is a two-stage application process. The application process opens in February each year, with three possible submission deadlines. The next</p>

deadline for applications is the 30th April 2025.

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[Grants and Funding \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk) Families First have produced a list of national and local grant providers which is a useful resource for partnership working with key information on applying for funding and links to support available.

[Hertfordshire Community Foundation](https://www.hertscf.org.uk) manages over 100 charitable funds to support local charities, community and voluntary groups. If you require any assistance with completing an application please get in touch with our grants team by emailing grants@hertscf.org.uk or calling 01707 251351.

From previous Funding Updates:

Funding to Buy Books for School Libraries (England)

UK schools and early years' settings can apply for grants of **up to £5,000** to buy books for their libraries and encourage more children to read for pleasure. **The LoveReading4Kids Funding for Schools Scheme** will help schools to provide children with a range of non-curriculum books to improve their reading standards, particularly amongst children experiencing disadvantage or underrepresentation. Any grant awarded will be made in the form of credit to be spent within six months on the LoveReading4Kids online bookstore. Applications can be submitted at any time, with decisions taking up to three months.

Funding for Schools to Purchase Musical Equipment (UK & Ireland)

Grants of **up to £1,000** are available to schools across the UK and Ireland that teach the national curriculum, to improve their access to music by purchasing or upgrading musical instruments and/or equipment. The funding is made available through the **Universal Music UK Sound Foundation's School Award**. The deadline for applications is 1pm on the **22nd January 2025**.

Funding to Encourage Young People to Study Science Subjects (UK)

In response to the much publicised skills gap in the British engineering industry, the **Ironmongers' Foundation** wishes to support initiatives that encourage talented young people under the age of 25 to study science subjects at school and go on to pursue STEM-related further education or vocational training. The funding is available to registered or exempt charities within the UK, with a preference for urban areas outside London and particularly areas in the north and midlands with a manufacturing presence. Grants are made to registered or exempt charities only. Applications will not be accepted from schools. The Foundation prefers to support smaller projects where it is the sole funder or its contribution makes a real difference. Most grants are **below £10,000**. The Foundation Committee meets three times per year in January, May and September. The deadlines for receipt of applications are 1 December, **1 April** and 1 August respectively.

Community Partnership Programme to Tackle Food Poverty & Support the Elderly (UK)

Community groups and other not for profit organisations within a two-mile radius of a One Stop shop can apply for grants of up to **£1,000** through the **One Stop Community Partnership** programme. The programme, administered by the environmental charity Groundwork, will support projects and activities tackling food poverty, supporting the vulnerable, supporting the elderly, supporting low-income families, and supporting a healthier lifestyle. Applications will be welcomed from various organisations, including voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, and Community Interest Companies. The next funding round will be open **between the**

