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## News and Events

### **Government - Drought Support for Farmers**

The Government has announced a package of measures to help farmers in England manage the impacts of this summer's extreme dry weather. The package includes:

- Temporary adjustments to Environmental Land Management (ELM) agreements, so farmers affected by drought can continue to receive payments and take practical steps to protect livestock, crops and land.
- An extra £50 million for Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) 2026 Window 2 to help more farmers access support. Increased SFI uptake will help farmers to adapt to the risk of future droughts.

### **Kent4Community**

Free searches on-line for government, lottery and trust funding schemes

<http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/kent>

- Funding up to £15 million to build on-farm reservoirs, helping farmers store water and become more resilient to future droughts, and action to make it easier to build reservoirs, including reducing unnecessary barriers and updating planning guidance.
- Improved access to water during drought conditions.

**For more information:**

<https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/2026/08/15/new-drought-support-for-farmers>

## **National Grid - Power Within Employability Fund**

A new commitment to support 5,000 young people who are not in employment, education or training over the next five years. The £5 million 'Power Within Employability Fund' will support up to 1,000 young people a year across the UK, helping them develop the skills, qualifications and confidence needed to access long-term career opportunities, including across the energy and infrastructure sectors.

Funding will support activities that help young people move towards employment, including:

- Practical support to overcome barriers to employment, including help with driving licence costs where transport is a barrier.
- Industry-recognised qualifications and accreditations, including Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) cards and other qualifications needed to access jobs across the energy, construction and infrastructure sectors.
- Employability coaching and one-to-one mentoring.
- Job readiness and life skills training, including CV writing, interview preparation, communication skills, workplace behaviours and other support.
- Links to employers and job opportunities within National Grid, its suppliers and the wider energy and infrastructure sectors.

Delivery is expected to be provided through specialist employment and skills partners.

**Deadline:** The fund is not currently open. Further details are expected to be announced when the programme launches. The fund is due to begin in the first half of 2027.

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/mvx3yja6>

## **Pathways to Work Innovation Fund**

The Government have announced a new initiative, inviting businesses, charities and innovators to compete for a share of up to £60 million to transform how disabled people and those with health conditions are supported into work.

The Fund will open for bids in September, with organisations across the UK invited to compete for funding to test genuinely new approaches to employment support.

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/55j6cbbr>

## Arts and Creative Industries

### **Featured Artists Coalition - UK Artist Touring Fund (UKAT) Phase Two**

The fund provides financial support (amounts to be confirmed) to help artists address genuine shortfalls in touring budgets, enabling more shows to go ahead while reducing financial risk. It aims to support the UK's grassroots live music infrastructure, develop audiences and careers, promote greater genre, regional and cultural diversity, and help music thrive sustainably across the UK.

UKAT is open to artists from all backgrounds, all parts of the UK, all genres and all career stages.

**Deadline:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://thefac.org/ukatfund>

### **Freelands Foundation – Learning Through Making Fund**

Grants of up to £25,000 are available for UK-based visual art education projects that creatively engage audiences with the process of making and exploration of materials. The Foundation wants to enable organisations to work in an expansive way with materials, unpicking and challenging preconceptions about making and material literacy, interrogating practice and working in an open and collaborative way.

This fund is intended to provide an opportunity for activity to take place that might not otherwise be possible. This could include:

- Providing materials, transport, or access to expertise and facilities.
- An opportunity for action research to trial something new, for example, support development of material literacy through a new series of workshops or events.
- To provide a making-focused element to existing activity.

Funding can be used for: project staffing, materials and equipment, room hire or spaces, transport, marketing associated with the project, contingency of up to 5% of the total budget.

Proposed projects can be of any length but must take place between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2027.

**Deadline:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://freelandsfoundation.co.uk/engage/apply/grants/learning-through-making-fund>

## **Julia Rausing Sky Arts Bursaries – Supporting Dance Artists**

A bursary programme supporting UK-based dance artists with funding, mentoring and professional development to realise ambitious new work and progress their careers. Each of the 20 selected artists receives a £30,000 personal grant plus a project grant of up to £40,000. The programme also provides tailored mentoring, masterclasses, industry connections and opportunities for national profile and visibility.

Eligible applicants include choreographers, dance makers and practitioners whose work places movement at its core. Applications are accepted from artists working across all dance styles, forms and approaches.

**Deadline:** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://juliarausingskyartsbursaries.com>

## **Leche Trust - Performing Arts**

Grants of up to £4,000 are available to UK registered charities or local authority run venues across the UK for performing arts projects. The funding is for projects which meet the Trust's current priorities:

- New Works in Performing Arts - the commissioning, development, production and/or performance of new works in music, theatre, dance and performance across all genres.
- Artists' Professional Development - to support artists' professional development through programmes that address a clear need or gap in development. These programmes can be aimed at early or mid-career artists, but they need to reflect current context and practices.

**Imminent Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2027, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2027

**For more information:**

<https://www.lechetrust.org>

## **Music Export Growth Scheme**

Grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 are available to assist UK-registered independent music companies with marketing campaigns when looking to introduce successful UK music projects overseas. Eligible activity may include work aimed at raising artist profiles, attracting new audiences, developing touring prospects and generating revenue abroad.

**Deadline:** 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://www.bpi.co.uk/page/music-export-growth-scheme>

## **Maidstone Borough Council - Creative Communities Grants**

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

**Deadline:** 29<sup>th</sup> November 2026

**For more information:**

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

## **Business, Economy and Employment**

### **British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme (BICS) - Electricity Cost Reductions**

This government backed initiative offers electricity cost reductions from 2027 for eligible manufacturing businesses in Great Britain that operate in qualifying sectors, manufacture eligible products and meet the minimum electricity usage threshold. Under the current proposals, BICS will exempt qualifying manufacturers from several key electricity levies, which could together reduce electricity costs by approximately £35–£40 per megawatt-hour.

The scheme is expected to focus on:

- Electricity-intensive manufacturers.
- Frontier manufacturing sectors - high-growth, high-productivity industries identified as strategically important to the UK economy, such as: automotive, aerospace, chemicals.
- Advanced materials.
- Foundational supply chain businesses - manufacturers that play a critical role in supplying components or materials into frontier sectors.

