



## **Monthly Funding Information July 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.

This document and additional sources of funding can also be accessed via the [Leicestershire Communities Grants and Funding page](#).

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### **[Funding for projects which support Adults \(including older people, veterans and adults with disabilities\)](#)**

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### **[Funding for projects which support Young People \(including young people with disabilities\)](#)**

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## Funding for projects which support Adults

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### [Armed Forces Covenant Fund – Force for Change Programme \\*](#)

#### **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:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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## [Armed Forces Covenant Fund - Transformational Grants](#) \* - NEW GRANT

### Summary

Funding for charities is intended to deliver permanent and significant changes or improvements for Armed Forces communities, where there are hidden needs not being met by current service provision.

Funded work must be highly specific and targeted to the particular needs of a group of people within the Armed Forces community. This group may:

- Have experienced significant disadvantages
- Have members who are part of a wider protected characteristic, such as their race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), sex, sexual orientation or gender reassignment, and who have a need to access specialist services that can address their complex needs, rather than more generalist provision
- Struggle to access support that meets their needs in some other way
- Be more at risk of a particular problem or problems that could limit their life chances

### Key Criteria

- Projects should be national in focus, but those concerning only one of the four UK countries may be considered where a strong case is made
- Applicants are not required to be Armed Forces-specific, but they must work in partnership with Armed Forces organisations.
- Charities need to have been registered for at least two years. Those that have been registered for less than three years should provide clear evidence of their governance arrangements and why they are confident they have the expertise to take on a grant of this size.

**Amounts available:** Max £300,000 (over three years to five years)

**Application deadlines:** 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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## [Armed Forces Covenant – Veterans Mobility Programme](#) - NEW GRANT

### Summary

A single grant is available to a registered charity for a project that will deliver high quality support to veterans with physical disabilities, through in-kind grants to enable them to access mobility equipment that meets their needs and improves their quality of life in the UK

### Key Criteria

Applicants must:

- Have been registered in the UK for at least two years at the time of application and be able to provide published accounts for all two years if requested
- Have experience in providing direct support to people with physical disabilities

**Amounts available:** Max £2,520,000 (over 5 years)

**Application deadlines:** 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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## **Wolfson Foundation – Hospice Care Home Training Programme - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Funding is available for training to encourage greater collaboration and interchange of ideas amongst staff in hospices and in care homes, particularly around dementia care for those approaching the end of life.

The purpose of the education and training is to:

- Encourage increased collaboration, sharing of knowledge and good practice across hospice and care home.
- Address unmet education and training needs cost effectively within hospices' immediate region.
- Have a direct impact on patient care for those with a diagnosis of dementia who have palliative care needs.

### **Key Criteria**

- Retrospective costs and In-house training cannot be funded
- Hospices are eligible for a maximum of two grants per year
- A grant may be for a series of events, e.g. a series of workshops on dementia and palliative care in care homes.
- Applications must be received at least one month before training commences.

**Amounts available:** Max £2,000

**Application deadlines:** Open - applications are accepted on a rolling basis

# Funding for projects which support Children and Young People

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## [Ark Ventures - Maths Excellence Fund](#) \*- NEW GRANT

### Summary

The Fund has two principal objectives:

- To support schools to improve student attainment and progression in maths from ages 11 to 16 and 16 to 18, especially for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- To trial and evaluate programmes in order to better understand which activities can support student attainment and progress in maths, and to establish models to replicate these beyond the Fund.

The Fund is expecting to award contracts to between three and six Lead Delivery Partners in the Funding Round. Lead Delivery Partners can be charities, multi-academy trusts, universities, local authorities or companies

### Key Criteria

Lead Delivery Partners must:

- Have relevant capabilities and a track record
- Demonstrate significant expertise in maths education (for example, curriculum, pedagogy, enrichment, teacher development) and of supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Demonstrate a track record of delivering multi-year programmes across multiple schools

**Amounts available:** Between £1 million and £3 million (awarded to the Lead Delivery Partner)

**Application deadlines:** 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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## **HM Govt. – The Million Hours Fund \* - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Grants for youth organisations working in anti-social hotspots in England to provide out-of-school activities for young people in areas of high need throughout the summer.

### **Key Criteria**

To be eligible, applicants must meet the National Lottery Community Fund's Award for All England criteria.

The National Lottery Community Fund prioritises groups with smaller incomes; due to high demand, organisations that have a large annual income might not be able to get funding.

