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News and Events

Youth Opportunity Programme

The Government is backing The King's Trust's new youth opportunity initiative with £10 million of funding. The nationwide initiative will fully launch in 2027, providing young people with access to more trusted adults, training, skills and work experience opportunities. The scheme directly supports the government's National Youth Strategy's 'Youth Matters' which aims to improve opportunities and outcomes for young people. This investment will be

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matched by corporate and philanthropic partners, creating a £20 million programme over the next four years to expand trusted adult support across England.

The programme will help young people build the confidence, skills and experience they need to thrive. By providing support early, the programme will help tackle the growing number of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET), while strengthening the networks and relationships that help young people succeed. The initiative will include:

- Place based pilots offering access to a trusted adult, scaling up to a nationwide network of mentors and coaches for young people.
- Access to courses and resources to build confidence and skills for life and work.
- Clear routes into employment, including work experience opportunities.

The announcement forms part of a wider package of investment in youth services. This includes £350 million to build and refurbish up to 250 youth facilities and more than £60 million through the Richer Young Lives Fund to expand opportunities in underserved communities.

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/49dnvptd>

Arts and Creative Industries

Arts Council England - Developing Your Creative Practice

Individual artists and/or creative practitioners in England can apply for between £2,000 and £12,000, to take a dedicated period of time to focus on their own creative development, and propel them to the next stage in their practice.

The term 'creative practitioners' includes dancers, choreographers, writers, translators, producers, publishers, editors, musicians, conductors, composers, actors, directors, designers, artists, craft makers, and curators, DJs, performer/creators, arts and cultural educators, community practitioners/engagement specialists, movement directors, cultural conservators, creative enablers and creative technicians.

Examples of activities that can be funded are:

- Building new networks for future development or to present work in the future.
- Experimenting with new collaborators or partners.
- International travel to explore other practice or work with mentors.
- Professional development activities, such as training.
- Research and development time to explore practice and take risks.

Deadline: 2nd July 2026

For more information:

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/dyccp>

Fidelio Charitable Trust

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to help individuals (over 21 years) and groups of exceptional ability in the UK that would not otherwise be able to carry out an artistic project or activity without financial support. Such individuals and groups must be nominated by an appropriate institution, college, Arts Festival or similar organisation in the UK, preferably a registered charity. The Trust welcomes applications in support of the Arts, particularly for Music, including Opera, Lieder and Composition, and Theatre.

Grants may be awarded to enable individuals/groups of exceptional ability to the following:

- Receive special tuition or coaching, e.g. in the case of musicians, to attend Master Classes.
- Participate in external competitions.
- Be supported for a specially arranged performance.
- Receive support for a musical composition.

Deadline: 25th September 2026

For more information:

<https://fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk>

Grand Plan - Grants for Artists of Colour

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to people aged over 18, who identify as a person of colour (Black, Asian, Brown and/or part of the Global Majority) in the UK to develop and deliver a range of creative and cultural projects. The programme supports creativity in all its forms, including poetry, paintings, fashion, zines, music, food, flowers, photographs, workshops, events or something else completely.

Imminent Deadline: 17th June 2026

For more information:

<https://www.grandplanfund.co.uk>

Hugo Burge Foundation - Creative Grants

Grants of up to £15,000 (up to £5,000 for individuals) are available to support projects across the UK that promote creativity through three key areas:

- Creative Education - supporting projects that provide young people (ages 0-29) with opportunities to engage in creative activities. This includes funding for workshops in schools, field trips to cultural sites, and the purchase of materials for student engagement.
- Creative Communities - aiding organisations, festivals, fairs and community groups that develop and deliver cultural and creative arts initiatives within their local areas.
- Creative Individuals - providing individual artists, including those in visual and expressive arts, writers and craftspeople, with funding to support their artistic projects.

Link to 2025 grant recipients: <https://tinyurl.com/bumvdju9>

Deadline: 31st July 2026

For more information:

<https://www.hugoburgfoundation.org/grants>

Maidstone Borough Council - Creative Communities Grants

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to support arts and cultural projects that benefit residents and communities across Maidstone. Projects, events or activities in any of the following disciplines can be supported: visual arts, music, theatre and performance, dance, literature, and heritage.

Deadline: 19th July 2026, 29th November 2026

For more information:

<https://arts.maidstone.gov.uk/home/funding>

Quindrie Press Comic Fund - Support for Independent Comic Creators

A small number of grants of up to £1,000 are available to support UK-based independent comic creators (aged 18 and over) with a specific comic-related project or goal. Funding can be used for a wide range of comic-related projects and goals, including printing comics, hiring freelance support, developing skills, buying materials, covering living or travel costs, attending events, or delivering community-focused comic activities. Priority is given to applicants from Scotland.

Deadline: 31st July 2026

For more information:

<https://www.quindriepress.com/fund>

Radcliffe Trust

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for UK charities and not-for-profit organisations working in the areas of music, especially chamber music, composition and music education. Applications are normally considered under the following headings:

- Composition and contemporary music.
- Bursaries for courses and summer schools.
- Music therapy/special needs.
- Academic research/projects.
- Youth orchestras.
- Performance projects.

- Educational projects - excluding individual mainstream schools.

Deadline: 31st July 2026

For more information:

<https://theradcliffetrust.org>

Young Sounds UK Awards Programme

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for the UK's most talented young instrumentalists in any genre, aged five to seventeen years of age who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential. As well as providing financial assistance, the programme aims to support award recipients with the following:

- Mentoring.
- Workshops with professional musicians.
- The chance to observe professional orchestras and other ensembles in rehearsal.
- Free tickets to concerts and performance opportunities.

The income of parents/carers in their home will determine whether or not they may apply:

- Definitely eligible if the total income is less than £30,000 a year.
- May be eligible if the total income is between £30,000 and £40,000 a year.

Awards can help with a range of costs including instrumental tuition costs, purchasing or hiring of an instrument or computer, purchasing instrumental accessories (such as cases, bows, reeds, light-weight instrument case, etc.), fees for long-term music courses such as Saturday school fees, exam entry fees etc.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://www.youngsounds.org.uk/thrive>

Business, Economy and Employment

Kent and Medway Growth Hub

Providing free, impartial support to help businesses to start, grow and succeed. Whether you're looking for access to grants and funding, expert mentoring programmes, or opportunities to connect through events all designed to help support you in your unique business journey.