An online eligibility checker is available to help businesses assess whether they are likely to meet the criteria: <https://tinyurl.com/yubxcsc8>

**Deadline:** Application window is between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026.

**For more information:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/british-industrial-competitiveness-scheme>

### **DreamFund**

A monthly funding opportunity provides at least two grants of £5,000 to individuals who have a dream, idea or business concept and are able to pitch and share it via social media for community-backed selection. Applicants can be based anywhere. Successful

applicants receive an initial mentoring session before funds are released, followed by access to ongoing support. This may include mentoring, monthly group sessions with other recipients, online learning resources and tools.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme

**For more information:**

<https://www.simonsquibb.com/dreamfund>

### **Farmer Welfare Grant**

Grants of between £1,000 and £200,000 are available for organisations (profit and not-for-profit) that support farmers in England for projects that strengthen personal and business resilience and support farmer welfare and wellbeing. The grant is intended to support initiatives that enhance farmer welfare while contributing to stronger and more resilient farming businesses.

Applications that support the following priorities are particularly encouraged:

- Tackling isolation and reaching people who are less likely to access or benefit from existing support.
- Promoting prevention and early intervention, helping people to build resilience before issues escalate.
- Reducing stigma around mental health and seeking support.
- Removing barriers to accessing personal and business resilience support.
- Supporting a joined-up approach to farm safety, physical health, mental health and business resilience.
- Preventing suicide and supporting those at risk.
- Supporting those who work with farmers, including intermediaries and allied industries, as well as farmers' families and wider support networks.
- Engaging young farmers and helping them to remain connected to strong rural communities over the long term.
- Strengthening culture, local identity and social connections within farming communities.
- Providing business resilience advice and support, including succession planning, change management, and leaving the industry.
- Building skills, confidence and capacity in farmers and the rural community.

**Deadline:** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/farmer-welfare-grant-1>

### **Fortuna Fellowship - Supporting Ambitious Female Founders to Scale their Businesses**

This 12-month programme aims to help female founders accelerate business growth by providing access to investment, expert guidance, mentoring, investor support and strategic

networks to help them scale successful ventures. Participants have the potential to secure a share of a £2 million investment fund.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://the51percent.club/fortuna-fellowship>

### **Gravesham - Pride in Place: Northfleet High Street Premises Improvement Grant**

Grants of up to £4,000 are available for new and existing businesses in the **Northfleet High Street area** to improve the appearance and quality of their business premises. Priorities of the scheme are:

- To enhance the aesthetic appeal of retail areas/centres in Northfleet or,
- To assist in bringing any vacant units back into active use or,
- To undertake works which improve access and visitor experience to the business, including work to reduce anti-social behaviour or crime or,
- To encourage additional footfall as a result the proposed improvements.

Eligible commercial premises include: retailers (grocery, butcher, bakery, etc.), services provision (hairdressers, beauty salons, barbers, funeral directors, launderettes, dry cleaners etc.), financial and professional services (accountants, estate agents, solicitors), restaurants, public houses, cafés and food takeaways.

**Deadline:** 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026 (funding is available on a first come, first served basis).

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2djbb3y6>

### **Henry Smith Foundation Career Ready Fund – Work Experiences for Young people with Learning Disabilities**

Grants of £200,000 over four years (£50,000 per year) are available for registered charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs) and community benefit societies for work that gives young people with learning disabilities meaningful experiences of the world of work.

The fund supports the delivery of high-quality, job coach-led careers education in mainstream and SEND school settings. It focuses on early, structured support that helps young people build real-world experience and move towards paid employment.

Organisations need to address following:

- Embed trained job coaches in school settings so young people receive consistent, person-centred employment support.
- Provide early, structured vocational profiling and careers preparation, helping young people identify strengths, interests and aspirations.

- Create meaningful, well-matched work experiences that give young people exposure to workplaces, rather than generic or tokenistic placements.
- Strengthen partnerships between schools, support networks, employers and specialist providers, ensuring support for young people through a joined-up ecosystem.
- Build clear pathways into supported internships, employment and paid work.

Interest parties can take a simple online eligibility checker to find out whether your organisation is eligible to apply. The funding can support core costs such as salaries, rent, utilities, and staff wellbeing.

**Imminent Deadline:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 for expressions of interest. Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full application by 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026.

**For more information:**

<https://henrysmith.foundation/grants/career-ready>

### **Kent and Medway Growth Hub**

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

**For more information:**

<https://kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk>

### **LEAP II Programme - Funding to Entrepreneurs and Early-Stage Enterprises in the Food or Animal Feed Sector**

Grants of between £30,000 and £50,000 (and technical support, resources, equipment and mentoring) are available to support UK-wide entrepreneurs and very early stage enterprises with innovative products or services in the food or animal feed sector. The programme is focused on achieving measurable outcomes through participants' involvement:

- Entrepreneurship: helping early-stage ideas develop into validated projects.
- Tangible Impact: enabling recipients to make a meaningful difference and progress their ambitions.
- Collaboration: fostering a network of innovators and encouraging collaboration between participants.
- Further Investment: positioning projects to secure additional funding and investment within 12 months of completion.
- Commercialisation: supporting the creation of new business ventures and the development of plans to launch new products or services.
- IP Protection: supporting entrepreneurs to fully protect and understand their intellectual property.

Eligible costs include:

- Consumables (flexibly allocated depending on the nature of the work).
- Access costs for research infrastructure (up to 10 days).
- Time spent by technical staff.
- Third party specialist advice.
- The cost of purchase of small items of equipment by AberInnovation, providing they are essential to the delivery of the project.

**Deadline:** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://aberinnovation.com/development-hub/leap>

### **Royal Mail Green Skills Apprenticeship Levy Transfer Fund**

Royal Mail has launched a £1 million apprenticeship levy fund to help businesses develop the green skills necessary to benefit from and support the growth of a low-carbon economy. The funding can be used for a wide range of Government-approved green skills apprenticeships, helping build capabilities in areas including low-carbon heating, electrical vehicle infrastructure, energy efficient construction and sustainable supply chains.

