



Monthly Funding Information June 2023

This document includes information about current grants and funding opportunities primarily for Voluntary & Community Sector Groups and Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises. Where the Grant title includes an asterisk (*), Local Authorities and other partner organisations may also be eligible to apply for the funding.

Please also note the grants that are **NEW** to the bulletin.

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Funding for projects which support Adults

Armed Forces Covenant Fund – Reaching and Supporting Armed Forces Communities Fund - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available to not-for-profit groups across the UK for projects which address the hidden and complex needs of specific beneficiaries within Armed Forces communities in a meaningful way.

Funding is intended to support projects which are specific and targeted, rather than taking a generalist approach. This could mean supporting a defined group with its own defined needs, or addressing a challenging and pressing need within Armed Forces communities.

Key Criteria

- Applications are accepted from charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs) in the UK which have been registered for a minimum of three years. UK Armed Forces units are also eligible to apply.
- Groups do not need to be Armed Forces-specific, but must be willing to work in partnership with Armed Forces organisations.
- Partnership working is encouraged. Local Authorities, Health Bodies and other organisations not eligible to apply directly could deliver projects in collaboration with an eligible organisation.

Amounts available: Max £100,000 (over two or three years).

Application deadlines: 3rd July 2023

Armed Forces Covenant Fund – Force for Change Programme * - NEW GRANT

Summary

The programme offers grants to registered charities and community interest companies with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities. The funding aims to support community projects that reduce isolation and promote integration.

This year (2023), the programme will support ideas that need small amounts of funding to deliver changes or improvements for Armed Forces communities, particularly for those who are experiencing particular needs due to cost-of-living challenges.

Key Criteria

To be eligible to apply, organisations must be one of the following:

- An established registered charity or community interest company (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities.
- An Armed Forces unit or base.
- A local authority.
- A school.
- A statutory body that delivers or co-ordinates NHS care.

Amounts available: Max £15,000

Application deadlines: 17th July 2023

Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

[National Express Foundation – Community Grant](#) - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for local community groups across the UK who conduct meaningful community activity and have an overarching focus on providing support to young people.

To help groups that support young people continue to build back from the pandemic, this year's funding will support initiatives which fit into one or more of the following funding themes:

- Diversionary Activities - Initiatives that specifically focus on engaging with young people, providing them support and deterring anti-social behaviour.
- Environmental - Initiatives could include but are not limited to: encouraging young people to engage with the outdoors, initiatives that support the environment and involve youth groups
- Employability - Initiatives that directly or indirectly equip young people with skills, experience or qualifications that will support them gaining access to employment.
- Wellbeing - Initiatives that positively impact or provide support to young people through: physical activity, mental health and/ or social interaction.

Key Criteria

Applicants must:

- Have an annual turnover of less than £250,000
- Be able to provide a reference from a local person or group who can provide supporting evidence of their work.
- Be able to provide evidence of a constitution and an independent bank account.
- Have evidence of a commitment to safeguarding within their organisation.

Amounts available: Between £1,000 and £5,000

Application deadlines: 6th June 2023 (deadline for first stage application)

Wolfson Foundation – Secondary Schools and 6th Form Colleges - NEW GRANT

Summary

Funding for high-achieving state-funded secondary schools and sixth form colleges to support new builds, refurbishment and technical equipment which will improve the teaching of science, computer science, design & technology, art, languages and performing arts at GCSE and A-Level.

Projects should have one or more of the following aims:

- Improved quality of teaching and learning spaces for subjects which require specialist laboratories and technical equipment
- Increased numbers of students taking these subjects
- Improved learning outcomes for students taking these subjects.

Key Criteria

Projects must cost at least £25,000

Match funding is required for projects over £50,000

Applications will be accepted from schools or colleges that:

- Have at least two years of exam results available.
- Have been inspected by Ofsted / Estyn / HMIE / ETI and have an overall outcome of 'Good' or above.
- Can demonstrate an achieved level of excellence OR significant progress towards excellence through, for example, inspection reports and progress made by students.

Amounts available:

£15,000 - £50,000 for equipment projects.

£15,000 - £100,000 for new build and refurbishment projects.