Projects must:

- Take place in, and/or benefit young people living in, one of the [eligible wards](#) in England
- Deliver additional youth provision (existing provision is not eligible)
- Start during, or before, the 2023 school summer holidays (24 July to 3 September 2023)
- Primarily benefit young people aged 11 to 18, and up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities

**Amounts available:** Between £300 and £10,000

**Application deadlines:** Open, but it is expected that most delivery will be during the 2023 Summer holidays

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## **Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Grants available for charities who support children and young people in care and care leavers in the UK.

### **Key Criteria**

- Application forms are available to complete online at the Trust's website. The Trust no longer accepts applications submitted by post.
- Charities can only apply for one grant per calendar year and must have an annual operating income of between £100,000 and £1 million.
- Applicants will be asked to detail how their project addresses discrimination faced by the Global Majority

**Amounts available:** £1,000

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

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## [The 7Stars Foundation](#) - NEW GRANT

### Summary

Funding is available for registered charities across the UK working with children and young people aged under 16 to address the priority themes of abuse, addiction, young carers, and homelessness.

There are three funding streams:

- Project Grants – to support initiatives that address the above themes
- Shine Bright Grants - to purchase items and resources to protect and support children through the cost-of-living crisis
- Direct Grants - to individuals affected by the Foundation's themes, supported by outreach, social or care workers, or legal professionals

### Key Criteria

- Annual turnover of less than £1.5 million
- Direct grant applications must be submitted by the supporting professional/organisation

**Amounts available:** Project Grants max £2,500 / Shine Bright Grants max £1,500

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

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## [HM Govt. - Reach for the Sky Challenge Fund](#) - NEW GRANT

### Summary

Grant to support not-for-profit schemes that provide an entry point for young people from underprivileged backgrounds or under-represented groups into the aviation/aerospace industry.

To be eligible, outreach projects need to meet the following three objectives:

- Inspire the next generation of aviation professionals, championing the opportunities available in the sector
- Reach individuals who would not otherwise be aware of opportunities available within the aviation sector
- Have a broad impact by reaching and engaging multiple people

### Key Criteria

Applicants are requested to submit 'gold, silver and bronze' funding ambitions with their application. Gold being the most ambitious and requiring the most funding, Bronze being the minimum output and funding request.

Organisations may submit more than one application provided they are for different and clearly distinct programmes.

Two or more organisations may submit a joint application.

**Amounts available:** Grant amounts not disclosed but the total project cost should be under £750,000

**Application deadlines:** 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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## **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**

- Grants are only available for new groups who have not already received a grant from the Fund
- 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:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (but may close early if demand is high)

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## **The Martin Trust for Young People - Grants**

### **Summary**

The Trust has funds available for individual young people and for organisations 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.

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## [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

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## [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

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### [HM Govt. - Community Ownership Fund](#)

#### 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 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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## [Power To Change – Discovery Fund](#) \*

### 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:** 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

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## [Hubbub - Eat It Up Fund](#) \* - NEW GRANT

### Summary

The fund will support UK registered organisations with an early-stage creative approach to reducing food waste with potential for impact at scale.

Projects need to do some or all of the following:

- Address pre-farmgate waste (the food production process, up to the point where the products have been harvested and prepared as produce for sale)
- Prevent food from being wasted at the manufacturing and processing stage
- Minimise food waste from retailers
- Find creative ways to use surplus food in communities or at home

### Key Criteria

- Applications will be accepted from any organisation that can prove they are an officially constituted body, registered in the UK. This includes charities, Community Interest Companies, schools, Local Authorities and small businesses
- Applicants should be seeking funds to support a specific and discrete initiative rather than core operational costs
- Applications from a collaboration of organisations are welcomed. The lead organisation must be one of the types of organisations listed as eligible on the website

**Amounts available:** Max £40,000

**Application deadlines:** 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 (expressions of interest)

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## **HM Govt. – Species Survival Fund \* - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Funding for individuals and organisations based in England for projects that create and restore natural habitats in England and are planned, costed and ready to start.

The funding is for projects that deliver against the fund theme of habitat creation and restoration, including ecosystem restoration, to support species abundance at a landscape, catchment or local scale, either within or outside of protected sites. This can include targeted actions taken as part of wider habitat creation or restoration projects.

The funding can be used for both capital and revenue costs directly related to the project.