	<p>2nd December 2024 and the 24th January 2025. Applicants are encouraged to visit their local One Stop store for more information.</p>
	<p><u>Funding Available to Involve More People in Tackling Climate Change (UK)</u> One of the UK's largest grant making programmes dedicated to tackling climate change, is set to close in early 2025. With over £20 million in funding available, the National Lottery's Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future programme supports community-led initiatives that integrate climate action into the everyday lives of local communities. Eligible projects may include using other community engagement activities such as the arts and sports to tackle climate change, policy influence, and innovative approaches to involving underrepresented groups in tackling climate change. Grants range from £500,000 to £1.5 million, with a few larger projects considered. Up to 25 projects will be funded, and applications must come from partnerships, including a mix of organisations, such as charities, not-for-profits, and public sector bodies.</p>
	<p><u>Funding to Reduce the Likelihood of Children Becoming Involved in Crime (England & Wales)</u> The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) has launched an open call for organisations across England and Wales that are working to reduce children's involvement in crime and violence. The aim is to fund and evaluate projects that support 10 to 18-year-olds at risk of or affected by violence, offending or exploitation. Projects must align with one of the following sectors: youth services, children's services, youth justice, policing, neighbourhoods, health, or education. The fund will support well-established projects that can scale and generate new insights in areas with existing evidence gaps. Proposals are invited from registered charities, companies, statutory bodies, and CICs. Partnerships between organisations and YEF evaluators are also encouraged. Applications can be made at any time.</p>
	<p><u>Equipment Grants for Disabled and Disadvantaged Young People (UK)</u> Schools, charities, and not-for-profit organizations in the UK can apply for Wooden Spoon Society Grants to support equipment for mentally, physically, and socially disadvantaged children. This programme funds capital items only—covering sensory rooms and gardens, playgrounds, outdoor spaces, specialist equipment, and facilities—aiming to improve health and wellbeing. Projects focused on education, health, wellbeing, or disability sports must include a key sport element, preferably rugby, to engage young participants. Grants have no set maximum limit, although applications for under £5,000 are unlikely to be considered. The program does not fund revenue costs like staffing, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.</p>
	<p><u>Grants & Loans to Improve the Energy Efficiency of Community Organisations (England)</u> Social Investment Business is offering a mixture of unrestricted loans and grants to help charities and social enterprises in England improve their energy resilience. The Energy Resilience Fund provides up to £250,000 in funding (40% grant, 60% loan) for projects that reduce carbon emissions, save energy costs, and upgrade energy efficiency. Eligible uses include installing energy-saving measures or generation technologies for buildings and land (including new builds), and purchasing energy-efficient or environmentally friendly vehicles and equipment. If required, energy audit support will also be provided. Loans are repayable over ten years at a fixed rate of 8.5% per annum. To be eligible, organisations must demonstrate that they are unable to access mainstream bank lending for this purpose.</p>
	<p><u>Grants of up to £75,000 Available to Charities Delivering Specialist Services (England and Wales)</u> Grants of up to £75,000 are available to small local charities in England and Wales that provide specialist services. The grants are designed to support the development and growth of charities that understand the issues people face and are best placed to make a real difference in people's lives. The funding is available through the Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales's Specialist Grants Programme. Eligible charities must address one of the Foundation's open themes: addiction, asylum seekers and refugees, care leavers, domestic abuse, homelessness, offending, sexual abuse and exploitation, and trafficking and modern slavery. The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 25th January 2025.</p>
	<p><u>Funding to Support Challenged & Vulnerable Young People (UK)</u> Grants of up to £1,500 are available to charitable organisations supporting challenged and vulnerable young people under 16 in the UK. The 7stars Foundation's Social Impact Grants Programme will provide funding for projects which support young people living in areas of deprivation and socioeconomic</p>

	<p>disadvantage who are challenged by abuse or addiction, who are young carers, or who are homeless. The programme will fund projects aligned to selected awareness days, such as Human Rights Day, Race Equality Week, PRIDE Month, or Children’s Mental Health Week. A maximum of three charities will be shortlisted for each award. The next opportunity to apply for funding will be from the 1st December 2024 until the 5th February 2025.</p>
	<p><u>Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups (UK)</u> Hundreds of thousands of trees are being given away to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. Schools, nurseries, colleges, universities, outdoor learning centres, and other groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts and guides from across the UK are among the organisations eligible to apply for up to 420 saplings to improve their local environment. Tree packs include hedging, copse, wild harvest, year-round colour, working wood, wild wood, wildlife, and urban trees. The closing date for applications is the 13th January 2025.</p>
	<p><u>Grants of up to £10,000 to Support Grassroots Charities (UK)</u> Grants of up to £10,000 are available to support small, grassroots and local charities currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community across the UK. The funding, which is being made available through Foyle Foundation’s Small Grants Scheme, can be used to cover projects, core costs, building projects, or essential equipment to enable ongoing service provision for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services. The Foyle Foundation will close all of its grant-making programmes by the end of January 2025, and the final closing date for applications to the small grants programme is the 31st of January 2025. All projects/activities need to be completed by the end of 2025 to be eligible for consideration.</p>
	<p><u>Funding to Support Vulnerable Migrants (UK)</u> Not for profit organisations and private law firms working with vulnerable young migrants can apply for grants of up to £30,000. The grants can be used to support legal work that benefits young migrants living in poverty who face significant disadvantage or discrimination as a result of their immigration status. Applicants should note that the average grant size is around £12,000. The funding is being made available through the Strategic Legal Fund (SLF) for Vulnerable Young Migrants and the closing date for applications is the 27th January 2025.</p>
	<p><u>Funding to Support Disabled & Disadvantaged Children (UK)</u> Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to fund equipment and services to support disabled and disadvantaged children under 13 across the UK. The Toy Trust fund helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering; support children through awful experiences; encourage achievement through adversity; purchase vital equipment; provide care; bolster existing initiatives; initiate brand new projects; and satisfy basic needs. Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply. The next deadline to apply is mid-February 2025 for the March meeting of Trustees.</p>
	<p><u>Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Increase Employment Opportunities for Disadvantaged Adults (UK)</u> Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to support projects that equip people (18 or older in order) from disadvantaged groups with the critical life skills necessary to gain employment. Priority will be given to projects that target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups facing major hurdles to employment, especially women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers. The funding is being made available through the Thomas Wall Trust, and the deadline for stage 1 applications is the 6th January 2025. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.</p>