Application deadlines: 10th June 2023 (deadline for stage one applications)

King Baudouin Foundation – Community Health Fund - NEW GRANT

Summary

This funding is intended for new and existing projects led by not-for-profit organisations that address the issues of mental health of young people in the 15 to 24 age range. Projects should specifically address the needs of the most vulnerable communities, including young people displaced due to conflicts, racial and ethnic minorities, refugees and asylum seekers, those with disabilities and certain health conditions, and those who are socio-economically disadvantaged.

Key Criteria

- Research grants are excluded from this call.
- Applicants must first create an account via the King Baudouin Foundation website.

Amounts available: Between £26,000 and £43,000

Application deadlines: 30th June 2023 (NB application deadline varies on literature. Also states 3rd July 2023)

Barclays Community Football Fund

Summary

Grants are available for not-for-profit groups in the UK to help improve access to football for all, by running football activities for the following underrepresented groups:

- Women and girls
- Young people with disabilities
- Young people from racially diverse communities
- Young people from the LGBTQ+ community
- Young people from lower socio-economic groups

Key Criteria

- The Fund is only open to new groups who have not already received a grant from it.
- The funding will ideally be spent within six months
- Participants can be up to and including those who are 24 years of age
- Only one grant will be awarded per organisation

Amounts available: £500

Application deadlines: 31st December 2023 (but may close early if demand is high)

The Martin Trust for Young People - Grants - NEW GRANT

Summary

The Trust has funds for individual young people and for groups which support young people between 12 and 25 years of age.

Key Criteria

Individuals and voluntary youth organisations need to be living in and or supporting young people in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland.

Applying individuals should have an outstanding skill or talent, an opportunity to gain an experience, be disadvantaged or have a disability, learning difficulty or other special educational needs.

Applying organisations should be making a significant contribution to benefit young people

Amounts available: Max £2,000 for groups and £500 for individuals

Application deadlines: Open but applications are considered four times per year with closing dates in the middle of March, May, August and December.

[The Pixel Fund](#)

Summary

Grants are available for registered UK-based charities and community interest organisations to support projects that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults, up to the age of 26.

Key Criteria

- An organisation must contact The Pixel Fund to discuss their proposal and complete a due diligence form before being invited to complete a full application.
- No single grant is ever more than 5% of the annual income of the applying organisation
- There is a strong preference for organisations with an annual income of less than £10 million with priority for organisations with an annual income of less than £2 million.

Amounts available: Between £2,500 and £5,000

Application deadlines: Open

[Family Action – National School Breakfast Programme](#)

Summary

The programme will provide schools with up to three years of support to run a successful and affordable school breakfast provision. As well as providing funding support, the programme will offer:

- Good practice sharing opportunities, resources and the opportunity to learn from a national network of schools
- The opportunity to enhance parental engagement on healthy eating and the importance of having a nutritious breakfast each morning
- A knowledgeable school support team will be on hand to provide remote advice and support.

Key Criteria

- Schools in disadvantaged areas will be eligible for the programme if they have 40% or more pupils in bands A-F of the income deprivation affecting children index (IDACI).
- Schools will need to pay 25% of the cost of the breakfast club provision (food and delivery costs)
- Schools currently receiving support for their breakfast provision from Magic Breakfast, or Gregg's will not qualify for the Programme.

Amounts available: Amounts not disclosed, but the scheme will cover 75% of the costs of the breakfast club provision until the programme ends in July 2024.

Application deadlines: Open – expression of interest form needs to be submitted

Funding for projects which support broader community outcomes

[Leicestershire County Council – SHIRE Community Grant](#)

Summary

Grants are available to support the delivery of projects, activities and services which are specifically focused on improving the health and wellbeing of vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities in Leicestershire.

In the first round of funding for 2023-24, funding will be prioritised for projects/activities which are focussed on the following themes/priorities:

1. Supporting vulnerable people and communities to manage the impacts of the cost of living crisis
2. Support for community-based projects and activities which improve mental health and wellbeing, including projects which reduce loneliness and social isolation
3. Projects for vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people (and their families)
4. Projects supporting people with disabilities and/or long-term health conditions

Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Be a VCSE organisation
- Have an annual income of under £1 million (in their latest set of accounts/financial reports)
- Be able to provide services for vulnerable/disadvantaged people who are residents of Leicestershire (not Leicester City)

Amounts Available: Max £5,000

Application deadlines: Round 1 closes 7th June 2023

[Jobs 22/ReStart - Community Investment Fund - NEW GRANT](#)

Summary

The fund supports initiatives in East Central England, including Leicester and Leicestershire, which create lasting and socio-economic impact by empowering local people and communities to develop new skills and progress towards better, more sustainable work.

