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## News and Events

### ***Government Support for Communities Affected by Flooding***

The Government has announced financial support for communities that have suffered “exceptional localised flooding” caused by Storm Henk (2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January).

- Flooded households in eligible affected areas, who can apply for up to £500 cash to help with immediate costs
- Households and businesses significantly affected, who will be eligible for 100% council tax and business rates relief for at least three months

### **Kent4Community**

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- Small-to-medium sized businesses in eligible affected areas, who can apply for up to £2,500 from the Business Recovery Grant to help them return quickly to business as usual
- Eligible flood-hit property owners, who can apply for up to £5,000 to help make their homes and businesses more resilient to future flooding via the Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant Scheme
- Farmers who have suffered uninsurable damage to their land will be able to apply for grants of up to £25,000 through the Farming Recovery Fund towards repair and reinstatement costs for farmers adversely affected by exceptional flooding

Support will be available through councils who will announce further details on eligibility and how to apply.

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/5eafmtc5>

## ***Comic Relief - New Fund for the UK's Migration Sector***

Comic Relief expects to launch a new funding opportunity in February for organisations that are supporting refugees and asylum seekers in the UK and/or who are doing influencing work for safer routes and improved outcomes for people affected. This will be for organisations that are already working in this area.

Further funding criteria is being developed. More information about the funding and the application process will be made available in February 2024.

**For more information:**

<https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/funding-opportunities>

## **Arts and Creative Industries**

### ***Arts Council England National Lottery Projects Grants***

Grants are available for individual artists, community and cultural organisations to support arts, museums and libraries projects that engage people in England with arts and culture. Projects can range from directly creating and delivering creative and cultural activity to projects which have a longer term positive impact, such as organisational development, research and development and sector support and development. The funding is for projects that are focused on one or more of the following disciplines:

- Music
- Theatre
- Dance
- Visual arts
- Literature
- Combined arts - including festivals and carnivals

- Museum practice (accredited or unaccredited)
- Libraries

Three levels of grants are now available:

- Grants of up to and including £30,000
- Grants of between £30,001 and £100,000
- Grants of £100,001 and over

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

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

## Grand Plan Grant

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to people of colour 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.

**Deadline:** 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**For more information:**

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

## *Help Musicians - Music-led Creative Collaboration*

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for professional musicians in the UK to undertake a UK-based collaboration with other non-music artists (for example storytellers, lighting designers, choreographers, technologists, scientists, gaming designers, theatre directors, visual artists etc.). Eligible costs and activities include:

- Venue and rehearsal space
- Recording costs (live or documentation - but not studio recording)
- Travel and access, accommodation
- Fees for musicians, artists or collaborators' time to allow for collaboration
- Any other reasonable costs associated with creative collaboration

There should be an end result of the collaboration, such as a body of work created for an upcoming recording or a new performance, which ultimately, should push the boundaries of what the applicant does as a music creator.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8kyrae>

## ***Hinrichsen Foundation***

Grants are available to support organisations and individuals undertaking projects to promote music, particularly contemporary music. There are two levels of funding available:

- One-off small grants typically between £500 and £2,500 (for new applicants and former beneficiaries)
- Larger projects or concert series generally £2,000 and over

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**For more information:**

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

## ***Idlewild Trust***

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities working in the following:

- **Arts Grants:** Nurturing Early-Stage Professionals - Supporting programmes that improve opportunities for professionals working creatively within the arts at an early stage in their career
- **Conservation Grants:** Objects and Works of Art - Supporting the conservation of historic or artistically important objects and works of art in museums, galleries, places of worship, historic buildings, or their grounds

**Deadline:** 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**For more information:**

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

## ***Innovate UK - Creative Catalyst 2024 Competition***

UK registered micro or small businesses in the creative industries sector can apply for grants of up to £50,000, coupled with a package of tailored support, to grow their business. Proposals must:

- Have an innovation that clearly demonstrates benefit to the creative industries sector and the wider UK economy
- Focus on a clear opportunity and the proposed innovation which addresses it
- Demonstrate the impact funding and support can have to the growth plan of the business within the next 12 months

Projects must focus on one or more of the following subsectors: advertising and marketing, animation, architecture, arts and culture, crafts, design, fashion, film, TV and video, games, music and radio, publishing, visual art and photography.

**Deadline:** 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/2p2av8cr>

## **Jerwood Foundation**

Grants are available for arts organisations across the UK to support a variety of projects and activities that make the arts available for public benefit. Grants of up to £180,000 have been awarded previously, although most grants range between £1,000 and £25,000. Previously funded projects have included:

- £25,000 for Brixton Chamber Orchestra to enable their Christmas 2023 and Summer 2024 tours of housing estates in Lambeth.
- £20,000 for Paintings in Hospitals to conserve, restore, and digitise a portion of their art collection
- £19,150 for Scherzo Ensemble to help young professional performers trying to start their careers

**Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**For more information:**

<https://jerwood.org/funding>

## ***PRS Foundation - PPL Momentum Music Fund***

Grants of up to £15,000 are available to support the development of talented emerging UK musicians and bands, helping them to sustain and develop their careers. Applicants should consider why and how this activity will contribute to their career development and/or business plan. This may include, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- Recording - new album, EP, single, producer, engineer, mixer fees, studio hire, session musician fees, etc or a combination of these elements
- Touring (UK only) - travel, accommodation, musician fees, set/production design, tour management, equipment hire, etc
- Marketing and promotions - PR, radio plugger, digital marketing, music videos, merchandise production, etc

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024

For more information:

<http://tinyurl.com/5ff39nrx>

## ***Universal Music UK Sound Foundation School Fund***

Grants of up to £1,500 are available to schools to support the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and equipment.

**Deadline:** 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.umuksoundfoundation.com/umuksf-school-awards>

## ***Theatres Trust Small Grants Scheme***

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for essential works to not-for-profit theatres in the UK that will enable them to be viable and thrive in the future. Eligible projects include:

- Improvements and repairs to the building fabric
- The installation of key plant and machinery
- The purchase of key equipment (not software) to improve digital infrastructure

This scheme will prioritise improvements to buildings that protect theatre use and remove barriers to participation and attendance.

**Imminent Deadline:** 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**For more information:**

<https://www.theatrust.org.uk/smallgrants>

## ***UK Games Fund (UKGF) - Prototype Fund***

Grants of up to £30,000 are available to support UK video games development, aimed at helping smaller companies get concepts off the drawing board and into production, thereby helping to maximise the contribution to the country's economic growth which this sector delivers.

**Deadline:** This will be an invitation-only round open only to some of those who submit an expression of interest. Invitations will be issued in February/March 2024 to apply with projects starting in June 2024 and completing before March 2025.

**For more information:**

<https://ukgamesfund.com/prototype-fund>

## ***Youth Music NextGen Fund***

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to young creatives (18-25 years old, or under-30s who identify as d/Deaf or disabled) in the UK to help them take a step forward to participating in and changing the music industries. Priority will be given to:

- People who do not have the financial means to invest in themselves to get their ideas started
- People that are too early-stage to be funded by larger grant programmes such as Arts Council England and PRS Foundation
- Those who might be discriminated against, for reasons that could include gender, race, disability, location or other characteristics
- People who are creative, entrepreneurial and are multi-disciplinary - even if they do not recognise themselves as such

Funding can be used to launch a creative project, idea or business. Costs linked to training, career development, travel, audience development, marketing, equipment, software and business development can also be covered.

**Imminent Deadline:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 28th June 2024, 15th November 2024

**For more information:**

<https://youthmusic.org.uk/nextgen/nextgen-fund>

## **Business and Employment**

### ***Kent County Council - Kent and Medway Small Business Boost***

Interest free loans of between £26,000 and £99,000 over five years are available to business in Kent and Medway to help them grow and create new jobs. Applications from the following priority sectors are encouraged:

- Manufacturing
- Pharmaceutical, natural and life sciences
- Green technology
- Digital, media, creative and cultural industries, and tourism
- Food technology manufacturing
- Logistics and construction

Loans can be used for funding land, buildings, plant, software, machinery, equipment, assets acquired from third parties by the transfer of technology or knowledge and wage costs for new employees.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://www.kmbf.co.uk/about-small-business-boost>

### ***Kent Community Foundation - Employability, Skills and Enterprise***

Grants of up to £5,000 (up to £7,500 may be considered for exceptional projects) are available for projects which raise the aspirations and increase the skills and opportunities of people who are far from the labour market. The theme supports projects working with young people/ NEETs, young parents, ex-offenders, ex-forces, those with financial barriers and those with learning disabilities, mental health issues or physical disabilities.

The Fund is looking for projects that provide accredited training, apprenticeships, meaningful work experience and life skills/employment skills workshops for the disadvantaged. It also supports strategic projects which aim to prevent young people from becoming NEETs.

**Deadline:** To be confirmed. Kent Community Foundation have temporarily paused applications as they will be introducing a new IT system for awarding funding in February 2024.

**For more information:**

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

## ***Kent Social Enterprise Loan Fund (KSELF)***

KSELF is a social lending programme, aiming to bridge the increasing funding gap for new and existing social enterprises in Kent and Medway, by offering unsecured loans of between £10,000 and £100,000.