Opportunities range from tradespeople training to fit solar panels or heat pumps or to install electric van charging infrastructure, to professionals taking on degree apprenticeships such as environmental practitioner or sustainability business specialist.

To apply for a levy transfer, you'll need an apprenticeship service account. To register for an account go to: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-apprenticeship-funds>

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/4pj3nyya>

### **School for Social Entrepreneurs - Social Investment Gateway Programme**

A free 12-month support programme with possibility of grants for charities, social enterprises and community organisations in England who are considering social investment within the next three years. The programme offers practical support to grow trading activity, strengthen your organisation and prepare to apply for and manage social investment with confidence. Participants may also receive a Match Trading™ grant of up to £18,000 or a repayable grant of up to £24,000 to help you invest in your organisation, support your growth and reward trading success.

**Deadline:** Round 2 is now accepting expressions of interest.

**For more information:**

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

## **Shanly Foundation – Construction Training and Careers**

Grants of up to £150,000 (over three years) are available for charities and community interest companies working to support people towards employment in construction within **Kent**, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Hertfordshire, Oxfordshire, West Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire. The scheme welcomes applications from organisations representing the disadvantaged, disabled, long-term unemployed, youth groups, colleges, schools and educational establishments with a focus on training people for a career within the construction industry.

Funds can be used for projects and specific activities, operating costs/core costs, capital works and equipment.

**Deadline:** None specified, applications are currently open

**For more information:**

<https://shanlyfoundation.com/careers-in-construction>

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

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

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

**For more information:**

Search current funding opportunities from across UKRI, research councils and Innovate UK

<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity>

# **Community**

## **Kent Community Foundation**

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

- Mental health and wellbeing: helping people in Kent and Medway access local support to improve mental health, build resilience, and reduce isolation.
- Children, young people and families: supporting children, young people, and families to thrive at home, in school, and in their communities.
- Crisis and basic needs: providing urgent help for people in crisis, ensuring basic needs are met and preventing long-term disadvantage.

- Connected communities: creating inclusive, connected communities where everyone feels a sense of belonging and can take part in local life.
- Environment: empowering communities to protect Kent and Medway's environment and take action on climate challenges.

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

**Deadline:** Please refer to the Kent Community Foundation website.

**For more information:**

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

### **Ford Britain Trust**

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations and schools for projects that benefit local communities. Projects can take place anywhere in Great Britain; however, locations near Ford Motor Company Limited / FCE Bank plc UK operations (areas in Essex, Southampton, Daventry, Manchester, Liverpool, and Bridgend) may be given a bit more consideration.

The Trust supports projects that focus on:

- Education: empowering learners of all ages.
- Environment: protecting and enhancing our natural surroundings.
- Children & Youth Activities: creating opportunities for young people.
- People with Disabilities: promoting inclusion and support.

The fund can contribute towards refurbishments, vehicles, furniture, equipment, or computers.

**Deadline:** 31st October 2026 (opens on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026)

**For more information:**

<https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/news/ford-britain-trust>

### **Green Allotments - The New Allotment Site Fund**

Green Allotments is funding the purchase of land for new non-profit allotment sites in England. They will fund up to £50,000 per acre for new allotment land that will be community-led managed with a strong focus on environmental stewardship. This is not a grant giving fund. Green Allotments purchases and retains ownership of the new allotment land, and awards a 30 year Peppercorn Lease to eligible allotment societies.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

[https://greenallotments.org.uk/learn\\_more](https://greenallotments.org.uk/learn_more)

## **Groundwork – Grassroots Grants**

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for small, grassroots charities, community interest communities (CICs), and voluntary and community groups across England to deliver vital services that benefit their local communities.

Funding is for organisations whose aims and objectives align with one of Postcode Lottery's funding themes:

- Enabling participation in the arts.
- Improving green spaces and increasing access to the outdoors.
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty.
- Providing support to improve mental health.
- Supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality.

Priority will be given to organisations that meet the following criteria:

- Funding is for work in communities that rank as being within the top 15% on the English Indices of Deprivation.
- Organisations that work with and support communities that are classed as marginalised or vulnerable.

Grants are unrestricted, and can be used flexibly.

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/grassroots-grants>

## **Groundwork - One Stop Community Partnership Programme**

Grants of up to £1,000 are available through a partnership programme to support not-for-profit organisations with local community projects that address social welfare and environmental issues.

The programme is designed to create a partnership of support to community groups, operating within two miles of a One Stop store, who are working to:

- Tackle food poverty.
- Support the vulnerable.
- Support the elderly.
- Support low income families.
- Running youth sports teams.
- Reducing/recycling waste.
- Improving the environment.

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (scheme opens on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026)

**For more information:**

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/one-stop-community-partnership>

## **Laughology - The Happiness Fund**

A small number of grants of up to £5,000 are available to support grassroots, neighbourhood-based community projects in the UK which improve mental health, wellbeing, inclusion, and skills development in local communities.

**Deadline:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2027 (opens 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026)

**For more information:**

<https://laughology.co.uk/happiness-fund>

## **Morrisons Foundation - Connecting Communities**

Grants of up to £20,000 are available to registered charities for place-based services to benefit local communities in England, Scotland or Wales. The scheme can provide essential capital needed to transform aging, underutilised, or inaccessible spaces - whether they serve the broad public or offer targeted, specialist facilities for specific groups within the neighbourhood. Examples of projects may include:

- Community kitchen overhauls.
- Accessible toilets & changing facilities.
- Communal room refurbishment.
- Internal and external repairs.
- Outdoor shelters & seating areas.
- External secure storage facilities.
- Mobility & adaptive gym equipment / community outdoor fitness hubs.
- CCTV, secure doors & windows.
- Boilers, heaters and insulation.
- Landscaping of community gardens / accessible sensory garden features.
- Inclusive outdoor play areas.