Key Criteria

- Applicants must be registered with Companies House and/or the Charities Commission and be not-for-profit
- Grants must be spent in the local area, serving local need.

Projects should:

- Highlight a compelling need to be awarded funding supported by data, insights and evidence
- Include measurable outcomes
- Present long-term, sustainable, positive results for individuals and communities

Amounts available: Between £40,000 and £90,000 over 6 to 12 months

Application deadlines: 7th June 2023

Heart Research UK – Healthy Heart Grants

Summary

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations to support new, original and innovative projects that actively promote a healthy heart and help to prevent, or reduce, the risk of heart disease in local communities in the UK.

Activities must focus on one or more of the following risk factors of heart disease:

- Nutrition and Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Smoking
- Alcohol

Key Criteria

- Projects should run for a minimum of three months and no longer than 12 months
- Applying organisations must have a turnover of less than £1 million
- Only 2 projects in England will be funded

Amounts available: Max £15,000

Application deadlines: 8th June 2023

Wolfson Foundation – Funding For Places - NEW GRANT

Summary

The main objective of the Foundation is the funding of capital infrastructure in the following areas:

- Science and Medicine
- Arts and Humanities.
- Heritage
- Education,
- Health and Disability

Key Criteria

The Foundation will not fund projects where the total cost is below £15,000.

Match funding is required for projects where the total project cost is above £50,000 and should be in place at the point of submission of a Stage 2 application.

Applications are accepted from organisations and educational establishments in the UK which are registered charities or which have charitable status.

Specific restrictions also apply to individual types of place/applying organisation. Applicants are advised check the Wolfson Foundation website to confirm eligibility.

Amounts available: There are no minimum or maximum levels of grant that can be applied for

Application deadlines:

- Stage one application deadline for Secondary schools, sixth form colleges, special needs schools and colleges is 10th June 2023
- Stage one application deadline for all other organisations is 1st July 2023

Co-op – Local Community Fund - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for small, locally based voluntary and community groups to support projects which benefit local communities around Co-op food stores and funeral homes. The funding aims to help communities to come together, co-operate and have a positive impact on community wellbeing – physically and virtually.

Projects should:

- Bring people together to access food.
- Help to improve people's mental wellbeing.
- Create opportunities for young people to be heard and make a difference.
- Help people to save and restore nature or tackle climate change.

Key Criteria

Funding is determined by Co-op community members who vote on the project they wish to support in their local community. The more Co-op members that support the project and shop at Co-op, the more money groups will receive.

Projects should take place or still be running after November 2024.

Successful bids will be supported by the Co-op for 12 months

Amounts available: Average grant between £1,000 and £3,000

Application deadlines: 11th June 2023

Ofcom – Community Radio Fund - NEW GRANT

Summary

The funding can support the core costs of running Ofcom licensed community radio stations including management, administration, community outreach, volunteer organisation and support

Key Criteria

Applications will be accepted from Ofcom-licensed community radio stations in the UK, broadcasting on AM, FM, or by a Community Digital Sound Programme (C-DSP) licence on a digital radio multiplex.

Applicant stations must be on the air as of the date of their application for their application to be considered

Grants will be made as a single lump sum and must be spent within 14 months

Amounts available: Grant amounts generally range between £1,500 and £25,000 although no amounts are specified

Application deadlines: 13th June 2023

[The Environment Partnership – Environment Grant](#)

Summary

Grants are available to any individuals, groups, professionals, students, institutions or charities across the whole of the UK which are looking to make an impact on the environment, by furthering the environmental profession and/or raising awareness of environmental issues.

Key Criteria

Grant allocation will be based on:

- Alignment to TEP's values (Honest, Supportive, Passionate, Forward-Looking, Enterprising and Responsible)
- Connection to the environmental profession
- Potential impact of funding.

Projects underway before the Grant has been awarded will not be eligible for consideration

Student applicants should be enrolled on a UK environmental course of a minimum 2-year duration

Amounts available: Between £250 and £1,000

Application deadlines: 22nd June 2023

[Community Business Trade Up Programme](#)

Summary

A business development learning programme and match trading grant are available to support locally rooted community businesses in England to become stronger and more sustainable. The scheme includes:

- A free learning programme, to help community businesses build their income, confidence, resilience and impact
- A grant
- Community business peer mentor
- An opportunity to meet regularly with other people running similar organisations

Key Criteria

The programme is for early-stage businesses, ideally less than four years old which are:

- Locally rooted
- Accountable to the local community
- Trading for the benefit of the local community
- Making a broad community impact

Amounts available: Max £5,000 (The first £1,000 will be awarded up front. The remaining four instalments of up to £1,000 will be given over the year matched against the participant's increased trading.)