The financial package will include an element of up to 30% grant of the loan amount. The aim of the Fund is to spread the culture of social enterprise, break down the barriers which prevent enterprising social businesses from accessing finance and encourage a more enterprising approach to achieving positive change in our communities. Once finance is repaid, it will be re-loaned and re-invested back in the community.

The fund is managed by the Kent Community Foundation.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme.

**For more information:**

<https://kentcf.org.uk/loans/social-enterprises>

## ***UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)***

UKRI is the national funding agency investing in science and research in the UK. Operating across the whole of the UK with a combined budget of more than £6 billion, UKRI brings together the 7 Research Councils, Innovate UK and Research England.

If you're a UK-based business or research organisation, you may be able to compete for government-backed funding to:

- Research and develop a process, product or service
- Test your 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>

## ***Department for Business and Trade - Start-up Loans***

Loans of up to £25,000 are available to entrepreneurs in the UK wishing to start up a new business. The programme is designed to go some way to help solve the problem of supporting people who have a feasible business idea but no access to finance. The programme aims to equip enterprising individuals with the tools needed to make their businesses a success. Successful applicants will receive a low-cost unsecured loan, business mentoring and a range of business products.

To be eligible and apply for the scheme, applicants must be yet to start their business or have been trading for fewer than 36 months.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

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

## ***Growing Kent and Medway - Kent Business Innovation Vouchers***

Grants (or Vouchers) of up to £30,000 are available to fund businesses operating in the horticultural and plant-based food and drink supply chains, with subsidised access to leading experts and research facilities in Kent and Medway. The Voucher is a grant designed to help overcome challenges a business may be facing or create opportunities through innovation. It can be used to access technical research support at one of three research organisations; NIAB, University of Kent, or University of Greenwich.

The scheme can support a range of projects. The capabilities in the region mean it is able to help with challenges in:

- Horticultural production including the production of novel, high-value compounds from plants, eg medicinal or beauty
- Packaging for plant-based food and drink products
- Plant-based food and drink products and processing
- Agri-technologies that underpin the supply chain

Projects must focus on one or more of the following:

- Moving towards net zero carbon emissions targets
- Minimising waste and maximising recycling
- Improving resource use efficiency and sustainability
- Increasing productivity
- Resilient food production, such as supply chain resilience and nutritional security
- Precision technologies, including sensor technologies, AI or robotics
- Solving the challenge of access to labour
- Project ideas must be innovative. Applicants may research or develop a new process, product or service, or improve an existing one

The vouchers offer a grant of up to £30,000, which can cover 50% of the costs of projects costing up to £60,000. The funding is provided directly to the research organisation, not the business applicant.

**Imminent Deadline:** 24th January 2024

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/442345nz>

## ***Innovate UK - Growing Kent and Medway: Prototyping and Demonstrator Fund***

Organisations operating in the Kent and Medway (K&M) area can access grants of up to £150,000 for the development and demonstration of innovative new technologies, for projects in the horticultural food and drink supply chain.

To lead a project an organisation must be a UK registered business of any size carrying out at least 60% of its project activity in the K&M area. Applicants must involve at least one partner from the K&M area. The lead organisation may be based outside of the K&M area but must collaborate with at least one organisation in the K&M area.

**Imminent Deadline:** 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/yvhkkuts>

## ***Innovate UK - Smart Grants***

UK registered organisations can apply for a share of up to £25 million to support business-focused, commercially viable R&D innovation that can significantly impact the UK economy.

The Smart Grants programme is a 'responsive' grant funding programme from Innovate UK (IUK). It has focused eligibility criteria and scope to support SMEs and their partners to develop disruptive innovations with significant potential for rapid, economic return to the UK. Applications can come from any area of technology and be applied to any part of the economy such as, but not exclusively, net zero, the arts, design and media. This competition is open to single applicants and collaborations.

IUK will fund innovative research and development (R&D) projects across a variety of technologies, markets and research categories, including feasibility projects, industrial research projects, and experimental development projects.

**Deadline:** 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/2f3djsyn>

## ***Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust - Emerging Maker Grants***

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for the training and education of UK-based early-career craftspeople who wish to develop their skills and expertise. The funding specifically supports training and education programmes to help makers enhance their craft skills and advance their careers. The training can take many forms, from traditional college courses to vocational one-on-one learning with a master craftsman, or a bespoke programme of short courses.

**Deadline:** 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.qest.org.uk/apply/emerging-maker-grants>

## ***The Prince's Trust***

Support is available to help young people (aged up to 30) to overcome barriers and get their lives back on track. The Trust works with delivery partners across the UK to offer hundreds of free courses, grants and mentoring opportunities to inspire young people to build their confidence and start a career. The Trust focuses its efforts on:

- Young people under-achieving in education
- Young people leaving care
- Young offenders and ex-offenders
- Unemployed young people

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk>

## ***The Royal Countryside Fund - Rural Start-Up Fund***

A total of £5,000 is available to help entrepreneurs start new businesses in rural areas of the UK. Applicants must be able to demonstrate how their business will, in some manner, support rural communities, promote conservation of the countryside, or support rural sustainability. Support is aimed at passionate people who are committed to sustainable farming and agriculture.

The grant will be awarded to one winning business or shared between a number of rural start-ups.

**Deadline:** 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.royalcountrysidefund.org.uk/how-we-help/rural-start-up-fund>

## ***UnLtd - Awards for Social Entrepreneurs***

Funding of up to £18,000 and specialist support is available for UK social entrepreneurs to help them develop as social leaders, and to start up or grow their idea for a social venture.

Funding for start-up ventures (for social entrepreneurs with an idea or who are in the early stages of development) is intended to cover essential start-up costs (not including wages).

Funding for established ventures (for social entrepreneurs to grow their existing social venture to help it make a bigger difference) is intended to support wages and living costs as the venture grows.

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**For more information:**

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

## **Community**

### ***Kent County Council – Combined Members Grants***

Kent County Councillors (also known as Members) have £3,600 each to allocate as Grants. Members have supported a wide range of community initiatives, including:

- Local events and activities
- Purchase or repair of equipment and furniture
- Promotional materials and website creation/redesign
- Mentoring support to assist local groups to become more sustainable
- Sports projects
- Community safety schemes
- Small-scale pilot projects

Grants are available to properly-constituted organisations – such as voluntary and community groups, societies and charities, social enterprises and parish/town councils – for projects that benefit local communities.

Members may jointly support a project where it benefits more than one area/community.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme until the funding is spent

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8en4um>

## ***Ashford - Community Grants Fund***

Grants are available to the local voluntary and community sector for community projects that will benefit and involve the people of Ashford Borough.

- Capital Grants - up to £10,000
- Ashford Amenities Grant – up to £10,000
- Loans - up to £25,000 in exceptional circumstances only
- Ward Member Community Grants - the minimum grant is £100. Each ward councillor has £3,000 to allocate to projects in their ward
- Event Reset Grants - up to £1,000

**Deadline:** Please check website (see below) for grant deadlines

**For more information:**

<https://www.ashford.gov.uk/your-community/grants-and-funding>

## ***DCMS – VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme***

Free independent energy assessments (IEA) and/or capital grants of between £2,000 and £150,000 are available for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations delivering frontline services in England to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings.

Capital Grants can be used to install capital energy efficiency measures, identified in the applicant's IEA, to reduce their building's energy costs and support the delivery of their frontline services.

The funding is to be used to help improve the energy efficiency of the building and could support, for example:

- Building fabric enhancements
- Space and water heating measures
- Lighting - LED lighting systems etc.
- Renewable energy measures - heat pumps, solar panels, wind turbines, Micro-Hydro Systems, battery storage
- Fossil fuel measures by exception and only in the event that they have been particularly recommended for the premises as part of the IEA, with limited other options available
- Other capital measures by exception and recognised as proven to make significant reductions in energy
- Minor capital works required to support the installation of energy efficiency measures may also be covered, but will be assessed on a case-by-case basis

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/c3ezkhu8>

## ***FCC Community Action Fund***

Grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for amenity projects eligible under Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). The funding is for projects sited within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility (in Kent, there are facilities located in Allington and Isle of Sheppey).

The funding can be used for the provision, maintenance or improvement of the following types of public amenity:

- Village halls and community centres
- Public play areas
- Publicly available Multi use games areas, skate parks and BMX tracks
- Sport and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access
- Churches – community spaces only
- Nature reserves
- Public gardens, parks, country parks, woodlands with dawn to dusk access
- Museums

The kinds of costs that may be included in the required funding are: contractors, materials, capital items, small items of equipment used by volunteers and staff to deliver the project.