For more information:

<https://kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk>

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)

UKRI is the national funding agency investing in science and research in the UK. UKRI brings together the 7 Research Councils, Innovate UK and Research England. UK-based businesses or research organisations may be able to compete for government-backed funding to:

- Research and develop a process, product or service
- Test innovation ideas
- Collaborate with other organisations

For more information:

Search current funding opportunities from across UKRI, research councils and Innovate UK <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity>

Co-operative and Community Finance

Loans from £10,000 to £75,000 (up to £150,000 using other funds) are available to support the development of co-operatives or employee-owned businesses and social enterprises in the UK for general business needs, including loans on property, business purchase, capital equipment and working capital. Interest rates currently range from 6% to 10%.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://coopfinance.coop>

KPMG Black Entrepreneurs' Awards

A programme which celebrates Black Heritage entrepreneurs in the UK and provides a cash prize and a platform to market their businesses to a wider audience. The four winners will be enrolled onto a 12-month programme receiving a cash prize of £25,000 to invest in their business or as a donation to the charity or community project of their choice. They will also receive professional mentorship and coaching, workshops and publicity through KPMG's PR channels.

Deadline: 17th July 2026

For more information:

<https://kpmg.com/uk/en/services/esg/black-entrepreneurs-award.html>

REED - All About Business Entrepreneurs Fund

Up to £20,000 of funding and expert mentoring for at least six entrepreneurs aged 18 to 26 who have an early-stage business trading for less than three years with at least one paying customer, to support growth and scaling activities.

Funding may be used for capital expenditure and investment in tangible or fixed assets such as equipment or fixtures and fittings that are required for business growth. It can also be used for operational expenditure that directly supports development activities, including marketing campaigns, liability insurance and other clearly defined growth-related initiatives.

Deadline: 7th July 2026 (initial application)

For more information:

<https://www.reed.com/entrepreneurs>

School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) - Social Investment Gateway Programme

The Social Investment Gateway Programme is a free 12-month support programme for charities, social enterprises and community organisations that want to strengthen trading and move nearer to investment readiness. There are two types of grants on offer as part of this programme. Applicants can choose one of the following:

- A Match Trading™ Grant of up to £18,000 – a grant designed to reward social organisations for increasing their income from trading. The Match Trading grant will be drawn down over 12 months in five instalments.
- A repayable grant of up to £24,000 – SSE is piloting repayable grants. There are 10 repayable grants on offer over both rounds.

The programme will enable participants to strengthen their trading income, business model, systems, finances and leadership, with tailored learning, diagnostic support, peer coaching, investment surgeries and opportunities to meet social investors.

SSE are running two information sessions. Registration required: 24th June 2026 or 6th July 2026.

Deadline: 17th July 2026

For more information:

<https://www.the-sse.org/programme/social-investment-gateway-programme>

Tree Production Capital Grant (TPCG)

Grants of between £5,000 and £175,000 are available to support tree nurseries and tree seed suppliers to improve the productivity and resilience of their operations, enabling a reliable supply of diverse, biosecure, and high-quality trees to England. Applicants can apply for up to 50% of the cost of investments.

Applicants to the fund can include: forest nurseries, amenity, fruit or nut tree producers, tree rootstock producers, tree seed suppliers, community, charity or public sector tree nurseries, new entrants to tree production from horticulture (must have sold or supplied other plants or seed).

Applicants can claim for the following:

- Equipment and machinery, and delivery and shipping costs of items purchased.
- Installation and construction of items purchased (carried out by internal staff or external contractors).
- One-off costs for purchasing or developing software.

Deadline: 8th July 2026

For more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-production-capital-grant>

UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs

Funding and specialist support are available for UK social entrepreneurs to help them develop as social leaders, and to start up or grow their idea for a social venture. The following levels of funding are available:

- Starting Up - funding of up to £8,000 for social entrepreneurs with an idea for a venture which has not yet been established, or which has been running for less than a year. Funding is intended to cover essential start-up costs.
- Scaling Up - funding of up to £18,000 to grow an existing social enterprise that has been operating for between one and four years. Funding is intended to support wages and living costs as the venture grows.

Together with funding, award recipients will be assigned to one of the following dedicated programmes depending on the needs of the social venture:

- Funding Futures - for social entrepreneurs aged 16 to 30 with ventures in the financial inclusion sector.
- Millennium Awards Trust - for social entrepreneurs in any sector.

There is an opportunity to attend a virtual pre-application session on 17th June 2026 and hear from the UnLtd team on Social Enterprise, their support and the application process. To reserve a spot: <https://tinyurl.com/4hnhtt9f>

Deadline: 31st August 2026 (opens 1st July 2026). Due to high demand, UnLtd usually limits each funding round to 650 submitted applications. Once this cap is reached, the portal closes until the next round.

For more information:

<https://unltd.org.uk/awards>

VocTech Together Support Programme

VochTech Together is a £2.85 million initiative funded and delivered by Ufi VocTech Trust, an independent UK charity that supports the use of technology to improve vocational skills and employment outcomes. Grants of up to £10,000 are available for organisations that deliver or support vocational skills for work.

In 2026, up to 40 organisations will join a 10-week programme offering expert-led sessions, peer learning and one-to-one mentoring. The grant funding is available to participating organisations on successful completion of the programme, to be used for staff time and related costs.

Deadline: 20th July 2026 (opens 6th July 2026)

For more information:

<https://ufi.co.uk/how-we-work/challenge-programmes/voctech-together/support-programme>

Community

Kent Community Foundation

Grants are available for community groups in Kent and Medway to support activities which make a real difference to their communities. The Foundation has five priority areas:

- **Mental health and wellbeing:** helping people in Kent and Medway access local support to improve mental health, build resilience, and reduce isolation.
- **Children, young people and families:** supporting children, young people, and families to thrive at home, in school, and in their communities.
- **Crisis and basic needs:** providing urgent help for people in crisis, ensuring basic needs are met and preventing long-term disadvantage.
- **Connected communities:** creating inclusive, connected communities where everyone feels a sense of belonging and can take part in local life.
- **Environment:** empowering communities to protect Kent and Medway's environment and take action on climate challenges.

Grants can be used towards a range of different costs depending on the programme applied for.

Deadline: Please refer to the Kent Community Foundation website.

For more information:

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

Better Community Business Network (BCBN) Grant Initiative

A small number of grants of up to £3,000 are available to small not-for-profit groups with projects that address a community issue or support a local community initiative; and provide benefits to the local community. Funding is intended to improve the quality of life and expectations of people and their communities, especially those who come from disadvantaged or socially deprived backgrounds. Causes supported include education, health, ex-offenders, homelessness/poverty, arts and culture, environment, elderly, disability and social cohesion.