	<p><u>Funding for Activities to Improve People’s Lives (UK)</u></p> <p>Grants are available for UK registered charities seeking to enhance and improve people’s lives through advancing the arts, health and medical welfare, and the environment. The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust typically awards grants of between £500 and £6,000 for projects and core costs, with a preference for small-scale, locally based initiatives. The services provided to communities could include promoting access to the arts, conservation activities, music and art therapy to improve mental health and wellbeing, and providing breaks for carers. There are three grant-making meetings held annually. Projects should have a start date of at least three months after the meeting date. The next deadline for applications is the 4th February 2025.</p>
	<p><u>£4 Million Apprenticeship Fund to Boost Local Skills & Support Small Businesses (England)</u></p> <p>BT Group has launched a new Apprenticeship Fund to support SMEs, charities, and public sector organisations in England. In partnership with training provider Babington, the fund will allocate £4 million over an initial four-year period to help organisations, including the NHS, train new apprentices and upskill existing workforces. The fund will support apprentices aged 22 and older, with a strong emphasis on developing digital skills. The initiative aims to promote local economic growth, reduce the digital divide, and enhance social mobility, potentially benefitting up to 550 apprentices. Organisations interested in accessing funding can register their interest on the BT Group Apprenticeship Fund Portal.</p>
	<p><u>Grants of up to £10,000 Available for Projects Addressing Urban and Rural Deprivation (UK)</u></p> <p>Charities and not for profit organisations in the UK can apply for small grants of up to £10,000 to address urban and rural deprivation in the UK. The grants can be used to help cover their core costs, salaries, running and project costs to deliver essential services. The funding is being provided by the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation’s small grants programme and to be eligible for a grant, charities and not for profit organisations must have an annual income of less than £250,000. Applicants need to match fund 50% of the project costs. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate a clear need for funding and how the grant will be used to make a difference. There is no deadline and applications can be submitted at any time.</p>
	<p><u>Grants to Promote Wellbeing & Reduce Social Isolation (England)</u></p> <p>Charities, community groups and social enterprises in England can apply for up to £2,500 in seed funding to support initiatives aimed at reducing social isolation and enhancing wellbeing for vulnerable people in their local areas. The funding is provided by health and social care organisation Turning Point, through its Community Innovation Fund. Eligible activities should focus on promoting physical activity, fostering social connections, learning new skills, encouraging volunteering, and practicing mindfulness. Previously funded projects include a community crafting club, a sensory garden, a pottery course, and a storytelling club for men recovering from addiction. Groups can apply through nominations from Turning Point teams in the areas where Turning Point operates. Applications can be submitted at any time, and will be considered in the next funding round in spring 2025.</p>
	<p><u>Grants to Support Outdoor Learning for Secondary School Children (UK)</u></p> <p>Grants of £1,000 are available to UK state-funded secondary schools, including special schools that work with secondary-age children, to support outdoor learning opportunities for their pupils. The grants can be used to improve school grounds, purchase outdoor learning resources that engage young people with the environment, support travel expenses to outdoor learning centres, and purchase outdoor clothing. Priority will be given to schools with above-average free school meal eligibility, in high deprivation areas, or within the Trust’s hub postcodes. The funding is being made available through the Ernest Cook Trust’s Outdoor Essentials Grant scheme which will close to applications when a sufficient number of applications have been received.</p>
	<p><u>Funding to Tackle Antisemitism in Schools (England)</u></p> <p>In response to a significant rise in antisemitic incidents during 2024, the Department for Education has announced £7 million in funding to tackle antisemitism in educational institutions. The funding will aim</p>