Preference is given to applications:

- Supporting a more deprived community.
- Delivered in a community closer to a Morrisons store.
- That will benefit a larger number of people.
- For projects that have a lasting legacy.
- From charities with a smaller annual income.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/connecting-communities-grant-request>

## **National Garden Scheme - Community Gardens Grants**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for community groups to create a garden or similar project with horticultural focus for the benefit of their local community. The project should

aim to bring a community together by creating a space people can share, by the acquisition and sharing of gardening knowledge and skills and by inspiring a love of gardening. The funding can be used for a number of things, such as:

- Plants and containers.
- Materials for flower or vegetable beds and other hard landscaping.
- Greenhouses, polytunnels and sheds.
- Seating.
- Hand tools and certain garden power tools (e.g. strimmers).
- Materials for providing refreshment.

**Deadline:** Applications accepted between 29<sup>th</sup> September 2026 and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026. Only the first 300 eligible submissions will be considered for a grant.

**For more information:**

<https://ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/community-garden-grants>

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

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

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

The grants can be used for the following costs: organisation's running costs, equipment, one-off events, staff costs, training costs, transport, utilities, volunteer expenses, small land or refurbishment projects (relevant permissions need to be in place).

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme

**For more information:**

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

## **The Philip and Connie Phillips Foundation**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to local charities in **Kent and Medway** that demonstrate an impact on the health and wellbeing of the local community. The Foundation's current priority areas are:

- Elderly and Isolated - this includes working with the elderly and isolated, particularly in rural areas, and providing activities which improve lives, or meal services, befriending, advice or other support.
- Supporting people's physical and mental health - supporting people living with disabilities and long-term health conditions.

- Homelessness - work supporting people who are homeless, lack stable accommodation or are in insecure or vulnerable housing.
- Strengthening local communities - to improve people's health and wellbeing. This includes providing access to services, supporting people and families facing financial hardship (such as foodbanks and debt advice) or helping to combat isolation (such as befriending services or social inclusion projects).

**Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026

**For more information:**

<https://pcphillipsfoundation.org>

### **Riverhorse Trust – Strengthening the Work of Small, Community-Focused Organisations**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for small UK registered charities (annual income of under £100,000) with limited resources who are working to deliver frontline services in their communities. The funding is intended for small charities that:

- Deliver impactful services today, and/or contribute to long-term solutions.
- Show evidence of organisational Strength, or have a clear commitment to build it.
- Demonstrate a capacity and desire to invest in their own sustainability, not just in short-term activity.

The funding will support organisations as well as specific projects, providing charities with the flexibility to use the money where it is needed most, for example, running a support programme, keeping their doors open, or covering essential costs.

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

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://riverhorse.org.uk>

### **Screwfix Foundation - Improving Buildings Used by People in Need**

Grants in the region of £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 across the UK. Funding can be used for:

- 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> November 2026, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2027, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2027

**For more information:**

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

## **Veolia Environmental Trust**

Grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 are available for 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.

Community Grant Funding is available for capital improvement projects. Funding can be used for the construction and/or improvement of buildings or outdoor spaces, such as:

- Physical improvement to a building or outdoor space with public access.
- Construction/installation and/or improvement of buildings or outdoor spaces.
- Fixed items, including kitchen cupboards and worksurfaces, boilers and radiators, windows and doors, toilets, and fencing.

Habitat and Biodiversity Grant Funding is for projects resulting in structural improvements for a single habitat, such as woodland or a nature reserve, to improve natural habitats and help native species thrive. Funding can be used for:

- Physical improvement works that result in habitat improvements and/or increase biodiversity.
- Staff costs that relate to completing the physical improvements at the project site.
- Equipment required for project delivery.
- Cost of land purchase and associated legal fees (excluding preliminary surveys).

Before applying for a grant, you need to check your project site is located in an area that Veolia fund <https://www.veoliatrust.org/apply-for-funding>

**Deadline:** 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2027, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2027

**For more information:**

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

## **West Kent Community Chest**

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to groups and organisations who provide, or will provide, services to residents living in areas across West Kent. Be able to show that 50% of the people benefiting from the funding are West Kent Housing Association residents.

Priority will be given to the following:

- Financial hardship and cost-of-living projects and initiatives.
- Community initiatives that help residents feel safe, help reduce crime and ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour).
- Improving physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- Tackling isolation.

- Developing skills.
- Making a positive impact on the neighbourhood or environment.

**Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026 (for larger grants of over £500) – smaller grants at any time.

**For more information:**

<https://www.westkent.org/help-for-residents/community-project-funding>

## Energy

### **Co-operative Bank Renewable Energy Funding Scheme**

Loans ranging from £25,000 to £10 million are available, to UK businesses to invest in renewable energy technologies to reduce their carbon footprint. Loans can be used for energy efficiency and renewable projects, including premises upgrades, insulation, LED lighting, solar power, electric vehicles, and recycling initiatives.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/52ackd8u>

### **Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF)**

Public, private and third sector organisations can access capital grant funding to help new and existing heat networks move to low and zero carbon technologies, such as heat pumps, solar and geothermal energy. The scheme's objectives are to:

- Achieve carbon savings and decreases in carbon intensity of heat supplied.
- Increase the total amount of low-carbon heat utilisation in heat networks (both retrofitted and new heat networks).
- Contribute towards market transformations across the investment landscape and supply chain to better prepare the heat network sector for further decarbonisation.

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

**Deadline:** 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (Round 12)

**For more information:**

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

# Environment and Conservation

## **Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust (EKCT) - Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Projects**

Grants of up to £20,000 (or more, for charities with whom the trustees have developed a close relationship) are available to UK registered charities working in:

- UK and international-based wildlife and environmental conservation projects – scalable projects which directly address threats to endangered flora or fauna.
- International reproductive health family planning projects – funding is for reproductive health projects which have a clear and intended impact on the environment and are delivered in Africa or Asia.

Grants will be considered for: start-up costs, core costs, capital expenditure or assistance with running costs. Funding is unrestricted where all of the charity's activities fall within EKCT's funding remit.

**Deadline:** Small grant applications (up to £10,000) can be submitted at any time. Medium grants (up to £20,000) between 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026 and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2026. Large grants (over £20,000) by 10<sup>th</sup> September 2026, then between 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2027.