Previous beneficiaries are listed here: <https://bcbn.org.uk/beneficiaries>

Deadline: 7th September 2026, 9th November 2026

For more information:

<https://bcbn.org.uk/grant-initiative>

cardfactory Foundation – Support for Families and Vulnerable Young People

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for UK registered charities working in the UK within one of the funder's priority areas:

- Families experiencing financial disadvantage - support for families facing long-term, sustained economic hardship, rather than short-term or one-off events, that restricts their ability to meet essential needs like food, housing, or heating.
- Sudden hardship and crisis - providing time-bound support to individuals and families experiencing a recent triggering event or escalation in risk (e.g. fleeing domestic abuse, imminent homelessness, or sudden bereavement).
- Vulnerable children and young people (0-25) - support young people facing circumstances that threaten their safety, wellbeing, or development.

Unrestricted funding is available for groups to use where it is most needed to strengthen a charity's long-term sustainability and reduce administrative burden.

Deadline: 3rd July 2026 (opens 22nd June 2026)

For more information:

<https://preprocardff.wpenginepowered.com/our-funds/the-local-community-fund>

Co-op Local Community Fund

Grants are available for small, locally based voluntary and community groups to support projects which benefit local communities around Co-op food stores and funeral homes across the UK. Applicants must be able to provide a Co-op membership number for one of the people making the application. Funding is for projects that help people to thrive in one of the following ways:

- Enable people to access food.
- Create opportunities for young people.
- Improve people's mental wellbeing.
- Promote community cohesion.
- Build sustainable futures.
- Promote and celebrate **diversity and inclusion**.

For examples of eligible projects: <https://www.coop.co.uk/lcfeligibility>

Imminent Deadline: 24th June 2026

For more information:

<https://causes.coop.co.uk>

The Different Foundation - AI for All

One-off grants of up to £2,500 are available for smaller UK charities advancing inclusive AI initiatives. The funding is intended to promote access and opportunity for members of underrepresented and diverse communities in AI innovation. It supports organisations committed to diversity in technology. This may include organisations focused on: digital inclusion, education and skills, social mobility, disability inclusion, gender equity, racial equity, community development and future workforce readiness.

The programme also offers four hours of specialised mentorship with respected leaders in AI. This mentorship provides practical guidance to enhance impact, improve programme delivery, and strengthen organisational capabilities.

Deadline: 31st August 2026

For more information:

<https://www.thedifferent.foundation/ai-for-all>

National Lottery - Awards for All

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for charities, voluntary groups, schools and local authorities in England to carry out projects that will improve their local community. The funding is intended for projects that support communities to thrive by:

- Bringing people together to build strong relationships in and across communities.
- Improving the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- Helping more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.
- Supporting people, communities and organisations that are facing increased demands and challenges as a direct result of the cost-of-living crisis.

The grants can be used for the following costs:

- The organisation's running costs.
- Equipment.
- One-off events.
- Staff costs.
- Training costs.
- Transport.
- Utilities.
- Volunteer expenses.
- Small land or refurbishment projects (relevant permissions need to be in place).

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p5kvccck>

Giving Machine - Community Grants

Eight unrestricted grants of £250 are available in each quarter to not-for-profit organisations across the UK. Successful causes will be chosen at random from all eligible entries. The Community Grants will be distributed over a diverse range of sectors.

Deadline: 31st July 2026

For more information:

<https://thegivingmachine.co.uk/solutions/for-causes/grants>

Riverhorse Trust – Supporting Stronger Communities

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for small UK registered charities with limited resources who are working to deliver frontline services in their communities. The Trust is looking to support organisations that are 'impactful and committed to investing in their own resilience'.

The funding is intended for small charities that:

- Deliver impactful services today (Relief), and/or contribute to long-term solutions (Change).
- Show evidence of organisational Strength, or have a clear commitment to build it.
- Demonstrate a capacity and desire to invest in their own sustainability, not just in short-term activity.
- The funding will support organisations as well as specific projects providing charities with the flexibility to use the money where it is needed most, for example, running a support programme, keeping their doors open, or covering essential costs.

The funding can be used flexibly, and could include project costs, core running costs, or essential overheads that help charities deliver their work in the community.

Deadline: 30th September 2026

For more information:

<https://riverhorse.org.uk>

Education

DfE - Early Education Partnerships Funding

Funding is available to support the establishment of 100 Early Education Partnerships across England (and development of activities) to strengthen collaboration between early years providers and state-funded primary schools. The initiative aims to improve children's transition from early years settings into reception, enhance school readiness and support the sharing of knowledge, resources and effective practice across the sector. Activities should focus on improving outcomes for children, particularly those with special educational

needs and disabilities (SEND), additional needs and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Partner organisations should include eligible early years providers and schools participating in the partnership. Funding available:

- £12,500 for Partnerships comprising two to four organisations.
- £25,000 for Partnerships with five to nine organisations.
- £37,500 for Partnerships with ten to fourteen organisations.
- Up to £50,000 for Partnerships involving 15 or more organisations.

Deadline: 17th July 2026

For more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-education-partnerships-funding>

Educational Opportunity Foundation

Grants of between £30,000 and £90,000 (maximum £30,000 per year for multi-year projects) are available for UK registered charities to advance educational opportunities for vulnerable or deprived children and young people in the UK and around the world. Funding is available for new or pilot projects, or projects which have started in the past 12 months.

There are two funding streams available:

- UK projects – funding for projects which support care experienced young people (under the age of 25 and living in the UK), including unaccompanied young refugees, to achieve any of the following:
 - Improve attendance, engagement and achievement in school, alternative education or further education.
 - Access and successfully complete higher education.
 - Improve employability through training outside of the formal education system.
- International projects – funding for work that aims to improve the quality, sustainability and access to education for young people up to the age of 25 within marginalised and deprived communities worldwide.

Imminent Deadline: There is a two-stage application process. 22nd June 2026 (international projects). For UK projects, application opening dates will be confirmed Autumn 2026.

For more information:

<https://educationalopportunity.org.uk/home/grants/main-fund>

Sheila Coates Foundation - Rapid Impact Fund (Supporting Autistic Students)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for mainstream secondary schools and colleges across England to support initiatives and activities that have been co-produced with autistic students and that can be put in place quickly.

Funding is for creative and innovative activities that enable autistic students to ‘excel and achieve, flourish and succeed’ school or college.

The funding can be used to purchase or commission things to help autistic students. It can also be used for implementation support, including additional staff time to run activities, peer mentoring or buddying, costs of running an event, or an activity led by autistic young people.

Deadline: 14th July 2026

For more information:

<https://www.sheilacoates.foundation>

Energy

British Gas Energy Trust - The Individual and Families Fund

Grants are available to individuals and families in or facing fuel poverty across Great Britain to be used to help write off their energy debts. The fund will cover arrears of Pre-payment customers who owe between £50 - £1,700 in energy debt.

Amongst other criteria applicants must have a household income of less than £20,328 or someone in the household is registered disabled and receives a disability benefit or receives Carers Allowance or has 3+ children.