### **Key Criteria**

- Priority will be given to projects that connect people with nature, include species monitoring, support green jobs and climate change adaptation
- Projects should halt decline and contribute to abundance across a wide range of species. Local priorities should be considered
- Successful applicants are expected to cover at least 5% of their project's costs. This can be via a partnership
- Partnership funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund is not eligible

**Amounts available:** Between £250,000 and £3million

**Application deadlines:** 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (expressions of interest)

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## **Benefact Group – Movement For Good Awards - Large Grants - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Funding for charities with exciting and innovative projects that address one of the following themes:

- Heritage/arts/culture – to help celebrate, preserve or protect our heritage and culture
- Education/skills – to enable learning and development, particularly among young people
- Rural/community development – to support and build our communities, particularly in rural areas
- Climate change/environment – to contribute to our collective challenge to tackle impact on the climate and environment

### **Key Criteria**

- Applicants may submit more than one application but an eligible charity can only win one grant
- The funding can be used within three years and for a blend of project and core funding costs

**Amounts available:** Grants are for £10,000 and over (£500,000 total grant budget)

**Application deadlines:** 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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## Cycling UK – Big Bike Revival 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and 30<sup>th</sup> 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:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

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## Migrant Help - Community Hubs Grant Scheme - NEW GRANT

### Summary

The Fund supports not-for-profit organisations across the UK that need a small grant to start a new community hub, or expand an existing hub, in order to support asylum seekers, refugees and survivors of modern-day slavery in the UK.

Two grants are available:

- **Small Bridging Grants** - To help with things like short-term running costs whilst seeking further funding or to provide essential needs that cannot be met elsewhere.
- **Sustainability and start up grants** - To help start a new hub in an area of high need or to invest in an existing hub, creating sustainability

### Key Criteria

- Priority will be given to individuals and organisations who have not previously received funding from Migrant Help
- Applications can be submitted at any time and will be assessed on a bi-monthly basis with deadlines to submit applications for each round
- Applicants must have a bank account in the organisation's name and adequate insurance in place to deliver the service or project as well as relevant safeguarding procedures

### Amounts available:

- Small bridging grants max £2,000
- Sustainability and start up grants max £5,000

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 (There are three more opportunities to apply for funding before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024)

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## **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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 (Please note there is £95,000 to be awarded at this panel and the fund may close early if heavily oversubscribed)

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## **HM Govt. - Places of Worship Protective Security Fund - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

The scheme is intended to reduce the risk and impact of hate crime at places of worship and associated faith community centres. Funding is available for protective security measures to places of worship that have been subject to or are vulnerable to a hate crime attack.

There is a list of specific security measures which applicants can request support with installing.

This financial year (2023/2024), mosques and associated faith community centres can also apply for some security guarding services, where they feel security guards will improve the safety of their site and those worshipping there.

### **Key Criteria**

Applicants do not need to choose what they would like to apply for in advance. If successful, a survey will be carried out at the place of worship. During this survey, the most appropriate measures for the site will be discussed.

It should also be noted that the funding only covers the provision and installation of these security measures. It does not cover other associated costs such as licensing and planning permission.

**Amounts available:** Grant amount not disclosed

**Application deadlines:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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## National Lottery - Grants for Heritage \*

### Summary

The fund will continue to support a broad range of heritage projects and activities being run by not-for-profit organisations and private owners of heritage, such as industrial sites, castles and historic places of worship, to the stories and memories of communities, and through to public parks, natural landscapes and native wildlife.

Priority will be given to heritage projects that:

- Promote inclusion and involve a wider range of people (mandatory outcome)
- Boost the local economy
- Encourage skills development and job creation
- Support wellbeing
- Create better places to live, work and visit
- Improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage

### Key Criteria

Projects will need to:

- Achieve the Fund's inclusion outcome, involving a wider range of people in heritage.
- Demonstrate that they are building long-term environmental sustainability into their plans.
- Contribute at least 5% of project costs for grants up to £1 million and at least 10% for grants of £1 million or more

**Amounts available:** Max £10 million (was £5 million)

**Application deadlines:** 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (for projects over £250,000). There are no deadlines for grants under £250,000

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## Turning Point – Community Innovation Fund - NEW GRANT

### Summary

The grant fund is open to Turning Point services and the organisations, enterprises and groups that are connected to Turning Point in areas where it operates. The grant can be used to launch new activities that reduce isolation and improve the “Five Ways to Wellbeing”.