**For more information:**

<https://ekct.org.uk>

## **Gardens Trust Community Grants**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for charities and other voluntary organisations across the UK to deliver projects and activities that improve, enhance, and support historic designed landscapes. Priority will be given to seed-funding/pump-priming for a sustainable activity, such as a restoration plan, Friends group set-up costs, research projects, or volunteer training schemes. Grants can be used to cover both capital and revenue projects.

Projects that reflect the Gardens Trust's priorities in conservation, knowledge sharing, and the encouragement of inclusive participation and enjoyment of historic designed landscapes are particularly welcomed.

Previously funded projects include:

- Friends of Broomfield Park - to enable the purchase of lightweight gardening tools to help older volunteers continue contributing effectively.
- Saltburn Valleys CIO – to restore and enhance an historic woodland park.

**Deadline:** 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**For more information:**

<https://thegardenstrust.org/what-we-do/gardens-trust-community-grant>

## **International Tree Foundation - UK Community Tree Planting Programme**

Grants are available for community woodlands/hedging projects in the UK that range from 100 – 10,000 trees planted per year, with a maximum price equivalent to £2.15 per tree (inclusive of tree protection and mulch). In addition, these projects also receive two maintenance grants equivalent to £0.10 per tree. Projects must:

- Plant trees in publicly-accessible spaces: sites that are accessible to the public, including schools, parks, rights of way, and sites managed by community groups.
- Plant indigenous tree species.
- Engage community members in tree planting and enjoying the benefits of woodlands.
- Have clear plans for maintenance and sustainability.

The foundation is also interested in applications which meet one of more of the following additional criteria:

- Engage children and young adults in tree planting and learning about trees.
- Engage vulnerable groups and groups with low access to woodlands.
- Create biodiversity habitat.
- Conserve soil and water.
- Demonstrate new approaches, such as agroforestry.
- Support rewilding and natural regeneration.
- Support work or research on tree pest and disease resistance and climate change adaptation.
- Support urban tree planting.

**Deadline:** Applications can be submitted at any time before 11<sup>th</sup> December 2026. First round of proposal assessments will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026.

**For more information:**

<https://www.internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-grants>

## **Kent Community Foundation - Environmental Impact Fund**

Grants of between £2,000 and £6,000 are available for community-led projects that protect and improve the natural environment, bringing people together and creating lasting local impact within Kent and Medway. Previous grants have supported a wide range of initiatives, including:

- Community gardens and green spaces - maintaining, developing and improving places where people can grow and connect.
- Recycling and waste reduction - practical local solutions that reduce waste and encourage reuse.
- Citizen science and nature monitoring - helping communities measure, record and protect wildlife and habitats.
- Environmental education and awareness - activities that build knowledge, skills and confidence to take positive action.

A free webinar will be held on 17 September 2026 to help community groups understand the environmental funding opportunities available and learn how to submit strong grant applications: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhd8nbh>

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://kentcf.org.uk/resources/protect-kent-and-medway-s-natural-environment>

## **Rewilding Innovation Fund**

Grants of up to £15,000 are available to boost locally led land and marine nature recovery projects across Britain. This fund aims to foster new and ambitious community rewilding projects, and to remove barriers to rewilding projects. To be eligible projects must:

- Cover at least 40 hectares of contiguous land or have a marine rewilding project of any size.
- Be part of the Rewilding Network (you may join at the point of application).
- Be rewilding (or about to) at scale – potentially as a group of landowners or project partners – and to the funder's rewilding principles.

Funding is for works that could potentially unlock further funding or move a project in scale and can include: business plans and strategies, community engagement activities or co-design, feasibility studies, technological innovations, etc. Funds can also be used to pay for direct interventions or expertise that your project requires. Previously projects include:

- A social prescribing and community outreach programme run from a nature-based site.
- Community forest planting.
- Modelling carbon capture.
- A feasibility study to identify potential areas for seagrass restoration.
- A tree seeding experiment.

**Imminent Deadline:** 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://tinyurl.com/m42b7494>

## **The Wildlife Trusts - Green Community Grants Programme**

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

**Deadline:** Round Three: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2026

**For more information:**

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

## 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>

### **Vinehill Trust**

Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available for UK based charitable, educational and ecclesiastical organisations in three areas of special interest:

- Music - including projects involving young people that further choral and/or organ traditions.
- Heritage - built heritage, including projects that involve training in heritage craft skills.
- Health - Projects that address acute conditions, plus temporary focus areas that change each year.
  - Rehabilitation or aftercare for physical trauma or surgery.
  - Promotion of wellbeing through the creation or enhancement of green spaces, including the creation or preservation of urban wildlife habitats and the environmental improvement of leftover space.
  - Oral and dental health outreach in particular provision of dental services for homeless and other vulnerable people and in rural areas.

Under 'health', projects must benefit individuals with limited access to essential healthcare. Individuals affected by poverty, isolation, disability or serious health disadvantage (not defined by cultural or identity-based groupings) are also prioritised.

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2027 – applications can be made at any time.

**For more information:**

<https://vinehilltrust.uk>

### **Worshipful Company of Information Technologists Charity**

Grants of up to £15,000 are available to registered charities for projects that improve digital inclusion, accessibility and participation, particularly for people who face barriers to accessing or using technology. Projects should support one or more priority area:

- Education.
- Inclusion.
- Tech for charities.
- Public understanding of technology.

There is particular interest in innovative projects involving areas such as AI, data and analytics, robotics, digital skills or accessibility technologies.

Projects should benefit at least 25 people, and funding requests should be no more than £300 per direct beneficiary. Grants can cover 'all reasonable expenses' linked to the project. Staff costs that are linked to the project will be considered.

**Deadline:** 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2026 or sooner if the cap of 50 is reached (opens on 14th September 2026). The scheme will reopen again every three months.

For more information:

<https://wcitcharity.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 - Holidays or Respite Breaks for Disabled Children**

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

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026

**For more information:**

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

### **David Solomons Charitable Trust**

Grants of up to £1,000 are available for registered charities in the UK providing services or other benefits for people with learning disabilities.