The fund is available to British Gas and non-British Gas customers. However, non-customers should check with their own provider first, as there may be funds available to support them.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/grants-available>

Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF)

Public, private and third sector organisations in England and Wales can access capital grant funding to help new and existing heat networks move to low and zero carbon technologies, such as heat pumps, solar and geothermal energy.

The scheme's objectives are to:

- Achieve carbon savings and decreases in carbon intensity of heat supplied.
- Increase the total amount of low-carbon heat utilisation in heat networks (both retrofitted and new heat networks).

- Contribute towards market transformations across the investment landscape and supply chain that will better prepare the heat network sector for further decarbonisation.

The funding can provide up to but not including 50% of the estimated eligible commercialisation and construction costs of the project. The GHNf will award no more than 4.5p of grant per 1kWh of heat delivered to customers over the first 15 years of operation. There will be an upper limit of £1 million for commercialisation support.

Deadline: 25th September 2026 (Round 12)

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7ay39f>

Ofgem Energy Redress Scheme - Support for Vulnerable Energy Customers and Carbon Reduction Projects

Grants are available for charities and community energy groups in Great Britain, with £30 million available to support energy-related projects. Funding will support projects that help households most at risk from cold homes and high energy bills. The scheme also prioritises projects that develop innovative energy-related products or services and empower people to reduce their carbon emissions.

The funding streams available are:

- The Main Fund - grants between £50,000 and £2 million for projects that will support households in vulnerable situations.
- The Impact Fund - grants between £20,000 and £500,000 for projects monitoring the impact to households, of energy advice and other interventions.
- The Small Project Fund - grants between £20,000 and £49,999 for projects that will support households in vulnerable situations.
- The Innovation Fund - grants between £20,000 and £1 million for projects that will develop innovative products or services to benefit households.
- The Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund - grants between £20,000 and £1 million for projects that will reduce UK carbon emissions and empower households to reduce their carbon footprint.
- The Just Transition Fund - grants between £20,000 and £250,000 for projects that will develop community renewable energy which will benefit energy consumers in vulnerable situations.

Deadline: 23rd June 2026. This is the first funding round in phase three of the scheme. Before applying, organisations need to pre-register at <https://energyredress.est.org.uk/apply>

For more information:

<https://energyredress.org.uk/about-us>

Environment and Conservation

Care Collective Fund - Addressing Climate and Ocean Challenges

Grants of €10,000 are available for grassroots, research, and social impact initiatives that protect oceans, reduce plastic pollution, and strengthen climate resilience. The Fund aims to support practical, on-the-ground action to address climate and ocean challenges by funding projects that align with three key strategic pillars:

- The plastic life cycle e.g. plastic pollution prevention, river and coastal interception, community waste management, advocacy and policy work.
- Maritime and ocean ecosystems e.g. blue carbon and marine habitat restoration, marine wildlife protection and rescue.
- Community care and climate resilience e.g. empowering coastal communities and youth, grassroots climate/ocean justice.

It is designed to enable short-term, measurable initiatives that deliver clear environmental and social outcomes, while prioritising locally led, impact-driven projects, particularly in vulnerable coastal communities around the world.

Deadline: 5th July 2026

For more information:

<https://got-bag.com/en-eu/pages/care-collective-fund>

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero - Heat Pump Ready Programme

Funding for private sector businesses in the UK, either individually or as part of a consortium led by a private sector organisation, to develop and test innovative heat pump technologies aimed at overcoming key barriers to adoption in domestic buildings. The programme seeks to enable wider adoption of heat pumps by supporting solutions that reduce cost, simplify installation and minimise disruption. Individual projects can apply for grants ranging from £200,000 to £2 million.

Deadline: 25th June 2026

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc6te87e>

Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund

Grants of between £2,500 and £10,000 are available for community groups, charities, community interest companies, schools, and other organisations to support tree-planting projects. Funding is for well-planned tree planting projects that will directly benefit people,

communities, and wildlife as well as having clear community benefit and involvement, such as volunteering, education, or wellbeing initiatives. Amongst other criteria, projects located in close proximity to the Network Rail network (lines or stations) are desirable.

Deadline: 19th July 2026

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/yp4f3d97>

ServiceNow Community Improvement Fund UK – Addressing Climate Challenges

A small number of grants of up to £25,000 are available for schools and not-for-profit groups in the UK to start or expand water, solar, or nature-based community projects. Applicants can submit their own project for funding or apply for support to bring one of three proven, high-impact climate ideas to their community:

- Ecosystem Restoration Communities (ERC) - a programme focused on 'regreening' the planet by rebuilding soil, fixing water systems, and increasing local biodiversity on degraded land.
- Precious Plastic - an initiative designed to reduce plastic waste by encouraging communities to recycle plastic and turn plastic waste into valuable products.
- Youth-Led Solar - a project that sees teenagers plan, fund and implement a real photovoltaic installation in their community.

The funding can be used to cover direct set-up costs of the new community project. For example space rental, insurance fees, seeds and planting materials, tools, training fees; any materials needed for a project that benefits the community.

Imminent Deadline: 19th June 2026

For more information:

<https://www.changex.org/gb/funds/servicenow-uk>

Tree Council - Branching Out Fund

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to assist schools and community groups in undertaking tree planting projects across the UK. Amongst other criteria, projects must demonstrate strong community and local school involvement, engagement with young people and good value for money. Projects worth between £500 and £2,500 must also demonstrate:

- The inclusion of different tree types.
- A considered establishment and aftercare plan
- Involvement of local Tree Warden/s.
- The project is volunteer-managed and delivered.
- Consideration of risk management.
- An understanding of the project site and that it is suitable for tree planting (eg contacting a local ecologist/wildlife trust/local natural history society).

Deadline: 19th July 2026

For more information:

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/grants-and-guidance/our-grants/branching-out-fund>

The Wildlife Trusts - Green Community Grants Programme

Grants of up to £25,000 are available to registered charities and not-for-profit groups across Great Britain for projects that improve nature for local communities. The grants can be used for a wider range of sustainable activities, including recycling, litter picking, beach cleans or sustainable transport.

Deadline: Round Two: 15th July 2026. Round Three: 1st October 2026.

For more information:

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/green-community-grants-programme>

Faith and Places of Worship

ChurchCare

ChurchCare is the Church of England's Cathedral and Church Buildings Division. ChurchCare works in partnership with various grant-giving organisations to provide funding to ensure that conservation projects in Anglican churches across England are carried out to a high standard. Grants of up to £10,000 are available for the following:

- Bells/bell frames.
- Clocks.
- Organs.
- Stained glass.
- Books and Manuscripts.
- Churchyard Structures.
- Metalwork.
- Monuments.
- Textiles.
- Woodwork and Wooden Objects.
- Church Plate (grants of no set value are available).