Application deadlines: 26th June 2023

AHF - UK Heritage Development Trust Programme - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants, advice and support are available to community-led trusts (charities and social enterprises) that can deliver local regeneration with heritage at the forefront. The programme aims to create a UK-wide network of financially resilient organisations that revive unused buildings and support regeneration in some of the country's most deprived places and communities.

The type of support will vary depending on the stage of development of each Trust and its individual needs. The support package includes:

- Access to support from consultant Project Advisers specialising in areas such as governance, social impact measurement, community engagement, fundraising and social investment, business planning, environmental sustainability and green energy solutions.
- Eligible to apply for Project Viability Grants (up to £15,000 per project) and Project Development Grants (up to £75,000) to develop projects involving the rescue and reuse of historic buildings.
- Membership of a UK-wide peer-to-peer learning network of Heritage Development Trusts.
- Mentoring from another Heritage Development Trust.

Key Criteria

The programme will provide funding and capacity building support to between 10 and 13 Heritage Development Trusts.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have in place plans to take on a portfolio of projects to deliver heritage-led regeneration.
- Be able to justify the need for the grant and provide an outline financial proposal, which sets out how the funding will be spent and how they propose to develop new income streams over the next five years.
- Provide evidence of local authority support, project partners and community consultation and buy-in.

Amounts available: Revenue funding of between £55,000 and £70,000 per year, for three years

Application deadlines: 26th June 2023 (deadline for expressions of interest)

Clarion Futures - Digital Grants

Summary

Grants are available for charities and community organisations working across the UK to support residents in Clarion Housing settings of all ages to get online and build the skills, motivation and confidence needed to use the internet safely in everyday life.

Priority may be given to applicants that are able to provide proposals for how activities could be sustained after Clarion funding has come to an end.

Key Criteria

- This Fund is NOT primarily aimed at helping people to use a computer
- Applicants are encouraged to try and secure match funding. This may include grants from other funders, free venue hire or donations.
- Applicants must prove that the majority of beneficiaries of the project will be residents in Clarion Housing settings.

Amounts available: Between £1,000 and £5,000

Application deadlines: 28th June 2023

The Health Foundation – Tech for Better Care *- NEW GRANT

Summary

Funding is available to care providers in the UK to explore the potential for using technology to enable care at home and in the community. This programme is for care providers that want to use the opportunity of funding and practical support to take a seed of an idea and develop it, test it, improve it, and then pilot it. Care providers can apply for funding to participate in phase 1 of the programme, and then the most promising ideas will progress to phase 2 and phase 3.

Key Criteria

- Applications must be led by an organisation that is responsible for delivering care at home, in a residential setting or in the community. This includes NHS organisations, CIC's, Charities and Local Authorities.
- Organisations should be UK-based

Amounts available: Max £30,000 (for phase 1)

Application deadlines: 29th June 2023

[Leicestershire County Council - SHIRE Environment Grant](#)

Summary

Supports new and innovative projects that will meet one or more of the grant scheme outcomes:

- To reduce the amount of household waste produced in Leicestershire
- To reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions within communities
- To improve biodiversity and support the creation, protection, enhancement and management of sustainable green spaces
- To raise awareness and understanding on the above outcomes as well as providing necessary training and skills to manage and support projects.

Key Criteria

- The main beneficiaries must be residents of Leicestershire, excluding Leicester City and Rutland
- All relevant permissions and consents necessary to enable the project to go ahead must have been obtained from the relevant authorities before a grant can be offered.
- There are other specific criteria for community building and biodiversity related initiatives

Amounts available: Max £3,000

Application deadlines: 30th June 2023

[Sport England – Small Grants](#) *

Summary

Grants are available to help not-for-profit sports clubs, local authorities and schools in England to carry out local community sports projects and encourage more people to be involved in sport.

Sport England is particularly interested in projects which meet one or more of the following aims of their 'Towards an Active Nation' strategy:

- Getting inactive people to become more active.
- Developing lasting sporting habits.
- Developing more positive attitudes among young people.