**Deadline:** None specified, but applications are considered three times a year.

**For more information:**

[davidsolomonscharitabletrust@gmail.com](mailto:davidsolomonscharitabletrust@gmail.com)

## **Frenkel Topping Charitable Foundation - Groups and Communities**

Grants are available for schools, clubs, and local groups to support events, activities and projects that help groups of 10 or more people who have had a life changing illness, accident, or medical condition. The funding can be used for projects that support with:

- Aids or equipment for an event.
- Food or refreshments.
- Entry tickets to theme parks, cinema, theatres and other recreational activities.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

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

## **Gardening With Disabilities Trust**

Small grants (typically in the hundreds of pounds) are available to groups and individuals in the UK who suffer all kinds of chronic disabilities - mental and physical - to help them get gardening again. Applicants are required to become a member of the Trust's Garden Club. Membership is free.

The Trust offers support for:

- The 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 grants can be spent on: raised beds, poly tunnels, greenhouses, tools, plants or shrubs, compost and small-scale garden adaptations. e.g. access pathways.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

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

## **Henry Smith Foundation – Maternity Equity Fund**

Grants of up to £185,00 (over three years) are available for charitable organisations within the UK to deliver and strengthen their work in delivering preventative maternity support during pregnancy and birth. The fund will help organisations improving access, experience and outcomes, and those that are open to learning, partnerships, and shared practice. This includes knowledge exchange with health professionals and other funded organisations.

The Fund aims to reduce unfair and avoidable maternity inequities by:

- Improving access, experience and outcomes during pregnancy and birth.

- Strengthening trusted community-led organisations delivering preventative, trauma-informed and culturally-safe maternity support.
- Building and sharing learning about what works to improve maternity equity, influencing wider practice and systems over time.

The grant may be used for project delivery costs, staffing, supervision, training, wellbeing support, community engagement and other costs directly related to eligible work.

**Deadline:** 14<sup>th</sup> October 2026 for expressions of interest (opens 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026). Successful applicants will be invited during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November 2026 to submit a full application.

**For more information:**

<https://henrysmith.foundation/grants/maternity-equity>

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

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

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

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

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme

**For more information:**

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

### **Macmillan Q Lab Funding**

Grants of up to £200,000 are available to support four to six teams of people from local health and care services and communities across the UK to come up with solutions to the question: "How might we reimagine holistic cancer care closer to people's homes?"

There are two ways to get involved:

- As a team. Teams are made up of community organisations and public sector organisations working together.
- As an individual who has experienced cancer personally, as a carer for someone with cancer, or as a health professional.

Over the course of 9 months, successful applicants will take part in a series of workshops, facilitated peer learning and coaching on a design process, as well as getting access to expertise from Q and Macmillan with £75,000 to support teams through the process.

Applicants must be able to commit to working on this topic from December 2026 to September 2027.

**Deadline:** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/macmillan-funding-grants/q-lab>

## **Sunrise Medical Community Fund**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for community groups, sports clubs, disability organisations, and individuals across the UK to support projects and improvements that make community spaces and experiences more accessible and help to create more wheelchair-friendly and inclusive environments. Eligible projects include:

- Disability sports clubs – support for wheelchair basketball, rugby, tennis, and other inclusive sports.
- Community events – helping to create accessible events and activities that bring people together.
- Mobility equipment – funding towards specialist equipment that enables greater independence.
- Days out and experiences – borrowing equipment or making activities more accessible.
- Personal challenges.
- Local community projects – supporting initiatives that improve accessibility and inclusion.

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://www.sunrisemedical.co.uk/community-fund>

## **Heritage**

### **The Heritage Funding Directory**

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

**For more information:**

<https://www.heritagefundingdirectoryuk.org>

# Social Inclusion

## **A B Charitable Trust**

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

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

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

For details of past grants: <https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/grantholders/grants-awarded>

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2027, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2027

**For more information:**

<https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk>

## **Access Foundation – Digital Divide Grants**

Grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 are available for charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK for projects that benefit disadvantaged people, including those left behind – or at risk of being left behind – by increasing digitisation in society. Applications must be for specific services, activities, initiatives or projects with clearly identified measurable outcomes.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://theaccessgroupfoundation.com/apply>

## **Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation – General Fund**

Grants are available to registered charities for projects related to one or more funding priority:

- Victims of modern slavery: to provide facilities for and support to victims on their journey back to independent living, better mental health and employment.
- Victims of domestic abuse: to provide emergency safety and to support victims through associated poverty and mental health issues.
- Ex-offenders and their families: to support the ex-offenders back to work and contributing positively to society and to support their families whose lives can be severely impacted.
- Homelessness: to provide facilities for and support people, especially young people, on their journey back to independent living, better mental health and employment.
- Medical research: to support research that could lead to preventing or slowing the onset of a condition or to lessen the symptoms.
- Support for people with terminal illnesses / life limiting conditions and their carers: to provide hospice care to support individuals and give respite to their carers to assist them with their mental health and other ambitions.
- Drug and substance misuse: to support rehabilitation and the journey back to independent living and work.
- Support for people with intellectual disability: to provide support with personal care, job skills and supported living.
- Care leavers: to give them a chance to succeed on a par with other young people.
- Worship and associated community outreach: to ensure places of worship are energy efficient and watertight with an emphasis on wider community.
- Amateur sport: to improve physical and mental health with a focus on sport provision for people with disabilities.

The Foundation generally prefer grant requests for over £5,000. They do not consider funding events or one-off activities. The Foundation will consider funding requests for projects between one and three years.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://www.albertgubayfoundation.org/applications>

## **Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Free from Fear Programme**

Grants of between £100,000 and £250,000 are available to UK registered charities and local authorities to address domestic abuse through preventative measures or providing support routes for serving personnel, veterans, reservists and their families.

Projects must work to address one or more of the following main outcomes:

- Victim-survivors from armed forces communities have clear routes to access support, including the ability to recognise and report domestic abuse.