Imminent Deadline: 22nd June 2026 for bells/bell frames, 24th August 2026 for stained glass, 14th September for clocks, 5th October for organs. 26th October for the other grants.

For more information:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare>

Historic England - Places of Worship Renewal Fund

Grants between £10,000 and £1 million are available for urgent repairs and essential improvements to listed places of worship in England in order to keep buildings safe, open and in public use. Any listed place of worship in England can apply, of any faith or denomination, provided it is an active place of worship.

Priority will be given to projects in areas of England with the greatest need for investment, and those that bring most community benefit. The funding can support:

- Urgent fabric repairs (roofs, masonry, timber, drainage).
- Essential improvements (electrical upgrades, heating, toilets, step-free access).
- Professional fees and surveys related to eligible capital works.
- Limited additional works that support future long-term sustainability (such as loft hatches, improved rainwater goods).
- Proportionate interventions that support sustainable community use.

Imminent Deadline: 14th June 2026 for Expression of Interest (First Round). A second round is expected in September 2026.

For more information:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/grants/what-we-fund/places-of-worship-renewal-fund>

General

Turn2us Grants Search

Turn2us is a national charity offering information and practical help to people facing financial insecurity.

For more information:

<https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk>

The Fore – Enabling Small Charities to Grow, Strengthen or Become More Efficient or Resilient

Unrestricted grants of up to £45,000 (over one to three years) are available to small charities and social enterprises based in the UK to enable them to grow, strengthen or become more efficient or resilient. The funding is intended to have a transformational impact on the organisations being supported by unlocking significant development in areas such as sustainability, growth, capability, efficiency, or other major steps forward. This unrestricted funding can be used for any purpose, including core costs and capital funding.

There is a particular interest in supporting grassroots organisations working with underserved communities. The Fore funds work across the following charitable sectors:

- Arts and culture.

- Disability.
- Economic development and employability.
- Environment.
- Health and wellbeing.
- Housing and homelessness.
- Human rights, law and justice.
- Poverty and disadvantage.
- Sport.
- Women and girls.
- Youth and education.

Deadline: Autumn 2026 round registration open from 8th July 2026 to 15th July 2026

For more information:

<https://thefore.org>

Health and Disability

Guide to Disability Grants

An online service which aims to provide free accessible information on grants to support disabled adults and parents/carers of disabled children.

For more information:

<https://www.disability-grants.org>

Hospital Saturday Fund For Organisations – Medical Projects

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to registered medically related charities in the UK for medical capital projects, medical care or research, medical training and running costs.

Examples of previously funded projects:

- Froglife Trust was awarded a £10,000 grant, which they put towards their Leaping Forward for Dementia in London project, empowering people living with dementia (and their support network) to safely access the benefits of nature and the outdoors and improve their mental well-being and alleviate loneliness.
- The Cancer Support Centre (West Midlands) was awarded a £10,000 grant to support increasing the opening times of the centre.

Deadline: 14th July 2026, 8th October 2026, 5 January 2027 for standard grants up to £2,000. 16th June 2026, 10th September 2026, 2nd December 2026 for larger grants up to £10,000.

For more information:

<https://hospitalsaturdayfund.org/apply-for-a-grant>

Hospital Saturday Fund For Individuals – Support for People with a Medical Condition or Disability

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to individuals with a medical condition or disability who would benefit from assistance with the purchase of specialised equipment or from particular forms of treatment. The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider grants for the following:

- Specialised Mobility Equipment (excluding for sporting purposes).
- Medical Appliances and Aids.
- Specialised Computer Equipment (excluding smartphones) for medical reasons only.
- Therapeutic Equipment.
- Therapeutic Treatment.
- Home Adaptations.

Please note: the scheme will only correspond with (and accept applications from) the supporting medical professional/supporter organisation and not the individual.

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://hospitalsaturdayfund.org/apply-for-a-grant>

Heritage

The Heritage Funding Directory

The Heritage Funding Directory provides over 400 potential funding sources, along with guides to help you secure financial support.

For more information:

<https://www.heritagefundingdirectoryuk.org>

National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Grants of between £10,000 and £10 million are available to support the heritage sector to provide activities that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. Heritage projects could include:

- Improving landscapes, for example, restoring habitats and celebrating the cultural traditions of the land.
- Oral history recordings.
- Recognising and celebrating cultural traditions.
- Commemorations and celebrations.
- Historic buildings, monuments and the historic environment.
- Museums, libraries and archives.

Eligible costs include: activities, repairs and conservation, digital outputs, new staff posts, paid training placements, professional fees, the purchase of land and/or buildings that are important to the UK's heritage and are for sale at or below market value.

Deadline: 6th August 2026, 12th November 2026 for applications over £250,000, following a successful EOI submission. At anytime for applications between £10,000 and £250,000.

For more information:

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding>

Social Inclusion

A B Charitable Trust

Grants of up to £30,000 are available for small to medium-sized charities registered and working in the UK that defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals. To be eligible, projects should address at least one of the following categories:

- Migrants and refugees - support for organisations working to achieve a just and supportive environment for people who migrate to the UK, are refugees or people seeking asylum. This includes work to deliver services, policy, advocacy and influencing, campaigning, narrative change, and community organising.
- The criminal legal system and penal reform – funding for organisations that work with people either within the criminal legal system, or at imminent risk of coming into contact with the system, and that support individuals to resettle successfully in the community.
- Access to justice - support for organisations that promote access to justice through the provision of specialist legal advice and representation.
- The human rights framework - support for organisations that work to uphold, enhance and implement the human rights protection frameworks in the UK, defend civic space and hold the Government to account around human rights protections.

For all priority areas, the Trust usually supports single focus organisations working solely in priority areas. For these organisations, core funding (unrestricted grants) or project funding (restricted grants) are both available.

Deadline: 31st July 2026, 30th October 2026

For more information:

<https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk>

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Together for Service Families: Placed Based Grants Programme

Grants of up to £350,000 are available for projects that aim to support serving families (including reservists) affected by service related separation (for example: deployment,

exercises/training, unaccompanied postings, weekending and long-distance commuting, and repeated short-notice time away) or relocation. Addressing emerging needs will be a fundamental part of delivery.

Projects should contribute to lasting and meaningful change within the chosen location, with a clear intention to improve support for serving families over the longer term.

Deadline: 19th August 2026 for expressions of interest. Successful applicants will then be invited to submit a full application by 20th January 2027

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/4tj8e79s>

Chrysalis Trust - Relieving Poverty and Disability

A small number of grants are available for UK registered charities with projects providing benefit across the UK, that are less popular and harder to fund, and focus on the trust's priorities of relieving poverty and disability and providing access to shelter, education, healthcare and water. Grants range from less than £1,000 to up to £10,000 with a few exceptional grants of more than £10,000.