Special note: To commemorate the Coronation in 2023, Sport England has widened its Small Grants focus to include the following areas, which are of personal interest to His Majesty the King:

- Projects which focus on sustainability while reducing the impact on the environment
- Projects which focus on developing skills in young people.

Key Criteria

- To be eligible for funding over £10,000 applicants must meet Tier One of the Code for Sports Governance
- Multiple applications can be submitted, but organisations can only have awards of up to £15,000 in any 12-month period.
- Priority is to support projects working with people living in areas of disadvantage as defined by the Indices of Multiple Deprivation areas 1 to 3.

Amounts available: Between £300 and £15,000

Application deadlines: 30th June 2023

North West Leicestershire District Council – UKSPF Community Grant

Summary

The grant scheme is part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and can support a range of community activities and initiatives. These include:

- Create or improve an area of public space, leading to increased visits
- Support a local event or initiative (e.g. arts, heritage, cultural, creative)
- Support an existing group to obtain, retain or develop skills, knowledge and tools
- Provide support to reduce the Cost of Living

Key Criteria

- The fund is only open to voluntary and community organisations, including Parish and Town Councils, which support residents of North West Leicestershire
- Schools are not eligible to apply
- Requests for funding AFTER the activity or project has taken place will not be eligible

Amounts available: Between £3,000 and £10,000

Application deadlines: 30th June 2023

HM Govt. - Urban Tree Challenge Fund *

Summary

Funding for public bodies, non-government organisations, community groups, charities, individuals and private companies, to support the planting and establishment of large and small trees in urban and peri-urban areas of England.

Round 5 of the Fund is targeting schemes which are planting trees in socially deprived urban areas with low canopy cover, in proximity to healthcare and educational facilities.

Key Criteria

- Applications are accepted from community and volunteer groups, town councils and individuals.
- Applicants must have full management control over the land or signed consent from those with such control.
- Successful applicants can complete tree planting over two planting seasons: winter 2023/2024 and winter 2024/25.

Amounts available: The Fund will provide 80% funding of standard costs for planting large trees and their establishment costs for three years following planting. Minimum application value of £10,000

Application deadlines: 30th June 2023

[Artemis Charitable Foundation](#)

Summary

Grants are available for UK-registered charities operating in the UK and internationally to support projects in the areas of health, poverty, education, and the environment.

Key Criteria

- Priority will be given to small-and-medium-sized charities with an income of between £100,000 and £1 million per annum
- Organisations must have been running for a minimum of three years to apply
- Preference will be given to projects that are innovative and can be scaled up or replicated.

Amounts available: Max £5,000

Application deadlines: 30th June 2023

[National Churches Trust – Large Grants Programme](#)

Summary

Grants 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.

Key Criteria

- Structural repairs and maintenance projects should cost more than £100,000
- Projects to install kitchens and or toilets should cost over £30,000.
- Match funding of at least 50% is required
- Applications will be considered from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship across the UK.
- Buildings must be open for regular public worship for a minimum of 6 services per year and must be open to the public for at least 100 days per year in addition to worship within a year of project completion.

Amounts available: Between £10,000 and £50,000

Application deadlines: 4th July 2023

Hilden Charitable Fund – UK Funding - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for charitable organisations working in the areas of penal affairs and asylum seekers and refugees in the UK. The aim of the Fund is to address disadvantage, notably by supporting causes which are unlikely to raise funds from public subscriptions. Unrestricted grants of core or project funding are available.

Key Criteria

Organisations are not able to apply if they are currently a grant holder and the grant is not due to end until 2024.

To be eligible, applying organisations:

- Should have an average income of less than £250,000
- Undertake work, all of which must meet the Fund's criteria

Amounts available: Between £5,000 and £7,000 per year for up to two years

Application deadlines: 7th July 2023

HM Govt. - Community Ownership Fund - NEW GRANT

Summary

Funding is available to voluntary, community and charitable organisations in the UK to support them in taking ownership of local assets such as sporting and cultural venues, meeting spaces, community centres, pubs and shops.

The Fund is designed to contribute up to 80% of the total capital required for a project. Revenue funding is also available to support professional fees, staffing costs and utilities.