- Perpetrators of domestic abuse within armed forces communities are accountable for their harmful behaviour and engage with opportunities for meaningful change.
- Incidences of domestic abuse within armed forces communities are prevented through measures which address emerging and current challenges.
- Sustainable improvements and adaptations are made to service provision to meet the evolving support needs of victim-survivors from armed forces communities.

Proposals are also welcomed to address one or both of the following:

- People in the armed forces community facing additional barriers, stigma or marginalisation can access bespoke interventions.
- Organisations work collaboratively through formal partnerships. Projects must support veterans who are at risk of experiencing homelessness, currently homeless, or are being supported by transitional housing services.

The funding can support a range of project costs including: staff time, volunteer costs, travel costs, consumables, venue hire, IT equipment, reasonable overheads, evaluation.

**Deadline:** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/free-from-fear-programme>

### **Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Reveal and Respond Programme Grants**

Grants of between £20,000 and £300,000 are available for UK registered charities, CICs and local authorities to support the mental health and wellbeing of specific underrepresented groups within the armed forces community within the UK. There is particular interest in projects supporting specific cohorts within the following groups:

- Female personnel.
- Neurodivergent personnel.
- LGBTQ+ personnel.
- Ethnic minority and non-UK personnel.
- Service children with SEND and their parents.
- Serving and ex-serving personnel (or their partners) with caring responsibilities.
- Bereaved service families.
- Early service leavers and those experiencing unexpected or abrupt transition.

The funding is to support tailored mental health and wellbeing interventions that respond to identified barriers, needs and experiences within specific groups or cohorts of the armed forces community. All costs should clearly contribute to achieving the programme outcomes and be proportionate to the scale of the project.

**Deadline:** 28<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**For more information:**

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/reveal-and-respond-programme>

## **Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust**

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

- Community Fund - grants of between £500 and £15,000 for community organisations and local charities to strengthen their resilience and build their capacity to deliver sustainable, face-to-face services to people at the margins of society.
- Brighter Futures - grants of between £15,000 and £75,000 to support vulnerable and disadvantaged people, to improve their life chances and emotional wellbeing or help to break down barriers preventing them from participating in employment, education or training.
- Through the Gate – grants of up to £75,000 to support the rehabilitation of offenders and help reduce the collateral consequences of their imprisonment on their families; with the aim of reducing reoffending, making the local communities safer.

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

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

**For more information:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Deadline:** 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2026

**For more information:**

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

## **Nuffield Foundation - Racial Diversity UK Fund (RDUK)**

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

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

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

**Deadline:** 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026 (for outline applications)

**For more information:**

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

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

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to charitable organisations to fund projects that support people in London and Kent who are experiencing the negative impact of poverty and deprivation. Funding is available for specific projects and related general organisational costs. This can include pro-rata staffing and operational costs.

The foundation funds projects that support people experiencing the negative impact of poverty and hardship. The focus is on grassroots organisations working in local communities. The aim is to prioritise a longer-term approach, focussing on the underlying causes of poverty.

Funding is primarily focused on the relationship between families and poverty and will consider applications for work linked to the following priority groups:

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

**Deadline:** The scheme reopens on 23rd November 2026, the deadline for initial expressions of interest is on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2027, with the deadline for full applications on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027.

**For more information:**

<https://skidders.org.uk/the-relief-of-poverty-and-hardship>

# Sport and Physical Activity

## **Active Thames Fund**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to local not-for-profit groups for projects which improve participation and inclusion in water sports on waterways in Greater London, Kent and Essex including docks, basins, reservoirs, canals, lakes and rivers that feed into the tidal Thames and its Estuary. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that align with one or more of the following objectives:

- Increase diversity in participation: particularly among under-represented groups including: children & young people, ethnically diverse communities, LGBTQ+ communities, people with disabilities, people with long term health conditions and people from lower socio-economic groups
- Workforce Development: enhancing the skills and capabilities of coaches, volunteers, and administrative support teams.

Applicants are encouraged to clearly highlight how their projects support the wider objectives and outcomes of the Active Thames grant, namely to:

- Improve people's health and wellbeing (physical and/or mental).
- Build greater community connections.

**Deadline:** 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026

For more information:

<https://activethames.co.uk>

## **Barclays Community Sport Fund - Female Coaches for Girls Grants**

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

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

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

**Deadline:** 4<sup>th</sup> November 2026 (the scheme may close earlier if a large volume of applications are received).

**For more information:**

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

### **Laurence Plummer Foundation**

Grants are available to 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 cannot afford to take part in sport or face other significant barriers.
- Creating new sports activities.
- Encouraging educational training by young people.
- Assisting volunteers in sport.
- Projects that benefit young people in Medway from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Grants could cover: equipment, clothing/footwear/kit, coach education, competition entry/registration.

**Deadline:** Not specified, but awards are made four times a year.

**For more information:**

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

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

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

**Deadline:** Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next quarterly Trustee meeting. The next Trustee Meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2026. Applications for this meeting will close in early October, please apply early as this date may be brought forward if the scheme is oversubscribed

**For more information:**

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

## **Children and Young People**

### **Gibbons Family Trust – Young People Living in Thanet**

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

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

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

**For more information:**

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

### **Kent Community Foundation - Care Leavers Fund**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to charities and community groups in Kent and Medway providing frontline services to young people who are making the transition from care to adult independence. Grants should focus on supporting care leavers as they move from foster/state care to independent living.

Funding may include mentoring, therapy, counselling and peer support services, care leaver sessions, practical advice and training to support care leavers to set up home, gain confidence, experience, life skills and help reach their potential.

**Deadline:** None specified

**For more information:**

<https://kentcf.org.uk>

### **Linder Foundation - Improving Outcomes for Vulnerable Young People**

Grants averaging £15,000 are available for UK-based charities that help vulnerable children and young people (aged from 12 to 24 years old) who have suffered trauma during childhood.

The Foundation is seeking to fund projects delivering early intervention and rehabilitation aiming to prevent re-offending and to divert young people from involvement in the youth or criminal justice system.