	<p>to educate people about antisemitism and better equip schools, colleges and universities to stop antisemitic abuse. Some of the funds will be allocated to upskilling teachers and university staff in addressing antisemitism. The funding will also support an innovation fund to tackle antisemitism in education, with a slightly broader focus on settings building resilience to mis-information. Of the total funding, £500,000 has been awarded to the University Jewish Chaplaincy to provide welfare support for Jewish students in universities. Further details will be provided in due course.</p>
	<p><u>Kellogg’s Breakfast Club Grants Programme re-opens for Applications (UK)</u> The Kellogg’s Breakfast Club Grants Programme has reopened for applications. The programme offers grants of up to £1,000 to primary and secondary schools in the UK to set up Breakfast clubs for those children in most need. To qualify for the programme the breakfast club must be based in a school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland and priority will be given to schools that have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding and / or eligible for free school meals or that are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Only one grant per school in each academic year will be available.</p>
	<p><u>Support for Children Living in Severe Poverty (UK)</u> Grants are now available to support children and young people in the UK experiencing a crisis or emergency. The grants which are made available through the BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials programme support families with children up to the age of 17 who are living with financial, health and social difficulties by providing items that meet children’s most basic needs, such as kitchen appliances, furniture, baby equipment, beds, clothing, and other items and services that are critical to children’s wellbeing. Applications must come through a registered referral agency supporting the family or young person. The programme is delivered by Family Fund Business Services, and applications can be made at any time.</p>
	<p><u>Funding of up to £5,000 Available to Tackle Problems within Families (UK)</u> Registered charities that work to tackle family problems or problems facing one or more of its members can apply for grants of up to £5,000. Funding is available for both capital and revenue grants as well as grants for core funding and projects-based grants. The funding is being made available through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust which actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established. The trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered. Grants are awarded twice a year; the next application closing date is the 1st March 2025.</p>
	<p><u>Hardship Grants to Support Vulnerable Families and Individuals Across the UK</u> COSARAF is offering grants of up to £2,000 to organisations that support families and individuals from across the UK who are in financial need and struggling with everyday costs such as basic expenses, utilities, or rent arrears. Through the Hardship Grant Programme, recognised third-party social organisations, such as charities, housing associations, schools, and social services which are acting on behalf of a family or individual in need, can apply for funding to support vulnerable individuals with costs such as household items, basic living expenses, work or education-related expenses, rent or Council tax arrears where there is a clear risk of homelessness. Priority will be given to the most financially excluded people, families, those with caring responsibilities. Applications can be submitted at any time.</p>
	<p><u>Funding for School Science Projects (UK)</u> Primary and secondary schools in the UK can apply for funding to purchase equipment so that students can enjoy practical science, to run science enrichment projects in schools, or to enable students to participate in science events and competitions. Primary schools can apply for grants of up to £600 and Secondary schools up to £1,000. The funding is being made available through the Armourers and Brasiers' Gauntlet Trust, which is one of the leading charities in the UK supporting metallurgy and materials science education from primary school to postgraduate levels. Funds are finite and will be allocated on a first come first served basis ending on the 31st March 2025 or until all the funds are</p>

exhausted.
<p><u>Funding for Innovative Geography Teaching at Secondary Level (UK)</u> Two grants of £1,000 each are available to fund innovative geography teaching at secondary level. The Royal Geographical Society’s Innovative Geography Teaching Grants will provide funding for developing imaginative and creative teaching materials. The grants will be awarded to teacher-higher education partnerships. Ideally, these will be comprised of one school teacher and one lecturer/researcher from a UK higher education institution. Every year, the Society identifies an area of research based on a timely issue or approach. The aim is to serve geography pupils and the wider teaching community by creating teaching materials on this particular issue. The materials produced will be published on the Society’s website. The deadline for applications is the 15th February 2025.</p>
<p><u>Grants to Support Individuals & Families in Need (UK)</u> Grants of up to £2,000 are available to charities, housing associations, schools and social services. The Cosaraf Charitable Foundation’s Hardship Grants will support individuals and families who have exhausted all other sources of funding and are struggling with everyday costs, such as basic living expenses, household items and utilities, work- or education-related expenses, or rent arrears. Priority will be given to financially excluded people, families, those with caring responsibilities and items that will make the most difference to the individual/family’s long-term future. Applications can be made at any time and are assessed every six weeks.</p>
<p><u>EV Charging Scheme for Schools & Education Institutions</u> To boost the Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, the government has extended the Workplace Charging Scheme to support state-funded schools and education institutions to install EV charge point sockets at their sites. Eligible institutions in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland can receive 75% off the cost of purchasing and installing charge points, up to a maximum of £2500 per socket, 40 sockets across all sites. Successful applicants will receive a voucher that is valid for 180 days from the date of issue. The closing date for applications is the 31st March 2025.</p>
<p><u>Schools Can Apply for £500 of Free Equipment to Deliver Outdoor Learning</u> Early Years, Infant, Primary and Secondary school settings in England, Scotland and Wales can apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor resources and two hours of professional outdoor training to deliver outdoor learning and play. The funding is being made available through the Learning through Landscapes’ Local School Nature Grant Programme and is funded by the players of People’s Postcode Lottery. There will be four funding rounds throughout the year which will support a total of 900 schools.</p>
<p><u>Funding to Support the Core Costs of Organisations Working with Disadvantaged Children (UK, Isle of Man & Channel Islands)</u> Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 and under in the UK, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands can apply for grants of up to £40,000 per year for up to three years to help support their core costs. The grants, made available through the BBC Children in Need, can contribute towards organisational core costs such as HR and payroll expenses, office costs, accountancy and audit, communications and outreach, and governance, regulatory, and compliance costs. To apply, organisations must first submit an expression of interest, and applications can be submitted at any time.</p>
<p><u>New Funding Programme to Encourage People to Get Active (England)</u> Sport England has launched a new fund to encourage more people to get active. The Movement Fund, worth £160 million over the next four years, will offer crowdfunding pledges, grants and resources to provide physical activity opportunities for the people and communities who need it the most. Eligible projects could receive up to £15,000 to cover a wide range of costs and items that will help deliver positive change, particularly for those facing barriers to activity, such as people on lower incomes, disabled people, older people, and people from culturally diverse communities. Applications</p>