NB Locality has partnered with My Community and is able provide [advice and support for the Community Ownership Fund](#)

Key Criteria

- To be eligible, the applicant must be an incorporated organisation which is set up to deliver charitable purpose, social purpose or public benefit. These include a Charitable incorporated organisation, Community Interest Company, Parish, Town or Community Council.
- Proposals will need to prove the value of the asset to local people and that the asset can run sustainably for the long-term benefit of the community.
- Capital funding must be match-funded. Revenue funding does not need to be matched
- Organisations can submit an expression of Interest at any time. Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full application, which they do not have to do immediately; however, they must submit their EOI at least three weeks before the closure of the bidding window in which they want to apply to allow time to receive feedback and then to submit their application.
- To be eligible for investment from the Fund, the terms of community ownership must be either the ownership of the freehold or a long-term leasehold of at least 15 years with reasonable break clauses.

Amounts available: Discretionary

Application deadlines: Round 3 window closes 12th July 2023

Power To change – Discovery Fund * - NEW GRANT

Summary

Funding is available to community businesses and community focussed organisations in England who are interested in exploring new tech-based solutions to meet some of their existing challenges.

As well as the grant, the fund will provide the following:

- A free place on a Digital Design Hop: a structured design course to help move efficiently from challenge to solution.
- A network of experts and like-minded peers in a facilitated community of practice.

Key Criteria

- Applications from community organisations who are tackling marginalisation or supporting under-represented and marginalised groups are particularly encouraged and welcome.
- Funding is flexible and can be used to fund any eligible costs that meet the objectives of the fund including research, spending time identifying partnerships and consulting with experts
- Only 20 organisations will be successful

Amounts available: Max £12,000

Application deadlines: 21st July 2023

Cycling UK – Big Bike Revival Grant - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available for voluntary groups, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations to deliver cycling projects and activities across England for people who do not normally cycle.

This fund aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Encourage people who don't cycle to cycle.
- Encourage people to cycle more often.
- Increase short cycling trips.
- Improve the perception of cycling safety.
- Improve people's confidence to cycle

Key Criteria

Funding is for activities delivered between 15th May 2023 and 30th September 2023

Organisations who are providing cycling activities regularly as their main activities or as a primary income must have a public liability insurance policy and must be able to provide Cycling UK with a valid copy of the policy when requested.

Amounts available: Max £2,000

Application deadlines: 31st July 2023

IMP Hinckley Park Community Fund

Summary

The fund is to support community projects based in the Hinckley and Bosworth District near to the Hinckley Park Development. Projects should meet one of the following three themes:

- Strengthen Communities
- Enhance the natural environment
- Promote positive change

Key Criteria

- Projects should start from November 2023 onwards, for a maximum 12-month period
- National charities would need to be able to demonstrate that they have a local branch. This would include a local bank account, finances, and demonstration of fundraising and delivery in the local area only

Amounts available: Between £2,000 and £10,000

Application deadlines: 2nd August 2023 (Please note there is £95,000 to be awarded at this panel and the fund may close early if heavily oversubscribed)

Association of Independent Museums (AIM) – Collections Care Audits *

Summary

Grants available to enable small to medium sized museums to undertake a basic, professional collections care audit which will enable them to care for their collections more effectively and efficiently and to meet the standards required for Accreditation. Applications are encouraged from museums to bring in conservation expertise to ensure that collections care and conservation meets professional standards and will have the most impact on the organisation, its collections, and their visitors.

Key Criteria

Eligible organisations should:

- Be an AIM Member
- Be a registered charity, an organisation with exempt charitable status or, a recognised public body i.e., Local Authority Museum
- Have fewer than 50,000 visitors per year

Amounts available: £1,200 for the audit. A further grant of up to £10,000 is available to carry out any care or conservation work.

Application deadlines: 29th September 2023

[Veolia – Sustainability Fund](#)

Summary

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations and community groups who can raise their initial funding through a crowdfunding campaign to support projects that create a better environment or a more sustainable local community.

In-kind resources and staff volunteers are also available through the scheme.

Projects should support one or more of the following themes:

- Enhancing biodiversity
- Promoting sustainable waste behaviours (reduce, reuse and/or recycle)
- Protecting or preserving resources and the environment
- Its use of recycled, reused or reclaimed materials

Key Criteria

The first step is to create a project page on Spacehive's website outlining the proposed project.

Applicants must have project costs and any permissions in place and be ready to crowdfund by 29th September 2023

Amounts available: Veolia will match up to 50% of money raised to a max of £1,000

Application deadlines: 29th September 2023

[HM Govt.- Education Trust Capacity Fund](#) *

Summary

The grants programme supports Educational Trust growth and development across England.