The grants can be used for both capital projects and core funding.

Imminent Deadline: 15th June 2026, 15th December 2026

For more information:

<https://www.chrysalis-trust.co.uk>

Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust

Grants are available to local not-for-profit organisations for projects that improve the quality of life for people in Kent and Medway, and most notably those who are the most disadvantaged:

- Community Fund - grants of between £500 and £15,000 for community organisations and local charities to strengthen their resilience and build their capacity to deliver sustainable, face-to-face services to people at the margins of society.
- Brighter Futures - grants of between £15,000 and £75,000 to support vulnerable and disadvantaged people, to improve their life chances and emotional wellbeing or help to break down barriers preventing them from participating in employment, education or training.
- Through the Gate – grants of up to £75,000 to support the rehabilitation of offenders and help reduce the collateral consequences of their imprisonment on their families; with the aim of reducing reoffending, making the local communities safer.
- Thematic Grants - periodically the trustees will invite large funding proposals on themes they identify as being of key importance. For 2026, it is for projects working to increase school attendance, inclusion and engagement.

Recent grants can be found here: <https://www.cfct.org.uk/recent-grants>

Deadline: Applications to Community Grants are accepted on a rolling basis. For Brighter Futures and Through the Gate deadlines are at the end of June, October and February.

For more information:

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

Henry Smith Foundation – Early Years Parenting Fund

Grants of up to £225,000 (up to £56,250 per year for four years) are available for charitable organisations based and working within the UK to improve outcomes for children (aged newborn to five) through effective, culturally grounded parenting support.

The first round is focused on communities where outcome gaps are largest. Organisations should be working closely with and understand parents with children aged newborn to five years from:

- Black (Caribbean or African, Any Other Black), Pakistani, and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities and/or
- Growing up in the most deprived 20% areas nationally.

Grants can be used towards general running costs - and is to be used for work that helps achieve the following objectives:

- Improve children's outcomes across physical development, cognitive development and social and emotional development through support for effective parenting.
- More families accessing support that feels culturally relevant, safe and responsive.
- Learn what works best for groups most at risk of poor early childhood outcomes to influence public sector service and other support.

Deadline: 1st July 2026 for expression of interest. Around 35 organisations will be invited to submit a full application by 21st August 2026

For more information:

<https://henrysmith.foundation/grants/early-years-parenting-fund>

Henry Smith Foundation – Equity in Justice Fund

Multi-year grants are available for organisations delivering specialist services for racially minoritised young men aged 18–25 who are in contact with the criminal justice system within the UK. The key aim of the fund is to increase these men's access to specialist services designed to meet their specific needs.

Priority will be given to smaller organisations and those 'led by and for' the racially minoritised communities they serve. Racially minoritised is defined to include Black and Global Majority communities alongside all other communities which may experience racial injustice in the UK such as Muslim, Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Jewish communities.

It is anticipated that 13 grants of £200,000 each, will be made over three to five years.

Deadline: 5th August 2026 (opens 24th June 2026). A live webinar will be held on 23rd June 2026. Further rounds of this fund will open in January 2027, June 2027 and January 2028.

For more information:

<https://henrysmith.foundation/news/the-gap-we-should-have-seen-sooner>

HMRC Voluntary and Community Sector Grant Funding 2027-2030

Grants of between £40,000 and £1 million per year are available for public sector and non-profit organisations who can provide tax and related support services to unrepresented HMRC customers who need extra help, including but not limited to customers with:

- Reduced mobility or physical disabilities.
- Sensory disabilities, including visual and hearing impairments.
- Low digital capability or confidence or limited access to digital devices.
- Experiencing age related difficulties.
- Neurodiverse customers.
- Mental health conditions, including depression, stress and anxiety.
- Language barriers.
- Extreme distress through life events such as bereavement or safeguarding concerns.
- Who HMRC finds hardest to reach, such as prisoners and those on probation.

The scheme is intended to support customers back into mainstream HMRC channels by building their capability and confidence and resolving issues which may have become a barrier to direct engagement with HMRC.

Deadline: 3rd July 2026. HMRC's grant funding team will be hosting live Q&A Sessions with interested applicants on 17th June 2026.

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/2jj4x8ad>

Innovation UK (IUK) - Improving Outcomes for Children Experiencing Homelessness

This competition supports organisations of any size in the UK and internationally to develop and test innovative approaches that improve outcomes for children and families experiencing homelessness, with applications led by a single legal entity that may use subcontracted specialist expertise while delivering the majority of the work in the UK. IUK are seeking approaches that may include, but are not limited to, those focused on:

- Improving access to safe, suitable, and consistent spaces for learning within temporary accommodation or unstable housing contexts.

- Strengthening coordination between education, early years, housing, health, and local support services to better identify children experiencing homelessness and respond to their learning needs.
- Enabling parents or carers in unstable housing situations to better support children's learning, development, and educational continuity.
- Supporting the specific needs of single parent families experiencing homelessness.

Projects can range in size up to total eligible costs between £200,000 and £500,000, inclusive of VAT. IUK expects to fund up to 10 projects.

Deadline: 8th July 2026

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3jwvjd>

Leeds Building Society Foundation Small Grants - Supporting People Who are Experiencing Homelessness

Grants of up to £2,500 are available for UK registered charities undertaking projects to support those in need of a safe and secure home. Funding is flexible and can be used for core, project and/or capital costs. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Financial stress - projects that help with bills or debt stress.
- Security and refuge - projects that support emergency accommodation.
- Quality and suitability of housing.
- Health and wellbeing support for those experiencing homelessness if it is part of wraparound support and the application also meets at least one of the other themes.

Applications are welcome from those who take a Housing First and/or relationship-based approach. Applications should show evidence of:

- Strength-based practice.
- Trauma-informed care.
- Psychologically-informed environments.

Deadline: 7th September 2026, 11th November 2026

For more information:

<https://www.leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk/your-society/about-us/foundation>

The Legal Education Foundation - Strengthening Justice Fund

Grants of between £50,000 and £100,000 (per year for over three to five years) are available for organisations that are doing charitable work in the UK who use, or want to use, the law to create change that builds social justice within their communities within the UK.

Organisations should be using the law to address systemic injustice and drive transparency and accountability in public bodies and decision makers. This could include, but is not

limited to, judicial review, influencing legislation, strategic litigation, and supporting legal inquiries.

The grants can be used to fund any costs. Additionally, access support of up to £500 is available for Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent people to help with applying.

Deadline: 17th September 2026

For more information:

<https://lef.org.uk/funding/grants/strengthening-justice-fund>

Maypole Fund - Feminist Activism Against Militarism and War

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to women and women-only groups and organisations for imaginative, non-violent feminist projects that challenge militarism, promote disarmament, and advance peace and nonviolence.