**Deadline:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**For more information:**

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk>

## ***Screwfix Foundation***

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that improve, fix, and repair buildings, homes and facilities specifically used by people in need (by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability or other disadvantage or distress) across the UK. The funding is to be used for the following types of projects:

- Improved energy efficient lighting and heating
- Installation of new kitchen, bathroom etc
- Installation of a sensory room
- General painting and decorating
- Improving safety and security of a building

**Deadline:** 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.screwfix.com/landingpage/screwfix-foundation>

## ***Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities - The Community Ownership Fund Round 3***

Grants are available to help communities across the UK to take ownership of assets at risk of closure. These include green spaces, libraries, cultural spaces, leisure facilities, community centres, pubs and more:

- **Capital Funding** - Incorporated voluntary and community organisation or a parish (or equivalent) council can apply for up to £250,000 to purchase or lease an asset and pay for refurbishment costs. In exceptional cases, up to £1m in funding is available for all asset types where the asset is at risk of being lost. Projects are required to contribute 20% 'match' funding towards the total capital required
- **Revenue Funding** - Up to £50,000 is available to fund project development costs, such as feasibility studies, or running costs in the first year of operation, such as staffing costs

**Deadline:** Round 3 (Window 3) opened on 6th December 2023 and will close on 31st January 2024. The first stage is the approval of an Expression of Interest (EOI) form, to confirm eligibility. The scheme will run 4 bidding windows per year, so you will have an opportunity to apply approximately every 3 months until March 2025.

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/ynfryaaz>

## ***National Lottery Awards for All - England***

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

- Building 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

Grants can be used for the following costs:

- The organisation's running costs
- Small land or refurbishment projects
- Equipment
- One-off events
- Staff costs and training costs
- Transport and utilities
- Volunteer expenses

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/nh67cy3j>

## ***National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities***

Large grants (over £10,000) are available to voluntary and community organisations in England for projects that make positive changes in their communities.

The funding is intended for projects that support communities to thrive by:

- Building 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

The grants can be used for the following costs:

- **Direct costs** associated with delivering activities in the community, including: project staff, materials, equipment, volunteer expenses, project evaluations
- **Organisational development**, including: business planning, testing new ways of working, staff training and development, developing governance and leadership, tech or IT upgrades/purchases, developing/sharing impact and learning, increasing capacity to support collaboration and partnership working
- **Core/fixed costs** to support the day-to-day running of the organisation, including: salaries, rent, utilities, equipment, purchasing, refurbishing or developing of land and buildings

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9cuv39>

## ***National Lottery Community Fund - The UK Fund***

Grants are available to not-for-profit groups for projects which forge connections between communities to create a better-connected society across the UK. Funding is intended to develop and expand community links by:

- Strengthening relationships between people whose experiences of life have not been the same. For example, relationships between people of different ethnic backgrounds, generations, occupations or geographies
- Creating connections between online and offline worlds
- Helping to make sure people from all backgrounds can shape the future of their communities

Grants of £500,000 to £5 million are available. It is expected that most awards will be for two to five years, though funding for up to 10 years may be considered. Around 15 to 20 projects will be funded in the first year.

Grants can cover the following costs:

- Staff costs, including sessional workers
- Development work (testing new ways of working, staff training and development, developing governance, tech or IT upgrades and purchases, sharing learning)

- Transport
- Utilities and running costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Learning and evaluation
- Equipment
- Capital costs, though these are unlikely to make up a significant part of the budget
- Costs associated with delivering the project in other languages

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/the-uk-fund>

## ***Warburtons Families Matter Community Grants Programme***

Small grants of up to £400 are available for local projects, activities and organisations that have charitable aims and that will be of real direct benefit to families.

Funding is available for projects that are working towards one of Warburtons' outcome areas:

- **Health** - supporting families to care for each other and lead healthier lives:
  - Improving physical health
  - Improving wellbeing
- **Place** - supporting families to flourish in communities that are safer, greener and more inclusive:
  - Making spaces safe and inclusive
  - Connecting communities with the environment
- **Skills** - supporting families to gain useful skills for life and work:
  - Developing useful life skills
  - Developing useful skills for employment.

Grants can be used to cover specific costs that will benefit the cause (e.g. purchasing equipment to support an employability project).

**Deadline:** 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/yvr3rwz6>

## ***Veolia Environmental Trust***

Grants of up to £75,000 are available for constituted, not-for-profit organisations and local authorities for projects that make improvements to community facilities and the natural environment that are located near a qualifying Veolia site in England. The Trust currently offers three grant schemes:

- Community Grants - to create or improve community buildings or outside spaces for the benefit of the community
- Environmental Improvement Grants - to enable landscape scale improvement projects such as habitat creation/management, and/or species protection
- Habitat and Biodiversity Grants - to support structural improvements to a single habitat, such as a waterway, woodland, or nature reserve

**Deadline:** 11th April 2024, 20th June 2024, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.veolitrust.org/funding>

## **Conservation and Environment**

### ***Kent Community Foundation - Environment***

Grants of up to £5,000 (up to £7,500 may be considered for exceptional projects) are available to improve our local spaces and to encourage more sustainable ways of living.

The fund wants to support projects that understand the link between poverty of life and poverty of environment and try to improve those communities most affected.

These may include:

- Tree-planting and hedging regeneration
- Restoration of local habitats
- Organised litter-picking and beach cleans
- Community garden projects
- Educating children about local wildlife and nature
- Sustainable food education
- Greening community buildings

**Deadline:** To be confirmed. Kent Community Foundation have temporarily paused applications as they will be introducing a new IT system for awarding funding in February 2024.

**For more information:**

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

## ***Countryside Stewardship - Woodland Tree Health Grant***

Funding is available to landowners in England for woodland tree health restoration projects. The scheme is intended to help create a range of environmental and social benefits that:

- Help protect and improve the resilience and environmental value of woodlands
- Restore woodland after damage by a tree disease or pest

Payments are subject to a cap that limits the amount that can be paid. The cap is based on the average grant per hectare and includes the cost of trees and additional capital items. The cap ranges from £1,750 to £3,500 per hectare and depends on if applicants are planting native or non-native trees and if the site is an ancient woodland.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/mpdnyjcn>

## ***Defra - Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund (NEIRF)***

Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available to non-profit environmental groups, local authorities and businesses to stimulate private investment and mechanisms that improve and safeguard England's domestic natural environment. Projects must protect or enhance the domestic natural environment in line with one or more of the Government's 25-year environment plan goals in the context of the following natural capital asset types:

- Peri-urban (areas of transition from rural to urban land uses)
- Enclosed farmland
- Mountain, moor and heathland
- Freshwaters and wetlands
- Woodland
- Coastal margins
- Semi-natural grassland

All costs must be directly associated with developing the investment readiness proposal to be eligible for funding. When carried out, these must have the potential to provide activities that meet all the fund's aims. Examples of eligible activities:

- Internal organisational capacity: The salaries of staff developing the investment readiness proposals
- Specialist consultancy and technical advice to design and structure an investment model that will produce revenue or cost savings

**Deadline:** 16th February 2024

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/yezdnhy8>

## ***Forestry Commission - Tree Production Capital Grant***

Funding of up to £175,000 are available to help tree nurseries and suppliers invest in projects which improve, expand, automate or mechanise their operations. This will help improve the quantity, quality, diversity, and biosecurity of domestic tree supply.

**Imminent Deadline:** 30th January 2024

**For more information:**

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

## ***Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund***

Grants are available for community groups, charities, community interest companies, schools, and other organisations to support tree-planting projects across the UK. The following award categories are available:

- Main grants for projects between £2,500 and £5,000
- Large grants for projects between £5,000 and £15,000
- Flagship grants for projects over £15,000

**Deadline:** None specified, but funding is for activities taking place during the 2023/2024 planting season (November 2023 and March 2024).

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/mr3pnyks>

## ***National Lottery Community Fund – Climate Action Fund – Energy and Climate***

Grants of up to £1.5 million over two to five years are available for community-led partnerships in the UK to make changes in their community that they believe will have the biggest impact on climate change. Projects are required to do at least one of the following:

- Encourage people and communities to use energy in an environmentally friendly way
- Bring communities together so that they can explore ways to promote energy efficiency
- Enable communities to understand and engage with opportunities for clean energy generation, which do not use fossil fuels

There is a particular focus on activities which engage with communities to:

- Educate, inspire, and start community-led energy action that leads to a reduction in carbon emissions over the long-term. This includes demonstration projects that people can visit in their community
- Build skills, tools, and resources to enable local action, such as, training community energy champion, exploring cost-effective easy to use solutions such as draft excluders or using LED bulbs

- Share skills with people in the community so they can get involved in projects where they can generate their own energy through renewables. We will not fund the purchase of solar panels, wind turbines or other generators of renewable energy. However, we can fund groups to engage with communities and help them build their understanding about community energy projects
- Use data to encourage action and positive behaviour change

The funding can be used for some capital costs. This could be for buying equipment or buying, leasing, refurbishing or developing land and buildings, or other construction-related work. However, the expectation is that most of the funding will go towards revenue costs (e.g. staff costs, project costs, engagement activities, utilities or running costs, management costs).

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme. The fund expects to remain open until early 2024 but it will depend on when and how many others apply for funding.

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/2p8ehcwr>

## ***Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain Fund***

Grants of up to £2,500 are available for community organisations to install a water bottle refill station in a busy or environmentally important coastal location. The purpose of the Fund is to prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and species by reducing marine litter, through the provision of well-located coastal water fountains that will significantly reduce the use of non-reusable plastic drinks bottles. The fund will cover the purchase of one fountain per successful applicant. It does not cover installation or maintenance costs.