	<p>can be made at any time by sports clubs, charities, schools, local authorities and other not-for-profit organisations looking to deliver projects that promote physical activity, including active travel, walking, cycling, dance, fitness and sporting activities.</p>
	<p><u>Funding for Projects that Raise People’s Quality of Life (England & Wales)</u> Grants are available to charities, specialist schools, CIOs, and other not-for-profit organisations including scout and guide groups, and housing associations, that are working to raise the quality of life for people in England and Wales. The Bernard Sunley Foundation aims to provide greater opportunities for the young, elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged by supporting capital projects in the areas of community, education, health and social welfare. The types of projects that could be supported include improvements to village halls, supporting children and adults with special educational and learning needs, improvements to hospices and treatment clinics, and supporting day centres for the elderly. The Foundation offers three levels of grants. These are large grants of £20,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Large and medium grants are considered and agreed upon at Trustees’ meetings. Small grants are agreed by Trustees on a monthly basis and form the majority of grants awarded. Applications can be made at any time.</p>
	<p><u>Grants of up to £10,000 to Support Grassroots Charities (UK)</u> Grants of up to £10,000 are available to support small, grassroots and local charities currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community across the UK. The funding, which is being made available through Foyle Foundation’s Small Grants Scheme, can be used to cover projects, core costs, building projects, or essential equipment to enable ongoing service provision for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services. The Foyle Foundation will complete its grant-giving programme in 2025, and the closing date for applications is the 31st of January 2025.</p>
	<p><u>Grants to Help Disabled & Disadvantaged People Connect with Nature (England & Wales)</u> Applications are invited from registered charities and not-for-profit organisations in England and Wales for projects that help disabled or disadvantaged people connect with nature and the countryside. The funding, which is made available through the CLA Charitable Trust, supports projects that improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people who are disabled or disadvantaged by helping them to visit and participate in recreational and educational opportunities in the countryside. Applications are particularly welcomed for projects for children and young people, disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation. Grants of up to £5,000 will be awarded to support projects, capital works and running costs. Expressions of interest should be submitted in the first instance. There are no application deadlines.</p>
	<p><u>Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People (UK - excl. Greater London)</u> Grants of up to £15,000 are available to UK charities and not-for-profit organisations working with young people aged 12-21 who are socially excluded or marginalised, and who are experiencing or may have experienced significant issues within their lives. This is not open to Local Authorities. The Allen Lane Foundation Young People's Programme is keen to support young people who are facing difficult challenges and barriers to accessing support and opportunities. A particular focus is given to supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children who are considered persistently absent from school • those leaving school with no qualifications • children and young people in/leaving care <p>The average grant is around £5,000 to £6,000. The funding could be used, for example, for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pro-active youth clubs • activities for disaffected young people • employment opportunities • to provide experience which help young people to find structure