There are four strands:

- A: For projects in which trusts will take on or form from at least five schools, one of which must be an inadequate or requires improvement school in an Education Investment Area (EIA)
- A1: For projects in which a trust will take on at least one inadequate or requires improvement school in an EIA
- B: For projects in which a trust takes on either at least one inadequate or requires improvement school outside of an EIA or any school within an EIA
- C: For trusts taking on good or outstanding schools outside of an EIA.

Key Criteria

Capital expenditure is not eligible

Academy trusts or local authority-maintained schools in England must:

- Be considered by the Education and Skills Funding Agency to be of sound financial health. As a minimum requirement, applicants must not have an open Financial Notice to Improve
- Have an eligible growth project that has been approved by a Regional Director (RD) from 1 January 2023

Amounts available: Between £50,000 and £750,000. Grant amounts differ per strand.

Application deadlines: 30th September 2023

LocalGiving – Magic Little Grants

Summary

The grant enables local charities and community groups to access funding to launch or deliver their services. Funding can be used to launch new projects, support existing ones, or cover core costs associated with ongoing work.

Key Criteria

- Applying organisations must be in their first year of operation or have annual income of under £250,000
- Projects should fall within one of seven themes including improving mental health, reducing the impact of poverty, enabling participation in physical activity and improving green spaces.

Amounts available: £500

Application deadlines: 31st October 2023

Parkinson's UK – Physical Activity Grants Programme

Summary

Grants are available for activity providers, communities, networks and organisations across the UK to develop new opportunities for people with Parkinson's to become and stay active or help increase their levels of physical activity.

Projects should reach and engage with a wide range of people with Parkinson's especially those who may be from the following groups:

- Newly diagnosed.
- Young onset.
- People and groups seen as 'under-represented' - including socially isolated, not digitally connected or ethnic communities.
- People who are not engaged with Parkinson's UK.
- People who are inactive, or active at low levels.
- People who are still working.

Key Criteria

Applications will be accepted from activity providers, national governing bodies, Parkinson's groups and branches, and sports and healthcare professionals

Projects must last for at least three months

Amounts available: Between £500 and £3,000

Application deadlines: Open - closes on 30th November 2023. Applications will be considered on a monthly basis.

Architectural Heritage Fund – Project Viability Grants

Summary

Grants are available for charities and not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises, in England to support early-stage feasibility work on historic building revitalisation projects.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Involve the new use of a vacant historic building.
- Help revive high streets.
- Are in the top 30% most deprived areas.
- Involve and support diverse communities (traditionally underrepresented among heritage asset owners).
- Have a strong focus on environmental sustainability and energy efficiency.
- Contribute to local regeneration schemes.

Key Criteria

- Grants are normally valid for one year
- There is a two-stage application process
- Local authorities and other public sector bodies other than Parish and Town Councils are not eligible

Amounts available: Max £10,000

Application deadlines: Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time. However the scheme closes to the full applications on 26th January 2024

British Gas Energy Trust – Grants - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available to individuals and families across Great Britain to be used to write off their energy debts.

Individual and Families Fund – for customers of any energy supplier and who has not received a grant from the British Gas Energy Trust within the last two years. (other criteria apply)

Key Criteria

NB The Trust wants to ensure that grants go to people who cannot access energy debt help from their own provider, the following suppliers Eon, Eon Next, EDF, Scottish Power and Octopus all have their own funds to support their customers only, so if you are a customer of one of these companies, please apply to them directly.

No cash payments are made. Instead, the householders' account will receive a credit.

Applicants must:

- Have received support from a money advice organisation and are required to provide the details of the group in question.
- Be in or facing Fuel Poverty.

Amounts Available: Max amount of energy debt arrears covered £1,500

Application deadlines: Open until the funding runs out

National Archives – Skills Bursaries * - NEW GRANT

Summary

Grants are available to individuals from public sector bodies, commercial organisations, registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations to support the development of the skills needed to ensure continued resilience of the archives sector in England and Wales.

Funding is intended to provide archivists with training, career professional development or mentoring that would not usually be available in their own organisational development programmes, including in areas such as:

- Digital archiving
- Environmental sustainability
- Diversity, equity and inclusion

Key Criteria

- Bursaries will be paid to the employer, rather than the individuals themselves
- The programme is open to any individual working with a recognised archive collection. This principally includes employees, but may also include trustees or volunteers.