Deadline: There are two funding rounds each year. Applications are accepted during the following windows: 1st January to 31st January and 1st June to 30th June.

For more information:

<https://www.maypolefund.org>

Ministry of Defence - LGBT Financial Recognition Scheme

Financial payments are available for LGBT veterans who served in HM Armed Forces between 27 July 1967 and 11 January 2000 and who have been affected by the Ban on LGBT personnel serving in HM Armed Forces.

The scheme provides two types of payment:

- LGBT Dismissed or Discharged Payment – a payment of up to £50,000 for veterans who were dismissed or administratively discharged, including officers who were ordered or instructed to resign or retire by their respective Service Board, solely on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity during the Ban.
- LGBT Impact Payment – a payment of up to £20,000 for those who experienced pain and suffering under the Ban, including harassment, intrusive investigations and indeed in some cases imprisonment.

Deadline: 12th December 2026

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc4txube>

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - Democratic Engagement Fund

Grants of up to £50,000 (most projects will receive up to £25,000) are available for civil society organisations in England to support people in communities least likely to engage with democracy, such as young people (aged 5-25), ethnic minority groups, people who are homeless, disabled people and people from low socio economic backgrounds.

The funding is for projects that support people to get involved in different kinds of democratic activity:

- **Informing:** helping people understand how democracy works – this could include democracy workshops run in schools, community centres, and youth clubs.
- **Outreach:** meeting people where they are.
- **Widening opportunities:** helping people get involved beyond just voting, through mock votes and elections that let young people experience democracy, and community forums that give people a genuine say in decisions that matter to them.
- **Removing barriers:** targeted, practical support for people who face real obstacles to taking part.

Partnership and consortium bids are welcome.

Deadline: 31st August 2026 (opens 22nd June 2026)

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/kj4er6p4>

Nuffield Foundation - Racial Diversity UK Fund (RDUK)

Grants of between £15,000 to £500,000 are available for research projects to generate new evidence on racial diversity, racial inequalities and their causes, and potential pathways toward greater racial justice and inclusion in the UK.

The priority theme for 2026 is: inter-generational changes, continuities and challenges in racially diverse UK. The Foundation is interested in understanding how generational changes in perspectives, experiences and circumstances may shape the opportunities and challenges of the UK's racially diverse future, within the context of its colonial history and an evolving institutional, policy and political landscape.

A wide range of organisations including, universities, research organisations and voluntary sector bodies are eligible to apply. The Foundation encourages applications from diverse backgrounds, particularly from individuals and organisations from racially minoritised communities.

Deadline: October 2026

For more information:

<https://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/funding-for-research/racial-diversity-uk-fund>

Quaker Housing Trust (QHT) - Supporting Charitable Social Housing Projects

Funding is available for a wide range of charitable social housing projects in Britain with a focus on helping small charitable organisations to enhance the quality of their housing provision or to create new homes. There are four funding priorities. Other projects will be considered after those meeting these four priorities:

- Projects in East of England, Southwest of England (Somerset, Devon, Cornwall) and Wales - geographically underrepresented in recent award rounds.
- Projects providing for older people.
- Organisations working with people with No Recourse to Public Funds.
- Housing projects that support people from minoritised groups. These include: LGBTQ+ people, black and other ethnically minoritised people, people living with disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers, prison leavers, care leavers. This is not an exhaustive list, and consideration will be given to other minoritised groups.

Available funding:

- **Project Development Grants:** up to £6,000 to support research into the feasibility of proposals to improve, expand or create genuinely affordable, environmentally sustainable rented housing for those in need.
- **Interest-free loans:** up to £30,000 for projects generating income from rent.
- **Grant funding:** up to £30,000 for housing projects for people designated as having No Recourse to Public Funds under the Immigration Acts.

Deadline: Capital Loans and Grants – 1st July 2026 for expressions of interest (18th August 2026 for Stage 2 applications). Project Development Grants – 11th August 2026.

For more information:

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

Rosa - Stand With Us Fund - Addressing Male Violence Against Women and Girls

Grants of up to £28,000 are available for not-for-profit women's and girls' organisations delivering frontline services in the UK supporting women and girls who experience male violence. The fund supports organisations to become stronger and more effective; better meeting the needs of women and girls and influencing wider change for all women and girls across the UK. Rosa will prioritise applications from:

- Organisations which are led by and for Black and minoritised women and girls.
- Organisations led by and for women and girls with disabilities.
- Organisations led by and for LGBTQ+ women and girls.
- Organisations operating in the top 10% of the most disadvantaged areas in the UK – based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).

Funding can be used for organisational development work that will allow organisations to survive, thrive and grow. It is intended to support extra capacity, rather than existing costs.

Imminent Deadline: 22nd June 2026

For more information:

<https://rosauk.org/our-programmes/stand-with-us>

Social and Sustainable Capital (SASC) and the Garfield Weston Foundation (GWF) - Housing Pathways Fund

The fund provides flexible, low-cost loans to experienced social sector organisations so they can acquire and manage high quality homes at genuinely affordable, income appropriate rents, which are below conventional 'Affordable Rent' levels and paired with tenancy sustainment and employment support. The scheme aims to deliver:

- More than 150 homes in long term social use.
- Around 1,200 people housed.
- More than 75% of tenants moving into independent living.
- A focus on the most deprived communities in the UK.

Delivery partners will provide tenancy sustainment and employment support, working closely with local authorities to support transitions into the private rented sector or social housing.

Deadline: None specified

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/4v2vwf35>

Sport and Physical Activity

Whirlwind Charitable Trust - Outdoor and Marine-Related Pursuits for Disadvantaged Children

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to not-for-profit groups for projects which improve the lives of disadvantaged people, often young people. Funding is intended to provide life-enhancing experiences to disadvantaged young people and those with disabilities. This is principally through the challenge and stimulation of maritime and outdoor pursuits including funding for sailing charities.

Deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next quarterly Trustee meeting.

For more information:

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

Barclays Community Sport Fund - Female Coaches for Girls Grants

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations operating in an area of high deprivation in the UK to make football, cricket, or tennis more accessible to women and girls aged 16+ (or 18+ depending on specific course eligibility).

Grants of up to £200 are available to cover the cost of a Level 1 or equivalent introductory qualification and any additional safeguarding and first aid requirements for your sport. You can apply to upskill up to two female coaches at your club or group (2 x £200 grants per club).

Applications from female coaches from diverse backgrounds and with lived experience are particularly welcomed, to help ensure the programme reflects the communities it serves.