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

**For more information:**

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

## **Magdalen Hospital Trust**

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

Projects can include those that provide:

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

**Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026 (opens 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026), 28<sup>th</sup> February 2027 (opens 1<sup>st</sup> February 2027)

**For more information:**

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

## **NFU Mutual Charitable Trust - Advancing the Education of Young People within Rural Areas**

Grants of between £1,000 and £75,000 are available to large charitable groups and organisations in the UK for projects that further the objectives of the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust, particularly those that educate young people in rural areas and the relief of poverty in rural areas. Other objectives aim to:

- Advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to agriculture.
- Relieve poverty within rural areas.
- Promote the benefit and social welfare of inhabitants of rural communities by associating together with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure
- Promote research into agricultural associated activities.
- Advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to insurance.

To be eligible, applicants must deliver services across a large region, nationally, or throughout the UK. Priority is given to funding larger initiatives with significant rural impact. The Trustees generally provide support to organisations that have strong farming and insurance backgrounds.

**Deadline:** 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**For more information:**

<https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/charitable-trust>

## **Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Youth Fund**

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

The Youth Fund supports organisations that:

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

Funding can cover: core organisational costs, including salaries and delivery costs, and scaling or strengthening existing work (not new or untested ideas). Applications are particularly welcome from organisations led by people most impacted by racism, ableism, classism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, and/or transphobia.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme

**For more information:**

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

## **Tesco Fruit and Veg Grants**

Grants of up to £1,500 are available for schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations across the UK supporting children and young people to improve access to fruits and vegetables. Examples of projects include:

- Breakfast/after-school clubs that provide fruit and veg for pupils.
- Sports clubs that provide healthy food as part of the project or at half time.
- Growing initiatives to grow fruit and veg or cooking classes using the food to learn.
- Holiday clubs that provide healthy meals and snacks.
- Projects providing SEND provision with healthy snacks/meals.
- Youth clubs that provide a healthy meal/snack.
- Addressing holiday hunger amongst children outside of school time.
- Healthy eating projects that support families to cook healthy meals on a budget.
- Foodbanks to provide food support to families.

Every four months, three local projects are selected to be in the customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK. Projects will receive:

- Grants of up to £1,500 for the project with the most votes.
- Grants of up to £1,000 for the second most votes.
- Grants of up to £500 for the third most votes.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme.

**For more information:**

<https://www.tescopl.com/sustainability/communities/fruit-and-veg-grants>

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

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

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

Funding can be used for equipment and services.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme. Trustee meetings are quarterly.

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

## **Youth Endowment Fund - Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Prevention Programme - Objective 2**

Grants are available for organisations delivering targeted interventions in England that identify and respond to inappropriate and problematic attitudes and behaviours around gender norms and relationships among children and young people aged 10–18.

This funding round focuses on early, targeted support for children and young people who are beginning to show emerging concerns, before behaviours escalate to the point where statutory services such as children's social care, policing or youth justice are required.

Interventions should run over multiple sessions and provide enough time to achieve meaningful change. The fund can cover both staff costs and non-staff delivery costs directly related to the programme. Interventions may also include training and support for teachers and school staff, tools or resources to support early identification, and approaches that help educational settings respond safely and appropriately to emerging concerns.

Projects should primarily operate within educational setting.

**Imminent Deadline:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

**For more information:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/mr46hzxx>

## Help and guidance

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

| Organisation                                                                                                                  | Area                               | Telephone       | Email                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Council for Voluntary Service<br>North West Kent (CVSNWK)<br><a href="https://www.cvsnwk.org">https://www.cvsnwk.org</a>      | Dartford,<br>Gravesham,<br>Swanley | 01474<br>354479 | <a href="mailto:office@cvsnwk.org">office@cvsnwk.org</a>                                             |
| Funding For All<br><a href="https://fundingforall.org.uk">https://fundingforall.org.uk</a>                                    | Kent                               |                 | <a href="mailto:info@fundingforall.org.uk">info@fundingforall.org.uk</a>                             |
| Imago<br><a href="http://www.imago.community">http://www.imago.community</a>                                                  | Kent and<br>Medway                 | 01892<br>530330 | <a href="mailto:hello@imago.community">hello@imago.community</a>                                     |
| Involve Kent<br><a href="https://www.involvekent.org.uk">https://www.involvekent.org.uk</a>                                   | Kent                               | 03000<br>810005 | <a href="mailto:hello@involvekent.org.uk">hello@involvekent.org.uk</a>                               |
| Kent Volunteer Partnership<br><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<br><a href="https://redzebra.org.uk">https://redzebra.org.uk</a>                                | Kent                               | 01227<br>262313 | <a href="mailto:info@redzebra.org.uk">info@redzebra.org.uk</a>                                       |
| Swale Community & Voluntary<br>Services (SCVS)<br><a href="http://www.swalecvs.org.uk">http://www.swalecvs.org.uk</a>         | Swale                              | 01795<br>473828 | <a href="mailto:office@swalecvs.co.uk">office@swalecvs.co.uk</a>                                     |
| Kent & Medway Growth Hub<br><a href="https://www.kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk">https://www.kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk</a> | Kent and<br>Medway                 | 03333<br>602300 | <a href="mailto:business@kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk">business@kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk</a>   |
| Kent Community Foundation<br>(KCF)<br><a href="http://www.kentcf.org.uk">http://www.kentcf.org.uk</a>                         | Kent and<br>Medway                 | 01303<br>814500 | <a href="mailto:hello@kentcf.org.uk">hello@kentcf.org.uk</a>                                         |
| Stronger Kent Communities<br>(SKC)<br><a href="https://tinyurl.com/3up6e3w5">https://tinyurl.com/3up6e3w5</a>                 | Kent and<br>Medway                 | 01227<br>314160 | <a href="mailto:contact@strongerkentcommunities.org.uk">contact@strongerkentcommunities.org.uk</a>   |
| Social Enterprise Kent (SEK)<br><a href="https://sekgroup.org.uk">https://sekgroup.org.uk</a>                                 | Kent                               | 01227<br>469970 | <a href="mailto:info@sekgroup.org.uk">info@sekgroup.org.uk</a>                                       |

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