**Deadline:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/coastal-fountain-fund>

## ***Tree Council - Orchards for Schools***

Free packs of fruit-bearing, wildlife-enhancing, carbon-storing orchard or fruiting hedgerow are available for UK schools. Schools that are successful in their application will receive their orchard and/or hedgerow pack, an engaging set of supporting resources and training, designed by experts and teachers, that are linked to the national curriculum.

**Imminent Deadline:** 28th January 2024

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/y82mcht3>

# **Faith and Places of Worship**

## ***Benefact Trust – Heritage Skills for Christian Buildings Grants***

Grants are available for registered Christian charities in the UK and Ireland to provide training, scholarships, and apprenticeships for individuals in heritage skills that are essential for the preservation and maintenance of historic Christian buildings, including:

- Stonemasonry and lime plastering
- Carpentry/joinery
- Heritage plumbing and electricians
- Heritage bricklaying
- Thatching
- Lead work and glazing

Funding is for training specific individuals rather than providing general funding across a group of students. Funding can be used for both capital and revenue costs.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://benefacttrust.co.uk/which-grant-is-for-me/heritage-grants>

## ***Benefact Trust – Building Improvement Grants***

Grants are available for Christian charities, churches, cathedrals, and denominational bodies across the UK to support the conservation, preservation, or aesthetic enhancement of Christian churches and charity buildings.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://benefacttrust.co.uk/which-grant-is-for-me/building-improvement-grants>

## ***DCMS - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme***

Grants are available towards the VAT incurred during repairs and maintenance of listed buildings that are used principally as public places of worship, or which are listed places of worship owned by specified organisations that look after redundant places of worship.

**Deadline:** 31st March 2025

**For more information:**

<http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk>

## ***Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe - European Jewish Heritage Programme***

Grants of up to £75,000 (per year for up to three years) are available for charitable organisations to protect, preserve and enable better access to Jewish archive, museum, and library collections in Europe. The following will be supported:

- Core exhibitions
- Temporary exhibitions
- Renting travelling exhibitions
- Innovative exhibition ideas

Funding can be used for: preliminary research and planning, curatorial costs, staff salaries, purchase of specialist equipment, exhibition design and build, translation, public engagement, digital projects, etc.

**Deadline:** 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (EOI). 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (full application)

**For more information:**

<https://rothschildfoundation.eu/what-we-fund/european-jewish-heritage>

## ***Friends of Kent Churches***

Grants are available for churches and chapels of architectural merit or historic importance in Kent (pre-1965 boundaries) to maintain their fabric and fixtures of special importance. The funding can be used to help with the following:

- Fabric repair and restoration
- Window and floor maintenance
- Work done to monuments
- Fixed facilities such as heating, rewiring, disabled access, security, kitchens, and toilets, but only where a small grant will make a significant contribution to keeping a church in use

**Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

**For more information:**

<https://friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/grants>

## ***Home Office - Protective Security for Mosques Funding Scheme***

The scheme is open to all Mosques and associated faith-buildings in the UK who have experienced hate crime at their site, or who feel that their faith community is vulnerable to hate crime.

Through the scheme, Mosques can apply for measures such as CCTV, secure fencing, and intruder alarms to be installed at their site to improve security against hate crime. Mosques are also able to apply for the provision of security guarding

services. All measures provided by the scheme will be supplied and installed free of charge.

**Deadline:** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/places-of-worship-security-funding-scheme>

[https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/powapply23\\_4cKGUxi](https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/powapply23_4cKGUxi)

(application form)

## ***National Churches Trust - Large Grants Programme***

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available to support the conservation and sustainable use of church buildings in the UK, focusing on larger and more complex projects with priority given to urgent structural repairs or the introduction of kitchens and accessible toilets. Places of worship of any Christian denomination and age can apply.

**Deadline:** 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/large-grants>

## **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>

### ***Ashley Family Foundation***

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for projects that fit with the Foundation's ethos of protecting rural communities and encouraging participation in the arts. The Foundation favours revenue proposals over capital requests. Funding is focused on supporting:

- **Arts** – Funding for good small-scale arts projects with support for organisations that provide a wide range of educational and creative activities, including applied arts and crafts, music, drama, textiles, photography film and dance. Funding also for arts education with a focus on helping promising young Welsh talent

- **Rural** – There is particular interest in projects that open up opportunity in areas where it might not otherwise exist and that help alleviate the isolation and other hardships that can affect rural communities
- **Community** – Funding for projects that bring people together, to help each other out and make their community a better, more joyful place. Support is available for a range of community and social welfare projects, including those focused on helping people who suffer from isolation and/or social disadvantage.
- **Sustainability** – Funding for projects that make a positive environmental impact in their community.
- **Small charities** - The Foundation has an affinity with small charities, the ones set up by people who are driven by the desire to help better the lives of those around them

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**For more information:**

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

## ***Boots Charitable Trust***

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to registered charities working to benefit people in the UK, in the following areas:

- **Health:**
  - Community healthcare - community healthcare services, home care, aftercare, sufferers of medical conditions, disabled people and continuing care
  - Health education and prevention - promoting knowledge and awareness of specific diseases or medical conditions
- **Lifelong Learning:**
  - Helping people of any age to achieve their educational potential (supplementary schools, literacy and numeracy projects, community education, vocational/restart education for the unemployed, alternative education for excluded school pupils)
- **Community Development:**
  - Helping groups to organise and respond to problems and needs in their communities or networks. This could include groups such as Councils for Voluntary Services and Citizens Advice Bureaux
- **Social Care:**
  - Personal social services - organisations assisting individuals or families to overcome social deprivation (e.g. people who are homeless or disabled and their carers, lone parent and childcare groups and other family support groups)
  - Social preventive schemes - activities preventing crime, dropping out and general delinquency and providing other social care outreach work, social health and safety awareness schemes, etc
  - Community social activities - activities to promote social engagement for vulnerable people, mitigating against isolation and loneliness

Additionally, a particular focus within each of these priorities is how the projects demonstrate a commitment to improving diversity, equality and inclusion within the community.

**Deadline:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/5cwze5bu>

## ***Charles Hayward Foundation***

Grants are available to charities for projects in the following categories:

- Social & Criminal Justice for £15,000 to £25,000 per annum (for one to three years)
- Overseas grants of up to £15,000 for one-off projects

Funding is available for project costs and capital expenditure.

**Deadline:** Main Grants - 1st stage applications: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024, 26th April 2024, 16th August 2024, 8th November 2024. For the small grant programme applications can be submitted at any time.

**For more information:**

<http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk>

## ***Kennel Club Charitable Trust***

Grants are available for science, welfare, and education projects that benefit dogs and their owners or companions. The three key purposes are outlined below:

- To promote the advancement of education and science by furthering research into canine diseases and hereditary disorders of dogs.
- To promote the quality of life of human beings by promoting support dogs as therapeutic and practical aids to humans
- To promote the relief and suffering of dogs that are in need of care and attention through welfare channels

**Deadline:** Applications can be submitted at any time

**For your information:**

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

## ***Veterans' Foundation***

Grants of up to £30,000 are available to support not-for-profit organisations that provide lifetime support to those in need among serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans, and their immediate families. The funding can be used for projects covering a range of aspects of social care for the Armed Forces community, including but not limited to:

- Reducing homelessness
- Increasing employment
- Providing welfare and medical support
- Reducing dependence on alcohol and drugs
- Reducing poverty
- Disability and mental health
- Marriage guidance
- Care during old age

**Imminent Deadline:** 30th January 2024, 23rd April 2024, 30th July 2024, 15th October 2024

**For more information:**

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

## **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>

### ***Adamson Trust***

Grants for voluntary and community organisations and charities 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:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**For more information:**

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

### ***Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust***

Grants of up to £1,000 are available for UK charities to support the following priority:

- Disability, specifically employment and training for people living with disabilities to ensure better access

**Deadline:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**For more information:**

<https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk>

## ***Baily Thomas Charitable Fund***

Grants are available to voluntary organisations, charities and schools in the UK to assist with the care and relief of children, young people and adults with learning disabilities in the UK.

Funding is normally considered for capital and revenue costs and for both specific projects and for general running/core costs.

**Deadline:** 1st March 2024, 1 August 2024

**For more information:**

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

## ***Barchester Healthcare Foundation***

Grants of up to £2,500 are available for small local groups and small local charities to improve the quality of life and combat loneliness in older people as well as adults with a physical or mental disability.

Funding is intended to help with the following:

- Activity projects
- Equipment and materials for use by members
- Member transport
- Day trips, outings and group holidays in the UK

Priority will be given to innovative projects that help older people and those with a disability to get active, meet people, and reduce isolation.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme

**For more information:**

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

## ***Department of Health and Social Care – Community Automated External Defibrillators Fund***

Grants of up to £750 are available for community organisations (such as sports clubs, local theatres, community halls, etc.) across England to buy an automated external defibrillator (AED) to install in a public place.

**Deadline:** The scheme closes on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024. The funding is based on a first come first served basis.