<p>Organisations that work across a local area, such as a village, estate, or town, must have an annual income of less than £100,000 to be eligible. Organisations that work across the entire UK must have an annual income of less than £250,000 to be eligible.</p> <p>The Foundation does not fund work within Greater London. Trustees meet to discuss grant applications three times a year, generally in February, June and October. Applications can be made at any time.</p>
<p><u>The National Lottery Community Fund Announces Major Expansion of its Grassroots Funding Programme (UK)</u></p> <p>The National Lottery Community Fund has announced a major expansion of its grassroots funding programme. The new three-year Corporate Plan aims to reach over 80% of communities across the UK. The funding is focused on four community-led missions supporting communities to come together, be environmentally sustainable, help children and young people thrive, and enable people to live healthier lives. In addition to expanding its grassroots funding, the programme plans to award over half of all grants to disadvantaged communities, and at least 15% will support environmental sustainability projects. Further details will be made available in due course.</p>
<p><u>Funding for Primary School Breakfast Clubs (UK)</u></p> <p>Grants are available for UK schools interested in opening free breakfast clubs. The Greggs Foundation will provide an initial start-up grant for equipment such as chest freezers to store food items or toys and activities for the club and a funding towards the running costs. The average club costs £3,000 to set up and run for a year based on 65 children. Schools should be able to attract adult volunteers to help run the scheme, which must show that at least 40% of their pupils qualify for free school meals and that the school serves a disadvantaged community. Each term, payments are made towards other food items, and Greggs plc donates bread from the nearest shop. Although applications can be made anytime, there is a waiting list for funding.</p>
<p><u>Youth Hostel Offers Bursary Scheme for Towards Residential Stays (England & Wales)</u></p> <p>Schools and colleges in areas of high deprivation in England and Wales can apply for support towards the cost of a residential stay at a YHA-owned hostel. The funding is made available through the Youth Hostel Association's Bursary scheme. The scheme is open to primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, and schools offering alternative provisions or colleges based in areas of high social deprivation with high numbers (upwards of 20%) of children receiving pupil premium or free school meals. The bursary can be used towards payment for a school residential with an overnight stay (with or without catering and activities) at any available YHA-owned hostel. No school can access more than one bursary per residential stay. The bursary support is valid for stays on the following dates: 4 November 2024 - 4 March 2025 and 2 November 2025 - 28 February 2026.</p>
<p><u>Funding for Projects that Promote a Better Understanding of the Environment and Countryside (UK)</u></p> <p>UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. Whilst the Trust does not specify a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years. Applications can be submitted at any time.</p>
<p><u>Equipment Grants for Disabled and Disadvantaged Young People (UK)</u></p> <p>Schools, charities and not for profit organisations in the UK can apply for funding for equipment that helps mentally, physical and socially disadvantaged children. The funding is made available through the Wooden Spoon Society's Grants programme and has in the past provided funding for sensory rooms and gardens; playgrounds and outdoor spaces; specialist equipment and facilities; and projects that promote health and wellbeing. The funding available is for capital items only and will not support revenue costs such as staffing and other ongoing costs. There is no maximum grant limit but projects</p>

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<p><u>Grants to Support Disadvantaged Children & Vulnerable Older People (England & Wales)</u> Funding is available for registered charities that are working to support disadvantaged children and young people, as well as vulnerable older people in England and Wales. The Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity Grants programme awards. Small grants of between £1,000 and £5,000, and large grants of between £10,000 and £60,000 to support projects that are focusing on: children affected by domestic abuse; early years; children with special educational needs and disabilities; and people with dementia and their carers. Applicants are invited to submit an expression of interest, and if successful, will be invited to complete a full application. EOIs can be submitted at any time.</p>
<p><u>Funding for Projects that Support the Education and Development of Children and Young People (England)</u> Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to support the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other projects. Of particular interest are projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people. In most cases grants will be made on a relatively small scale. Many grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000. The funding provided by the BlueSpark Foundation and can be for physical assets (such as iPads, sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions) or for services or facilities (such as sports coaching or music or drama tuition) or simply for the provision of experiences (such as theatre visits). These examples are intended to be illustrative and not restrictive as to the funding which BlueSpark may provide to support projects. Applications can be submitted at any time and must be made online on BlueSpark Foundation's standard application form.</p>
<p><u>Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Charities Supporting Vulnerable & Disadvantaged People (UK)</u> The Leathersellers Company is currently seeking applications from small Charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations that are providing vital services for vulnerable people in deprived communities across the UK. The Small Grants Programme will award grants of up to £5,000 to organisations with an annual income of less than £200,000. Partnerships are encouraged. The number of applications will be capped and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Committee will meet regularly to ensure charities receive a decision within a month of submitting their application. There are 10 application windows throughout the year and each window will close when 45 applications have been received.</p>

Grants to Promote Mental Health & Wellbeing for Young People (UK)

Funding is available for registered charities that are core-focused on mental-health-related matters to support projects that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults across the UK. The funding is made available by the **Pixel Fund**, which generally awards grants of **between £2,500 and £5,000** for specific projects that will provide a measurable difference to children and young adults under 26 years old.