Amounts Available: Max £500 for individuals, but group or network applications are accepted where the £500 per person award remains.

Application deadlines: Open

National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) – Windrush 75 * - NEW GRANT

Summary

Although it is now too late to apply for funding in time for Windrush Day itself, groups are still encouraged to apply for grants to commemorate Windrush throughout the year. For example, some groups may wish to carry out their Windrush celebrations during Black History Month in October 2023.

The Lottery has provided a blog detailing how best to strengthen this kind of application which can be found on its website.

Key Criteria

- Windrush 75 proposals must comply with the standard NLCF Awards for All guidelines.
- Groups must apply at least 12 weeks before the project is due to commence

Amounts Available: Between £300 and £10,000

Application deadlines: Open – rolling basis

Support available for Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Sector organisations in Leicestershire

Voluntary Action LEICESTERSHIRE

Leicestershire County Council has a contract with [Voluntary Action LeicesterShire](#) (VAL) to provide support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leicestershire, including help with identifying and securing funding.



If you are a VCS organisation who is seeking to apply for funding, or bid for contracts, please contact VAL's Sector Support Team for assistance, advice, and guidance. VAL can provide assistance with searching for funding opportunities, checking the relevance of the fund to your funding aspirations, and a read and review of your bid.

You can also [sign up for further e-bulletins from VAL](#), including news, events, funding opportunities and updates from the Government and Charity Commission. There are currently two newsletters which you can select to receive by ticking the appropriate box. At present funding and commissioning items are included in the voluntary sector support newsletter.

Events

[VAL Meet the Funders](#)

VAL are holding a Meet the Funders event on Tuesday 28th June from 1.30pm – 6.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Oadby. It is an opportunity to speak in person to funders about ideas you have for future projects, learn about current funding programmes and also speak to VAL staff about how we can help you to identify funding and structure applications or any other support your organisation might need. [Booking is required](#).

Contact Details:

[VAL website](#)

Tel: 0116 2575050

Email: helpline@valonline.org.uk

CASE – Support for Social Enterprises in Leicestershire



Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency (CASE) is a social enterprise and co-operative which provides advice, guidance, and support to existing and emerging co-operatives, social enterprises and community enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. CASE supports co-operatives and social enterprises to develop and grow, through the promotion of co-operative ways of working.

Leicestershire County Council has a contract with CASE to provide support to people currently running (or thinking of setting up) social enterprises in Leicestershire.

Contact Details:

[CASE website](#)

Tel: 0116 222 5010

Email: enquiries@case.coop

Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation



The Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation is a charity which helps local individuals and companies to give money, in a tax efficient way, directly to local needs. It does this by helping set up new local family and company charitable funds and then supports those donors to give grants to local charitable groups of their choice through the Making Local Life Better Fund (previously the Donor Matching Scheme).

The Community Foundation also administers local and national grant schemes on behalf of those organisations. These vary throughout the year, please check the website for the funds currently available.

Contact Details:

[Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation Website](#)

Tel: 0116 262 4916

Email: grants@lrcfoundation.org.uk

Commissioning Opportunities



VCSE organisations are encouraged to explore opportunities to receive income through delivering contracts for services commissioned by the public sector. You can register to receive details of commissioning opportunities through the following websites:

[Source Leicestershire](#)

[Due North](#)

[Gov UK Contract Finder](#)

Easy Fundraising



This is a leading fundraising platform that gives organisations access to an unlimited fundraising source, that helps you to raise FREE cashback donations through online shopping. Register your group/organisation as a good cause with easyfundraising to receive free cashback donations when anyone connected to that organisation shops online with 4,200 retailers including Argos, Amazon, Just eat and Booking.com. It doesn't cost the shopper a penny more so it's an easy way for your community to support your organisation just by shopping online as they usually would.

[Easy Fundraising Website](#)

Leicestershire Communities Website



The Leicestershire Communities website contains a range of useful information to help local people to actively participate in their communities, including information for people involved in community groups, charities and social enterprises. This section of the website provides a range of support, information and resources related to Grants and Funding, including Monthly Funding Bulletins, information from a range of funders, along with details of support provided to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and social enterprises, by other relevant organisations.

[Leicestershire Communities Grants and Funding Webpage](#)