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/5n6t5wpr>

## ***Elaine and Angus Lloyd Charitable Trust***

Grants averaging from between £1,000 and £3,500 are available for charitable organisations undertaking a variety of social welfare activities in Kent and Surrey. The grant is intended to support general charitable activities in the areas of advancement of health or saving of lives, disability, and people with disabilities.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

[ross.badger@hhllp.co.uk](mailto:ross.badger@hhllp.co.uk)

## ***Gardening with Disabilities Trust***

Grants are available to individuals in the UK to enable them to continue gardening, despite disability or advancing illness. The Trust supports:

- People with a wide range of disabilities including visual, physical and mental
- People who need to re-organise gardens because of health issues
- Residents in long stay hospitals or nursing homes who share a garden

The Trust offers the following support:

- Adaptation of private gardens to meet the special needs of disabled people
- Grants towards a range of items e.g., tools, planting tables, raised beds, paving, wheelchair access, handrails, and greenhouses
- Provision of help with special gardens in hospitals, centres, and schools
- Provide information on garden aids and techniques

The following are eligible for funding:

- Raised beds
- Poly tunnels and greenhouses
- Tools
- Small-scale garden adaptations. e.g. access pathways
- Plants or shrubs
- Compost

Applicants are required to become a member of the Trust's Garden Club. Membership is free.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme

**For more information:**

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

## ***Macmillan Grants***

One-off small grants of up to £300 for adults, young people or children with cancer in the UK, to cover a wide range of practical needs such as:

- Energy bills

- Home adaptations
- Cost of travel to and from hospital
- Purchasing new clothes to fit changed body shapes/sizes
- A short holiday in the UK during, between or after treatment

Applications must be made through a health or social care professional, such as a social worker, district nurse, or a benefits adviser.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2p95z92e>

### ***Masonic Charitable Foundation - Bursaries for Hospice Staff***

Bursaries of £1,500 are available to support the professional development of individual staff in Hospices that are members of Hospice UK in England, Wales, the Channel Islands or Isle of Man. Bursaries are offered towards the costs of course fees for accredited courses. A table of eligible courses can be found on the Hospice UK website.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2pn3dwsu>

### ***Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity - 'Living with Long Term Challenges'***

Grants of up to £8,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations in the UK for projects that relate to the delivery of financial skills to different defined groups. This grant round is aimed at projects focused on improving and delivering personal financial life skills to people living with Long Term Challenges, such as:

- Dementia
- Autism
- Learning Difficulties
- Disabilities
- Caring Responsibilities
- Mental illness
- Brain injury/stroke

All applications must demonstrate a lasting impact on the people taking part.

**Deadline:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.msecharity.com>

## ***Motability - Reducing Barriers to Driving Programme***

Grants of between £100,000 to £2 million are available to local not-for-profit groups for projects which improve and expand private transport options for disabled people and their families in the UK.

Grants be used for:

- Activity which reduces or mitigates barriers to driving experienced by disabled people, without replicating the support offered by the Motability Scheme
- Continuation funding for schemes programmes and initiatives that already exist, and which provide best practice solutions, but need further support to remain operational or scale the service they can provide to help more disabled people
- Staff or volunteer training and costs
- Full cost recovery which includes indirect costs

**Deadline:** Applications can be made at any time. Grants are available until March 2025.

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8tsnd3>

## ***Ulverscroft Foundation***

Grants of between £100 to £500,000 are available to eye clinics, hospitals, schools, libraries and other organisations helping visually impaired people in the UK and overseas. It also funds medical research and the provision of facilities for the treatment or alleviation of visual impairment.

Grants are available for costs associated with projects to improve or enhance services that will benefit people with significant visual impairments. Preference will be given to projects that will lead to longer-term benefits after the initial funding has ended. Eligible costs can include equipment or materials. Staffing costs for specific, time-limited projects may be considered at the Trustees' discretion.

**Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.ulverscroft-foundation.org.uk>

## ***Vision Foundation – Vision Fund***

Grants of up to £30,000 are available for charitable organisations to deliver projects that improve the experience of being blind or partially sighted, or at risk of sight loss, in the UK.

In this round, funding is available for projects that:

- Reduce loneliness and isolation for people living in rural areas

- Increase people's confidence in engaging in activities that reduce loneliness and isolation and improve well-being, eg cultural, physical and work-related activities
- Equip people with practical and sustainable tools and skills that reduce anxiety about interacting in person or online, eg digital or interpersonal skills
- Support people to build and maintain healthy personal relationships that reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation
- Address specific challenges faced by under-served groups, eg the queer community, black or Asian communities and people with multiple disabilities or learning differences
- Focus on the ways that challenging life events can increase loneliness and isolation for blind and partially sighted people, eg relationship breakdown, bereavement or experiencing domestic violence and abuse

**Imminent Deadline:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.visionfoundation.org.uk/our-impact/funding/apply-for-funding>

## ***Volunteering for Health Programme***

Grants are available for partnerships of NHS and VCSE organisations across England to deliver projects that develop the volunteering infrastructure of local health and care systems.

Grants of between £150,000 and £550,000 over three years are available for approximately 15 partnerships. Funding is for projects that aim to achieve one or more of the following programme outcomes:

- Better integration of volunteering into decision-making at a 'place-based' and ICB level
- Health and care priorities are better supported by volunteering
- Better volunteer experiences
- Innovative approaches to recruiting, supporting, or deploying volunteers are shared

Eligible costs include:

- New or existing staff salaries in organisations that are members of the applicant partnership
- Time and resources associated with organisations the partnership and its activities
- Leadership and organisational development (including coaching, facilitation, and consultancy)
- Investment in designing and commissioning infrastructure such as to support recruitment, monitoring, and data collection relating to volunteering
- Running costs (such as room hire for partnership activities)
- Resources to support the gathering and sharing of learning across the area and to inform and influence policy and strategy

Funding is for proposals that offer genuine additionality to existing work, value new ideas and ways of working, and offer value for money.

**Deadline:** 23rd February 2024 (Phase one applications)

**For more information:**

<https://www.cwplus.org.uk/volunteeringforhealth>

## **Heritage**

### ***National Lottery Grants for Heritage***

Programmes will reopen in January 2024 with new Heritage 2033 guidance. The funding will continue to support a broad range of heritage projects and activities, such as industrial sites, castles and historic places of worship, to the stories and memories of communities, and through to public parks, natural landscapes and native wildlife.

Four new investment principles will guide all decisions - projects to take all four investment principles into account in their applications.:

- Saving heritage: conserving and valuing heritage, for now and the future
- Protecting the environment: supporting nature recovery and environmental sustainability
- Inclusion, access and participation: supporting greater inclusion, diversity, access and participation in heritage
- Organisational sustainability: strengthening heritage to be adaptive and financially resilient, contributing to communities and economies

Two levels of grants will be available to not-for-profit organisations and private owners of heritage:

- Grants from £10,000 to £250,000 (applications temporarily closed but will reopen in January 2024 with new Heritage 2033 guidance)
- Grants from £250,000 to £10 million (development round applications have temporarily closed but will reopen in January 2024 with new Heritage 2033 guidance; expressions of interest and delivery round applications remain open)

Funding can support a broad range of activity and a wide range of direct project costs, including: volunteer expenses, event costs, training costs, small capital works, repair/maintenance, new staff, professional fees, costs to improve access.

**Deadline:** Schemes are currently closed and will reopen in January 2024

**For more information:**

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

## ***National Heritage Memorial Fund***

Funding is available for charities, not-for-profit organisations and public bodies to help with the cost of acquiring historic land, buildings, works of fine and decorative art and other objects of interest which are important to national heritage. The Fund can be used to help organisations buy:

- Works of fine and decorative art
- Museum collections
- Archives
- Manuscripts
- Items of transport and industrial history
- Historic buildings and land

There is no set minimum or maximum amount of funding. Assistance will only be given where there is no other source of funding, as the Fund is essentially a 'last resort'.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

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

## ***War Memorials Trust***

Grants of between £125 and £20,000 are available (for up to 50% of costs) to protect and conserve war memorials marking any conflict, in communities in the UK who could not otherwise fund the works required. Priority is given to those memorials in greatest need.

**Deadline:** 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

**For more information:**

<http://www.warmemorials.org>

## **Social Inclusion**

### ***Kent Community Foundation - Elderly & Isolated Adults Themed Fund***

Grants of up to £5,000 (up to £7,500 may be considered) are available for local projects that address the challenges faced by the elderly, supporting people to stay well, healthy and independent and most importantly, combat social isolation. For example, the Foundation would like to hear from projects that:

- Give elderly people the opportunity to have regular social interaction
- Provide practical support to individuals living alone, such as one-to-one befriending schemes or transport services

- Provide intergenerational activities
- Enable older people to use their skills and experience to make a contribution to their communities
- Offer activities that encourage participation in sport and physical activity or opportunities to participate in arts

**Deadline:** To be confirmed. Kent Community Foundation have temporarily paused applications as they will be introducing a new IT system for awarding funding in February 2024.

**For more information:**

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

## ***Kent Community Foundation - Vulnerable Adults Theme***

Grants of up to £5,000 (up to £7,500 may be considered for exceptional projects) are available for projects that address the challenges faced by elderly adults and that support people to stay safe, well, healthy, independent and most importantly, combat social isolation. The Fund would like to hear from projects that:

- Give vulnerable people the opportunity to socialise with others; combatting isolation and social barriers
- Provide life skills and work experience for adults with learning difficulties, physical disabilities, or mental health issues
- Protect and support victims of abuse
- Support carers who look after family members or loved ones at home, including offering respite or social activities for carers
- Integrate marginalised groups into the wider community

**Deadline:** To be confirmed. Kent Community Foundation have temporarily paused applications as they will be introducing a new IT system for awarding funding in February 2024.