No single grant is ever more than 5% of the annual income of an organisation and charities will need to have submitted at least a first full set of accounts on the Charity Commission website before the Fund will consider granting to an organisation.

Organisations should **contact the Pixel Fund** in the first instance. Eligible organisations will be invited to submit a full application. To apply, potential applicants need to attend a Pixel Fund Q&A Drop-in Meeting (book [HERE](#)). This will enable potential applicants to access the application process. Eligible organisations will be invited to submit a full application.

Funding Available for Innovative Community Projects (UK)

Aviva has partnered with Crowdfunder to support small charities and community groups with innovative ideas that benefit their communities and are looking to raise up to £50,000.

The **Aviva Community Fund** will match each donation given, up to the value of £250, to support projects that enhance community resilience, with a focus on two main areas: Climate Action and Financial Wellbeing. This winter, the focus will be on supporting projects with a focus on Financial Wellbeing and the first 200 financial wellbeing projects to go live on the Fund webpage will receive a £500 fundraising boost. Once applications have been submitted, applicants will create a fundraising page on Crowdfunder, which Aviva employees and the public can donate to.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

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

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

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

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

Equipment Grants for Disabled and Disadvantaged Young People (UK)

Schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding through the **Wooden Spoon Society's Capital Grants** programme. Wooden Spoon is the British and Irish Rugby charity which supports projects help mentally, physically disadvantaged children under the cognitive age of 25. Each year the charity supports around 70 projects.

Through the programme funding is available for:

- Buildings and extensions
- Equipment and activity aids
- Sensory rooms and gardens
- Playgrounds and sports areas

	<p>· Soft playrooms. The funding available is for capital items only and will not support revenue costs such as staffing and other ongoing costs. There is no maximum grant limit but projects under £5,000 are unlikely to be considered. Wooden Spoon's contribution may be up to 100% of the cost, though beneficiary organisations will be encouraged, where practicable, to raise a proportion themselves. Since being founded in 1983, Wooden Spoon Society has made grants of over £31 million to more than 1,400 projects. If a project is educational or disability sports-focused, there must be a key rugby element to engage children and young people. Applications can be submitted at any time.</p>
	<p><u>Tesco Stronger Starts Programme (UK)</u> Tesco is inviting applications from schools and other not for profit organisation for projects and activities that give children across the UK a stronger start in life. The grants will help schools and other organisations provide nutritious food and healthy activities that support young people's physical health and mental wellbeing, such as breakfast clubs or snacks, and equipment for healthy activities. Every three months, three local good causes/ projects are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK. Grants will be awarded depending on the number of votes their project receives. The programme will give priority to projects that provide food security and support to young people. Tesco Stronger Starts Grants is managed by Groundwork across the UK and is working with Greenspace Scotland to support applicants in Scotland.</p>
	<p><u>Jerusalem Trust (England and Wales)</u> The Jerusalem Trust is currently accepting grant applications to its Small Grants to Schools Scheme for the Autumn Term 2024. The grants can be used to support the purchase of teaching resources for Christianity in Religious Education in state schools in England and Wales. Secondary school grants are currently still available. The maximum grant is £600, and applications can be submitted at any time. The grants can be used to purchase various teaching resources such as textbooks, teacher resources, artifacts, videos, tapes, and CD-ROMs for RE lessons. There are no application deadline and applications can be submitted at any time.</p>
	<p><u>Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas (UK / International)</u> Grants are available to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational projects with children and young people under the age of 25 in marginalised communities within the UK and internationally. The British & Foreign Schools Society (BFSS) normally makes grants totalling about £900,000 in any one year. For UK projects, the focus is on improving the educational outcomes and life chances of care experienced young people. Amount of funding available for grants for UK projects range between £30,000 and £90,000. BFSS will fund between 25% to 100% of the total project costs, but will give preference to projects with some degree of matched funding. There is a two-stage application process. Stage 1 applications can be submitted at any time. Applications shortlisted at this stage will be invited to submit a Stage 2 proposal. Stage 2 shortlisted proposals will be reviewed by the Grants Committee which meets every two months.</p>
	<p><u>Funding to Support Families in Need (UK)</u> Voluntary sector organisations in the UK working on the frontlines of family support can apply for grants of £10,000-£100,000 for a period of one to three years. These funds, made available through the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, can be used for core costs, salaries, running expenses, and project costs. The programme prioritises organisations with an annual income up to £500,000 located in or serving of high deprivation. Focus areas include family support in deprived communities, with particular interest in early intervention programmes, families coping with addiction, and assistance for prisoners' families. Applications can be submitted at any time.</p>