Deadline: 4th November 2026 (opens 8th July 2026)

For more information:

<https://sported.org.uk/barclays-female-coaches-for-girls>

Children and Young People

7stars Foundation - Supporting Challenged and Vulnerable Young People

Grants are available to support young people challenged by abuse and addiction, those who are young carers, and those who are homeless or without a safe place to call home. The following funding streams are currently available:

- **Child Poverty Grants**: two-year grants of up to £30,000 per year for innovative ideas to end child poverty. Grants to strengthen an organisation so it can make a lasting, meaningful impact. This scheme is not open to direct applications, as charities are proactively chosen by the Trustees. However, you may register your interest.
- **Social Impact Grants**: two-year grants of £5,000 per year for charities working to address key societal issues affecting young people. **This round will focus on anti-racism and online abuse.**
- **Individual Grants**: one-off grants of up to £500 for safeguarding professionals (such as social workers, lawyers, school outreach officers) representing a young person within the UK, in the care or legal system, who is in need of some extra help.
- **Fully funded apprenticeships**: for charity, CIC, school, nursery, or children's home staff and which will result in support and benefit to young people challenged by the issues the scheme prioritise.

Deadline: 13th July 2026 for Social Impact, Child Poverty and Individual applications.

For more information:

<https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk>

Adamson Trust - Holidays or Respite Breaks for Disabled Children

Grants (averaging £250) are available to individuals and organisations to help with the cost of holidays or respite breaks for disabled children (aged 3 to 17 years) with physical, mental, or emotional impairments.

Deadline: 30th June 2026, 30th September 2026

For more information:

<https://www.theadamsontrust.co.uk>

Alec Dickson Trust – Youth Volunteering Projects

Grants of up to £500 are available to support volunteering projects in the UK, organised and run by young people (aged 30 years and younger). In general, the Trust aims to support projects which:

- Encourage youth volunteering - particularly those which involve lots of volunteers and encourage people to continue volunteering long term.
- Have a positive impact on disadvantaged communities and individuals - particularly projects which address a specific need and have a long lasting and meaningful effect on those it reaches.
- Are innovative and try to do things a bit differently, such as using social media creatively or using existing resources in new ways.

Examples of previously funded projects:

- Clapton Boys Club - Say No To Bullies: anti-bullying prevention training has provided youth leaders and volunteers with methods in how to engage children in fun, interactive activities to develop self awareness, confidence and caring for others whilst attending club sessions and extra-curricular activities.
- Breaking the Binary: hosts weekly sessions at the Unity LGBT Centre in Wales, providing a social space and support group to non-binary people. They promote volunteerism by encouraging participants to take on responsibilities and roles appropriate for their existing skills and/or experience.

Deadline: 1st July 2026. Applications are reviewed approximately once every three months.

For more information:

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

Gibbons Family Trust – Young People Living in Thanet

Grants averaging £1,400 are available to individuals/families, charities and not-for-profit organisations for the benefit of children and young people up to the age of 25, living in Thanet (and Devon), for any purpose to improve quality of life. Eligible projects include:

- Residential and day care establishments for children and young people, including those who are disabled.
- The maintenance and educational advancement, training and recreation of children and young people.

Deadline: Trustee meetings are bi-monthly. Applications should be submitted by the end of June, August and October, December, February, and April.

For more information:

<https://gibbonstrusts.org.uk/gibbons-family-trust>

Linder Foundation - Improving Outcomes for Vulnerable Young People

Grants averaging £15,000 are available for UK-based charities that help vulnerable children and young people (aged from 12 to 24 years old) who have suffered trauma during childhood. The Foundation is seeking to fund projects delivering early intervention and rehabilitation aiming to prevent re-offending and to divert young people from involvement in the youth or criminal justice system.

Deadline: Applications are accepted any time. Please use the eligibility checker at the Foundation website. If suitable, applicants will be directed to complete an expression of interest form. If successful, applicants will then be invited to submit a full application. Trustees meet three times a year (March, July and October).

For more information:

<https://www.thelinderfoundation.org.uk/young-people-eligibility-criteria>

Magdalen Hospital Trust

One-off grants of up to £2,000 are available for small UK registered charities working with vulnerable children and young people especially those at risk of sexual and other forms of exploitation within the UK. The Trust prefers to fund project costs rather than core costs. Projects can include those that provide:

- Training for work and personal development.
- Clubs and play schemes.
- Safeguarding education.
- Mental health support and counselling.
- Emergency care.

Deadline: 30th June 2026, 31st October 2026 (opens 1st October 2026)

For more information:

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

Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Youth Fund

Grants of up to £150,000 (spread over three years with a maximum of £50,000 per year) are available for organisations whose main purpose is working with and for young people (aged 14-25) who face challenging or complex transitions to adulthood.

The Youth Fund supports organisations that:

- Work beyond direct delivery to influence strategic and systemic change.
- Address the root causes of injustice.
- Ensure approaches reflect young people's lived experience.
- Are committed to anti-racism and inclusive practice.
- Take an asset-based approach, focusing on young people's strengths and power.

Funding can cover: core organisational costs, including salaries and delivery costs, and scaling or strengthening existing work (not new or untested ideas).

Applications are particularly welcome from organisations led by people most impacted by racism, ableism, classism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, and/or transphobia.

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme

For more information:

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/youth-fund>

Toy Trust – Supporting Disadvantaged and Disabled Children Under 13 Years of Age

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for registered charities undertaking projects to support disadvantaged and disabled children who are under 13 years of age within the UK and abroad. Funding is available to:

- Alleviate suffering.
- Support children through awful experiences.
- Encourage achievement through adversity.
- Purchase vital equipment.
- Provide care and satisfy basic needs.
- Initiate brand new projects and bolster existing initiatives.

Funding can be used for equipment and services.

Please note that the scheme is set to reopen soon.

Deadline: Continuous rolling programme. Trustee meetings are quarterly.

For more information: <https://www.toytrust.co.uk>

Help and guidance

Organisations offering support and advice to businesses and the voluntary sector:

Organisation	Area	Telephone	Email
Council for Voluntary Service North West Kent (CVSNWK) https://www.cvsnwk.org	Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley	01474 354479	office@cvsnwk.org
Funding For All https://fundingforall.org.uk	Kent		info@fundingforall.org.uk
Imago http://www.imago.community	Kent and Medway	01892 530330	hello@imago.community
Involve Kent https://www.involvekent.org.uk	Kent	03000 810005	hello@involvekent.org.uk
Kent Volunteer Partnership https://kentvolunteers.org.uk	Kent		info@thekentvolunteerpartnership.org.uk
Red Zebra Community Solutions https://redzebra.org.uk	Kent	01227 262313	info@redzebra.org.uk
Swale Community & Voluntary Services (SCVS) http://www.swalecvs.org.uk	Swale	01795 473828	office@swalecvs.co.uk
Kent & Medway Growth Hub https://www.kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk	Kent and Medway	03333 602300	business@kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk
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