For more information:

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

## ***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:

- Migrants and refugees
- The justice system and penal reform
- Human rights and access to justice

**Imminent Deadline:** 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

For more information:

<https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk>

## ***British Gas Energy Trust***

In response to the cost-of-living crisis and energy price cap increase, the independent charitable trust is currently providing two funds:

- Individuals and Families Fund
- British Gas Energy Support Fund

Both are intended to tackle fuel poverty by clearing the energy debts of struggling households. The funds will cover debt arrears of up to £1,500. The Trust does not award cash payments and will instead credit the householder account. Applicants to either fund must have received support from a money advice organisation and are required to provide the details of the group in question.

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (unless expended sooner)

**For more information:**

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

## ***Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust (Kent)***

Grants of between £500 and £75,000 are available to local not-for-profit organisations for projects that improve the quality of life for people in Kent, and most notably those who are the most disadvantaged. It offers five funding programmes:

- **Investing in Young People** – discretionary grants supporting disadvantaged young people in Kent by helping to improve their academic performance or vocational skills, or by breaking down the barriers that prevent them from participating in education, employment or training
- **Investing in Communities** – up to £15,000 for supporting smaller charities in Kent delivering essential services to the most vulnerable people in the community and working at grass roots and local community level
- **Investing in Families** – up to £60,000 (per annum over 3 years or an up to £40,000 one off grant), meeting the needs of families in Kent with a wide-range of problems, including debt, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health issues, domestic abuse, caring for a sick or disabled family member and the short and long-term impacts of bereavement
- **Investing in Rehabilitation** – up to £75,000 supporting charitable organisations working to support the rehabilitation of offenders with the overall aim of reducing reoffending and making the communities of Kent safer
- **Hardship Awards** – up to £500, supporting underprivileged and disadvantaged young people living in Kent, helping them to navigate the difficult journey into adulthood and employment, and are intended to meet the costs of practical items, such tools, IT equipment, furniture, childcare, course fees, interview clothes

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

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

## ***Dulverton Trust***

Grants of up to £35,000 are available to UK registered charities working to produce significant impact in the Trust's priority areas: youth opportunities, general welfare, conservation, heritage, Africa (Kenya and Uganda), and international stability and reconstruction.

**Youth opportunities** – the Trust supports work that engages people primarily on basis that they are from lower-income backgrounds (the charities supported tend to work with children who are in receipt of Free School Meals or Pupil Premium funding or reside in geographies that sit in the 20% most deprived on the IMD scale). Funding is intended for initiatives that support young people to develop life skills (e.g., employability skills, skills to succeed at school, social and emotional skills).

**General welfare** - The Trust supports a wide range of charities that benefit disadvantaged people and communities, with a particular interest in the following:

- Strengthening and supporting family relationships
- Work with offenders, especially young offenders, with a focus on desistance
- Helping young homeless people to move forward
- Maintaining active living and independence for older people. This does not include help with medical and mental health problems or disability
- The welfare of those who care for others
- Developing tolerance and understanding between faiths and communities and the promotion of social cohesion

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme, with bids considered in February, June and October

**For more information:**

<https://www.dulverton.org>

## ***GambleAware - Improving Outcomes for Women and Minority Communities Affected by Gambling Harm***

Grants of up to £300,000 are available for registered charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that reduce the inequalities which exist relating to gambling harm for women and people from minority religious and ethnic minority communities. Examples of the types of projects that could be funded:

- Tailored support for women or people from minority communities
- Investing in women and minority community-led organisations trusted organisations
- Interventions to reduce barriers to access support
- Projects which focus on reducing stigma and shame, enabling people to recognise their gambling harm and take steps to seek treatment or support
- Sensitised gender or cultural competency workforce training
- Network building mobilising communities who can campaign and influence change

- Strengthening and sharing good practice within the current system to improve access and outcomes

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.begambleaware.org/for-professionals/commissioning>

## ***Help the Homeless Grant Scheme***

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to small and medium-sized charities registered in the UK working to assist homeless people to rebuild their lives and return to the community. Projects must assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offering shelter or other forms of sustenance.

**Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 15th June 2024, 15th September 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding>

## ***The Henry Smith Charity***

The Charity has refined its grants programme to reduce social and economic disadvantage:

- **Improving Lives Fund** - grants of between £20,000 and £70,000 to charitable organisations that help people when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate or are simply not available
- **Strengthening Communities Fund** - grants of between £20,000 and £70,000 to support small charitable organisations working at grassroots level in the most disadvantaged areas of the UK
- **Christian Projects** - grants for projects that promote the Christian faith in the UK
- **Holiday Grants for Children** - grants between £500–£2,500 or recreational trips for groups of children aged 13 and under in the UK who are disabled or disadvantaged
- **County Grants** - grants of up to £20,000 for smaller organisations working with disadvantaged people and communities in one of eight English counties, including **Kent**

The grants can be used for revenue costs (running costs, salaries, project costs) and capital costs (one-off capital expenditure such as building refurbishment or equipment), depending on the fund.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme

**For more information:**

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

## ***Kelly Family Charitable Trust***

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for UK registered charities, working locally or regionally, whose activities nurture and support family life. Activities should involve all or most family members in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members. The three principal areas that the charity wishes to support are:

- Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, e.g., relationship counselling, mediation
- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drugs abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment

The trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. Applications are also considered for core funding from relatively new organisations seeking to become established.

**Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

**For more information:**

<https://kfct.org.uk>

## ***Kent Community Foundation - Grassroots Carers Respite Fund (Individuals)***

Adults caring for one or more individuals over the age of 18, who are seeking a break from their long-term caring responsibilities, can be nominated for an award of between £200-£600. The Fund will consider requests for various forms of respite including; short holidays, weekend breaks, pamper days and day trips.

Examples of professionals that can nominate an individual or family include (but are not limited to): charity employees, social workers, GPs and specialist doctors, occupational therapists or teachers.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme. Kent Community Foundation have temporarily paused nominations as they will be introducing a new IT system for the awarding funding in February 2024.

**For more information:**

<https://kentcf.org.uk/funding/individuals>

## ***LandAid - Routes Out of Homelessness Programme***

Grants are available to small-medium sized charities for building work as part of the refurbishment or creation of bed spaces for young people 16-25 who are homeless, or at severe risk of homelessness in the UK. There are three funding streams:

- Safe Places - there are no funding limits, but bedspaces are expected to cost anywhere between £1,000 and £3,500
- Capital Grants - awards between £20,000 and £100,000 will usually be made under this stream
- Move-on Grants - it is anticipated that the average move-on bedspace in the private sector will generally cost £1,000 to £2,000 to unlock

There is particular interest in projects that will create bedspaces with the following attributes:

- For groups of young people who may be disproportionately at risk of homelessness. This would include young people of colour, young refugees and young people identifying as LGBTQ+
- Which would be transformational for the charity and/or local area

**Deadline:** The first step is to submit an Expression of Interest form. Those who are successful will be invited to submit a full application by 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.

**For more information:**

<https://www.landaid.org/apply-for-funding-support/grants-landaid-offers>

## ***Lloyd's Bank Foundation for England and Wales - Funding Programme for Specialist Small Charities***

Grants of up to £75,000 are available to strengthen the capacity and capabilities of small, local specialist charities supporting people facing complex issues in England and/or Wales. Applicants must be providing in-depth services in one of the following eight themes:

- Addiction
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Care Leavers
- Domestic Abuse
- Homelessness
- Offending
- Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Trafficking and Modern Slavery

In addition, grants of up to £500 are available for groups who need accessibility support to apply for this programme. The grant will help fund the cost of support, such as a scribe or BSL interpreter.

**Imminent Deadline:** 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/funding/specialist-programme>

## ***Kent Community Foundation - Grassroots Carers Respite Fund (Charities or Community Groups)***

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to provide respite breaks for groups of unpaid carers based in Kent. Funding may be used for travel, accommodation and associated costs.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme. Kent Community Foundation have temporarily paused applications as they will be introducing a new IT system for awarding funding in February 2024.

**For more information:**

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

## ***Leeds Building Society Foundation – Small Grants***

Small Grants of between £250 and £1,000 are available for projects that support those in need of a safe and secure home for those who are disadvantaged or in vulnerable circumstances. Grants may only be used for capital expenditure (that is, to purchase items/equipment used to directly help those in need).

Projects must meet the Foundation's purpose through one or more of its criteria themes. 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

**Deadline:** 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**For more information:**

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

## ***Skidders Company - Relief of Poverty and Hardship Grants***

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to charitable organisations to fund projects that support people in Kent (and London) who are experiencing the negative impact of poverty and deprivation.

The foundation wants to fund grassroots organisations that are working in local communities to enable local and contextual responses to the needs these places face, and it aims to prioritise a longer-term approach, focusing on the underlying causes of poverty and hardship. It looks to support projects with a track record of success, or where the specific model of work is proven to be successful.