<p><u>“I’ve got an Idea” Fund (UK)</u> Individuals or small groups or organisations in the UK who have a novel technical idea which they want to try out can apply for grants of between £250 and £3,000. Schools and groups of school children can also apply if the idea is technically inventive and novel and delivers either an environmental or social benefit. The fund has been set up in memory of Peter Williams by his family. Peter spent his life generating diverse technical ideas and experimenting to see if they might work. Some of his ideas worked and some of them didn’t but they all left our world a better and more interesting place. The fund is looking for ideas that are based on a technical idea or innovation; that could deliver a social or environmental benefit; and that are intriguing, inventive and have an element of fun. Applications can be submitted at any time and applicants will be informed within 4 weeks of submission if their application has been successful.</p>
<p><u>Funding Available to Improve Grass Football Pitches (England)</u> Community football clubs in England can apply for funding to improve their pitches thanks to the 'Power Up Your Grass Pitch' campaign. Launched by the Premier League, the FA, and the Football Foundation, the initiative aims to improve over 20,000 pitches by 2030. To support the campaign, the Football Foundation has developed an app called 'PitchPower'. This online tool empowers community football clubs and organisations to conduct their own grass pitch inspections. Once these inspections are completed and identified through the app, clubs and facilities become eligible to apply for funding for both grass pitch maintenance machinery and equipment, as well as the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund.</p>
<p><u>Grants to Support Disadvantaged Young People through Educational & Sporting Activities (UK)</u> UK charities, educational institutions and NHS Trusts seeking funding to support those under the age of 18 who are living with a mental health condition, disability or growing up in poverty can apply for funding through the Hargreaves Foundation. The Foundation aims to help children and young people to fulfil their potential and improve their wellbeing, self-esteem, and independence through educational and sporting activities. This could include initiatives that improve academic engagement and attainment, develop skills to aid future employment, improve life skills, and ensure sport is accessible. There is no minimum or maximum grant amount. Applications can be made at any time.</p> <p><u>Funding to Improve the Lives of Vulnerable Young People (UK)</u> Grants of up to £2,400 are available to support the needs of vulnerable children and young people who have experienced a recent crisis or change in life that has had a significant impact on their wellbeing and their education. The funding is being made available through Buttle UK's Chances for Children Grants to provide a flexible range of support, such as items and activities to support learning and development (laptops, books, wi-fi, educational toys, tuition, etc); clothing and school uniforms; social, sporting and leisure activities; and items for children/young people’s bedrooms. Applications will only be accepted from frontline professionals working for a registered charity, housing association or public sector organisation including schools and colleges. Applications can be made at any time.</p>
<p><u>Grants to Encourage Participation in the Arts (Broxbourne, Watford and Welwyn Hatfield)</u> The Arts Council England will launch a new round of their Creative People and Places National Portfolio Fund on the 12th September 2024. The aim of the Fund is to support arts projects in places where involvement in the arts is significantly below the national average. Grants of between £750,000 and £1 million will be available to bring creative opportunities to communities in 142 eligible locations not currently engaging with the arts. The Arts Council is keen to encourage long-term collaborations between local communities and arts organisations, museums, libraries and local authorities. Match funding of 15% is required. The closing date for applications is the 16th January 2025.</p>
<p><u>British Science Week (UK)</u> The British Science Association has announced that applications for British Science Week “Kick Start” grants are due to re-open for applications in September 2024. British Science Week celebrates science, technology, engineering and maths. Grants of up to £750 will be available to state-</p>

	<p>funded schools in “challenging circumstances” to organise a variety of science and engineering events that will engage children who might not otherwise not participate in science based learning. To be eligible, students must be from a school that fulfils one or more of the following criteria: over 30% of pupils eligible for pupil premium or equivalent; over 30% of pupils from ethnic minority backgrounds; located in a remote and rural location.</p>
	<p><u>Funding to Raise the Academic Attainment of Disadvantaged Children & Young People (England)</u> The Education Endowment Foundation has announced details of its autumn funding round. The Foundation funds and evaluates projects in educational settings in England that will raise the attainment and wider outcomes of children and young people from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds. This funding round will focus on the priority areas of Writing in Key Stages 1 to 4; and Secondary maths. The funding will support projects at different stages of development, from those being developed and piloted to those that have shown a positive impact on children and young people’s outcomes and will be tested at a larger scale. Further details will be published when the fund opens to applications in September 2024.</p>