Funding is primarily focused on the relationship between families and poverty. This, however, is broadly interpreted, meaning the foundation will consider applications for work linked to the following priority groups:

- Families
- Older People
- People with Disabilities
- Early Years
- Domestic Violence

**Deadline:** Applications will be considered at meetings of our Committee in September and March each year - with deadlines approximately 6 weeks prior.

**For more information:**

<https://www.skinners.org.uk/charities/scf/hardship>

## ***SGN Safe and Warm Scheme***

A limited number of grants of between £10,000 and £40,000 are available for small charities and grassroots organisations in areas of South England (including Kent) and Scotland and where SGN operates to support projects and activities that address the cost of living crisis and support vulnerable people and communities through the winter period.

Organisations who are successful in their applications will be able to demonstrate that they are able to provide help directly on, or make supported referrals for, all of the following:

- Personalised energy advice (e.g. energy efficiency behaviour change), energy efficiency measures and energy schemes
- Priority Services Register sign-ups
- Benefits eligibility checks and debt advice
- Energy crisis support (fuel voucher or emergency funding) and other crisis support (e.g. food, clothing or housing)
- Carbon monoxide safety awareness advice
- Other areas of support for vulnerable customers

Staffing costs, volunteer expenses, training courses, publicity, venue hire, operational overheads, fuel vouchers are eligible for funding:

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. This funding is for projects to take place between late Feb/early March 2024 to end of January 2025.

**For more information:**

<https://www.cse.org.uk/my-community/community-projects/sgn-safe-warm-scheme>

## ***Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation***

Grants of up to £6,000 are available to UK registered charities whose purpose is to:

- Benefit children and adults particularly those living in socially deprived areas, through education to develop core skills and support wellbeing and mental health
- Benefit the wellbeing and welfare of children and adults by preventing or reducing poverty and homelessness in the community
- Support the elderly and improve their wellbeing by reducing isolation, helping reduce the effects of Dementia and Alzheimer's and support later life/palliative care

**Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**For more information:**

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

## ***Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund***

Grants are available for smaller UK based charities and charitable incorporated organisations that can demonstrate impact with ex-offenders, young offenders or young people at risk of offending, either within a local area or nationally.

Grants are normally awarded for one year only; however, in exceptional cases, applications for multi-year funding of up to three years, will be considered. Eligible expenditure includes:

- Pump-priming - particularly from small community-based organisations where the grant would form a major element of the funding
- Project funding - preference is to support projects where the grant is used for an identified purpose
- Associated project costs - overheads associated with the work, such as office/secretarial support
- Core costs for new projects
- Innovative or pioneering work
- Continuation funding - ongoing funding for successful projects, which have proved their worth
- Emergency or deficit funding for an established organisation - in exceptional circumstances. This funding usually goes to charities which the Company knows or has previously supported

**Deadline:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**For more information:**

<https://weavers.org.uk>

## ***Windrush Justice Programme***

Grants of up to £22,000 (across two years) are available for organisations based in the UK who provide advocacy support to those wishing to access the Windrush Compensation Scheme, including work to regulate their status before being able to access the fund. For this fund, advocacy support is taken to mean:

- Assisting people with applications to the Windrush Compensation Scheme
- Supporting applications to the Windrush Scheme (formally the Windrush Taskforce)
- Signposting to other organisations offering support (for example, signposting more complicated cases to solicitors providing pro bono support)

**Deadline:** Round 3 is currently open for applications. There is no deadline as this is a rolling round.

**For more information:**

<https://www.actionforraceequality.org.uk/windrush-justice-programme>

## **Sport and Physical Activity**

### ***Canoe Foundation***

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for paddling clubs, community groups, charities, parish councils, and Local Authorities across the UK for canoeing, kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding projects for access and environmental related improvements.

**Imminent Deadline:** 31st January 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.canoe.foundation.org.uk>

### ***Dan Maskell Tennis Trust***

Grants of up to £1,600 are available to help disabled people in the UK to play tennis through the purchase of wheelchairs, tennis equipment and grants for coaching. Disability groups and programmes, clubs, schools and associations in the UK are eligible to apply. Individuals are also eligible to apply.

**Deadline:** 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**For more information:**

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

## ***Football Foundation***

The Football Foundation provides funding for projects to support grassroots football, to improve the experience of playing football for everyone involved. The grant size available depends on the type of investment that the club is applying for. Football Foundation support is generally of up to a maximum of £25,000. The following can be funded:

- Fencing
- Goalposts
- Minor works to changing rooms and club house refurbishment
- Pitch maintenance – drainage, maintenance machinery or drainage
- Portable floodlights
- Storage containers
- Improvements to playing surfaces
- Defibrillators
- Energy efficiency

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted at any time

**For more information:**

<https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding>

## ***Greene King IPA – Proud to Pitch In***

Grants of up to £4,000 are available for grassroots sports clubs to deliver activities within local communities across the UK. Funding is intended for sports activities that have a positive impact on the club and/or the surrounding community. The project beneficiaries must be aged 18 and over. Examples of projects that have previously received funding include:

- Renovations of a club's facilities to make them more inclusive and accessible
- Coaching qualifications and referee courses
- New equipment and kit

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme – closes 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.actionfunder.org/proud-to-pitch-in>

## ***Laurence Plummer Foundation***

Grants are available to individuals and local not-for-profit groups in **Kent and Medway** for projects which remove barriers to participation in physical activity for people from disadvantaged backgrounds. Eligible activities could include:

- Encouraging/facilitating participation
- Working with those who face significant barriers to taking part in sport
- Creating new sports activities
- Encouraging educational training
- Assisting volunteers in sport

- Projects benefitting young people in Medway from disadvantaged backgrounds

Eligible costs: equipment, clothing/footwear/kit, coach education, competition entry/registration.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

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

## ***Peter Harrison Foundation - Opportunities through Sport Programme***

Grants of up to £30,000 are available to charities registered in the UK that are running sports projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and develop personal and life skills. Grants are usually made for capital projects. Consideration will be given for revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project. Trustees welcome applications for projects that:

- Provide a focus for skills development and confidence building through the medium of sport
- Have a strong training and/or educational theme within the sporting activity
- Provide sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people
- Have a high degree of involvement from beneficiaries and those with lived experience
- Have a plan for sustainability

**Deadline:** Applications may be submitted at any time - Trustees hold quarterly meetings

**For more information:**

<https://peterharrisonfoundation.org>

## ***Sport England - Small Grants Programme***

Grants of between £300 and £15,000 are available for a range of not-for-profit organisations in England with projects that bring communities together and provide sport and physical activities for people who may be less physically active, with particular interest in projects focusing on environmental sustainability. Funding is also available to support emergency costs to help restore sports facilities and activity venues affected recent storms and flooding.

Types of costs which can be covered include:

- Coaching - providing opportunities for those less likely to be active
- Volunteer training - develop an organisation's volunteer base
- Service alterations - providing new ways of delivering existing activity to attract new participants/members

- Additional equipment - to enable expansion or safer delivery of activity
- Minor facility alterations - examples include adapting a community space to make it more accessible for those with mobility impairments, refurbishing a space to enable sport and physical activity to be offered or improving a space to make it more energy efficient
- Flood support to help restore sports facilities and activity venues

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**For more information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/5n6m7593>

## **Children and Young People**

### ***BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme***

The Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances. It provides items for the most basic needs of vulnerable children and young people who may be:

- Living in severe poverty and suffering deprivation as a result
- Affected by additional social issues such as domestic abuse, substance misuse, estrangement, disability or serious illness, mental health or behavioural difficulties, abuse or neglect

Funding is available for critical household items as follows:

- Electric cookers
- Furniture, kitchen equipment and small appliances.
- Clothing
- Baby equipment
- Fridges and freezers
- Washing machines
- Tumble dryers
- Children's beds and bedding, including cots

Applications must be made through an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and is capable of assessing their needs, and that can also administer the grant. The scheme is delivered by Family Fund Business Services

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme

**For more information:**

<https://www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk/emergency-essentials/about-the-programme>

## ***Kent Community Foundation - Children, Young People & Families***

Grants of up to £5,000 (or up to £7,500 may be considered for exceptional projects) are available for projects that are making a real difference to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in Kent and Medway. Projects supporting young people who are disadvantaged which might include: living in poverty or deprivation, abuse or neglect, disability, young carers, children in care, bereavement, mental health issues, disability, low aspiration or poor achievement.

Example projects could include those that achieve the following:

- Providing opportunities for young people to participate in enriching activities they might otherwise be excluded from
- Encouraging early intervention work with vulnerable children and families
- Working with at-risk children and young people to prevent problems developing at a later stage, such as offending behaviour or teenage pregnancy
- Supporting disadvantaged young people to raise their aspirations and achievement
- Helping disadvantaged young people on a pathway into further education, training or employment

**Deadline:** To be confirmed. Kent Community Foundation have temporarily paused applications as they will be introducing a new IT system for awarding funding in February 2024.

**For more information:**

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

## ***7stars Foundation***

Grants of up to £2,500 (£1,500 through Shine Bright and Social Impact 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. Funding is intended to cover the costs of projects which:

- Enable young people to have the best start in life and aim high
- Have a direct impact and respond to a need in an immediate manner
- Are hosted in geographical areas of deprivation and socioeconomic disadvantage
- Respond to one or more of the funding priorities of the 7stars Foundation
- Address a lack of provision (due to a lack of funding from alternative sources)
- Provide immediate support, not just in the short-term but with long-term benefits too

Shine Bright funding is for registered charities to purchase items and resources to protect and support the children they serve through the cost of living crisis.

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**For more information:**

<https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply>

## ***Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust***

The Trust offers up to twelve grants a year averaging £400 to support disadvantaged young people to further develop an existing interest in adventurous outdoor activities such as walking, climbing, cycling, kayaking, sailing, horse riding in the UK. The Trust usually supports individuals or small groups.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://www.andyfanshawe.org>

## ***BlueSpark Foundation***

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to schools, community groups, clubs, societies or other organisations in England to improve the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other activities. Eligible costs could include:

- Educational materials
- Sports equipment
- Musical instruments
- IT equipment
- Drama tuition/music tuition
- Art and design equipment
- Educational and vocational training courses
- Seed funding
- Drama production costs

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk>

## ***Casey Trust***

Grants are available for UK registered charities (or UK affiliates) for start-up projects, or new initiatives, taking place in the UK that exclusively support children (up to 18 years) and their welfare. Currently the Trust is particularly looking to support children's projects connected with the arts, mental health, child refugees in the UK.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://www.caseytrust.org>

## ***Berkeley Foundation Resilience Fund***

Grants of up to £30,000 are available to local and grassroots charities across London, Birmingham, and the South of England (Including Kent), to invest in organisational development and build resilience for the future, with a focus on organisations promoting mental health in young people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness and multiple layers of inequality.

Groups will be given priority if they are:

- Working with LGBTQ+ young people.
- Employing a multi-agency approach to tackling youth homelessness

**Deadline:** 2nd February 2024 (stage 1 application)

**For more information:**

<https://www.berkeleyfoundation.org.uk/resilience-fund>

## ***Buttle UK - Chances For Children***

Grants of up to £2,400 are available to enable vulnerable children and young people in the UK to overcome financial barriers preventing them from achieving their education, training or employment goals. Grants are for (but are not limited to):

- Items and activities to support learning and development such as laptops, books, wi-fi, educational toys, tuition, etc.
- Clothing and school uniforms
- Social, sporting and leisure activities
- Family activities
- Items for children/young people's bedrooms
- Other household items that are not available from sources such as Emergency Essentials or Local Authority welfare schemes, etc.
- Boarding school fees for children who are unable to stay in their family home

Applications are only accepted from frontline professionals who are working directly with the children/young person.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://buttleuk.org>

## ***Department for Education - Childminder Start-up Grant***

Grants of up to £1,200 are available to support childminders with the costs incurred when registering a new business. Childminders who are registered as a new childminder after 15 March 2023 may apply. They must:

- Work as a childminder in England
- Have completed their Ofsted or childminder agency registration before applying

- This grant is for new childminders only

**Imminent Deadline:** Childminders who registered between 15 March 2023 and 31 July 2023 must apply by 31 January 2024. Those who registered between 1 August 2023 and 31 December 2023 must apply by 29 February 2024.

**For more information:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-childminder-start-up-grant>

## ***Gibbons Family Trust (Thanet)***

Small grants (averaging £1,565) are available to assist children and young people under the age of 25 that live in Thanet. 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/young people

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**For more information:**

<https://gibbonstrusts.org.uk>

## ***Ironmongers' Company***

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK to fulfil their potential. Projects must meet all the following criteria:

- For children and young people under the age of 25 who are disadvantaged
- Consist of educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills
- Have clear aims and objectives to be met within a planned timescale

The Company is looking for projects that deliver clearly defined educational benefits to a specific group of children or young people. Items of equipment will be considered only where a full explanation is given of how they will be of use to this activity.

Projects could, for example, achieve the following:

- Support special educational needs
- Foster social, emotional or life skills

Preference is given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience.

**Deadline:** 31st July 2024, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.ironmongers.org/charitable-grants>

## ***Ogden Trust – School Partnerships Programme – Grants for Schools***

Grants of up to £2,500 (per academic year) are available for primary and secondary schools to support local clusters and established collaboration partnerships who want to collaborate on projects that enhance the teaching and learning of physics.

Applications are welcome from (but not limited to) partnerships which include schools in the following categories:

- Rural and coastal areas
- Schools based in areas of social deprivation
- Above national average free school meals (FSM)

To apply for an established collaboration partnership, schools must be associated through a multi-academy trust (MAT), MAC, federation, educational trust or similarly related organisation. All applications must have the support of the senior leadership team and headteacher.

**Imminent Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

**For more information:**

<https://www.ogdentrust.com/school-partnerships/forming-a-partnership>

## ***Ormiston Trust - Youth Social Action Grants Fund***

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for schools in England to deliver youth-led social action projects. Youth social action refers to young people's activities to make a positive difference to others while developing their life skills, empathy, and character. Funding is available to engage students at scale in delivery of a 5-step youth social action model (Inspire, Explore, Plan, Act and Reflect).

At least 10% of the budget is to be spent on the costs of delivering youth social action projects to benefit others, however, the school may spend the remaining funding on staffing costs.

The Trust will hold an online information session on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

**Deadline:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

**For more information:**

<https://ormistontrust.org>

## ***Peter Harrison Foundation - Positive Futures for Children and Young People Programme***

Grants of up to £30,000 are available for charities in the South East of England to assist young people who are physically, mentally or socially disadvantaged. The Trustees welcome applications for the following types of projects:

- Work with or benefit disabled, chronically or terminally ill children and provide support for their parents and carers
- Support children and young people who face mental ill health
- Help to engage children or young people at risk of crime, truancy or addiction
- Support young people at risk of homelessness or provide new opportunities for homeless young people
- Have a high degree of involvement from beneficiaries and those with lived experience
- Have a plan for sustainability and seek to deliver a lasting legacy

**Deadline:** Applications may be submitted at any time - meetings are held quarterly

**For more information:**

<https://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org>

## ***Toy Trust***

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 help disadvantaged children aged below 13 years 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
- Satisfy basic needs

Funding can be used for equipment and services.

**Deadline:** Applications can be made at any time throughout the year and will be considered at the next Trustee meeting. The following deadlines apply: mid-February for the September meeting; mid-June for the July meeting

**For more information:**

<https://www.toytrust.co.uk/apply>

## ***John Coldman Charitable Trust***

Grants are available for educational or charitable organisations in **Kent** for supporting young people or communities in need.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

[johncoldman@benfieldpartners.com](mailto:johncoldman@benfieldpartners.com)

## Help and guidance

For further support and guidance, the following organisations can offer advice:

Organisation	Area	Telephone	Email
Council for Voluntary Service North West Kent (CVSNWK) <a href="https://www.cvsnwk.org">https://www.cvsnwk.org</a>	Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley	01474 354479	<a href="mailto:main@cvsnwk.org">main@cvsnwk.org</a>
Funding For All <a href="https://www.fundingforall.org.uk">https://www.fundingforall.org.uk</a>	Kent		<a href="mailto:info@fundingforall.org.uk">info@fundingforall.org.uk</a>
Imago <a href="http://www.imago.community">http://www.imago.community</a>	Kent and Medway	01892 530330	<a href="mailto:hello@imago.community">hello@imago.community</a>
Involve Kent <a href="https://www.involvekent.org.uk">https://www.involvekent.org.uk</a>	Maidstone and West Kent	03000 810005	<a href="mailto:hello@involvekent.org.uk">hello@involvekent.org.uk</a>
Kent Volunteer Partnership <a href="https://kentvolunteers.org.uk">https://kentvolunteers.org.uk</a>	Kent		<a href="mailto:info@thekentvolunteerpartnership.org.uk">info@thekentvolunteerpartnership.org.uk</a>
Red Zebra Community Solutions <a href="https://redzebra.org.uk">https://redzebra.org.uk</a>	Kent	01227 262313	<a href="mailto:info@redzebra.org.uk">info@redzebra.org.uk</a>
Swale Community & Voluntary Services (SCVS) <a href="http://www.swalecvs.org.uk">http://www.swalecvs.org.uk</a>	Swale	01795 473828	<a href="mailto:office@swalecvs.co.uk">office@swalecvs.co.uk</a>
Kent Community Foundation (KCF) <a href="http://www.kentcf.org.uk">http://www.kentcf.org.uk</a>	Kent and Medway	01303 814 500	<a href="mailto:admin@kentcf.org.uk">admin@kentcf.org.uk</a>
Stronger Kent Communities (SKC) <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3up6e3w5">https://tinyurl.com/3up6e3w5</a>	Kent	01227 314160	<a href="mailto:contact@strongerkentcommunities.org.uk">contact@strongerkentcommunities.org.uk</a>
Social Enterprise Kent (SEK) <a href="https://sekgroup.org.uk">https://sekgroup.org.uk</a>	Kent	01227 469970	<a href="mailto:info@sekgroup.org.uk">info@sekgroup.org.uk</a>

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