### Key Criteria

Successful applicants will be invited to attend a panel meeting (on Teams) to present their project to a panel of staff and people Turning Point support.

Projects should support at least one of the “Five Ways to Wellbeing”

**Amounts available:** Max £2,500

**Application deadlines:** Deadline for the Autumn Panel is 18<sup>th</sup> August.



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## **Lloyds Bank Foundation – Support for d/Deaf and Disabled people’s organisations - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Unrestricted grants are available for registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations which support people who are d/Deaf or disabled.

The Foundation will also offer grant recipients a range of tailored additional support to help them to strengthen, be more resilient and develop further.

### **Key Criteria**

Eligible organisations must:

- Have an annual income of between £25,000 and £500,000 in the last set of published accounts
- Have a track record of delivering services, for at least one year, to people aged 17 and over. Applicants must currently be delivering these services
- Not have a live grant with Lloyds Bank Foundation with more than 12 months to run at the time of the programme closing
- Be led by and working for the communities they support. This means that at least 75% of trustees and at least 50% of staff self-identify as d/Deaf or Disabled

**Amounts available:** Max £75,000 over three years

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

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## **Angling Trust - Fisheries Improvement Programme \* - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Funding for projects to improve habitat and facilities for anglers is available for clubs, non-government organisations, local authorities, fisheries and landowners in England.

In the latest application round, project ideas should aim to:

- Create sustainable habitats and passage for coarse fish, trout and eels, as well as projects that develop community or urban fisheries
- Enhance angling access by providing pegs and pathways for rivers and still waters
- Improve facilities and access for less able-bodied anglers

The fund can also help fisheries become more resilient to the impact of climate change.

### **Key Criteria**

- Projects are expected to provide evidence of match funding
- Projects must be in England and involve a form of angling covered by a valid Environment Agency non-migratory trout and coarse fishing licence
- The Fund does not cover works to prevent predation and biosecurity

**Amounts available:** Grant amount not specified but max generally £5,000

**Application deadlines:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

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## [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 second 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)

### Key Criteria

Applying organisations must:

- Be a Leicestershire based VCSE organisation
- Have an annual income of under £500,000 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 2 opens 12<sup>th</sup> July and closes 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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## [Association of Independent Museums \(AIM\) – Collections Care Audits](#) \*

### Summary

Grants are 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:** 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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## [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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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

**Application deadlines:** 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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## [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:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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## [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:** 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

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## [Association of Independent Museums – New Stories New Audiences Fund - NEW GRANT](#)

### **Summary**

The fund is for smaller independent museums, (who are members of the Association of Independent Museums – AiM), across the UK that wish to increase and widen their audiences, enhance their sustainability, and increase participation from groups that are currently under-represented.

### **Key Criteria**

- Both not-for-profit organisations and private heritage collections can apply
- Applicants need to be AIM members in the small museum category (up to 20,000 visitors)
- Applicants will be asked to contribute at least 5% of their total project costs

Projects should also support at least one or more of the following:

- Heritage will be better identified and better explained
- People will have developed skills
- People will have learnt about heritage leading to change in ideas and actions
- People will have greater well-being
- The organisation will be more resilient
- The local area will be a better place to live, work, or visit

**Amounts available:** Max £15,000

**Application deadlines:** 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

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## 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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Applications will be considered on a monthly basis.

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## **International Tree Foundation – UK Tree Planting Programme - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Grants are available for community-based organisations to:

- Conserve, restore and protect indigenous trees and woodlands, forests, habitats and associated biodiversity
- Support community engagement in tree planting to promote reforestation and to increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being
- Encourage social cohesion and inclusion

### **Key Criteria**

Projects need to meet the following essential criteria:

- Plant trees in public/publicly-accessible spaces: sites that are readily accessible to the public, including schools, parks, rights of way, and sites managed by community groups
- Plant indigenous tree species: this may include traditional fruit trees and 'honorary' natives where appropriate
- Engage community members in tree planting and enjoying the benefits of woodlands.
- Have clear plans for maintenance and sustainability

Applicants must also have signed permission from the owner or manager of the land indicating that their project meets legal requirements.

There are additional criteria

### **Amounts available:**

Max grant £1,000 for small projects for up to 12 months

Max £15,000 for larger scale tree planting projects for between 1000 and 10,000 trees @ £1.50 per tree (inclusive of tree protection).

**Application deadlines:** Open, grant closes to applications on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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## [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 £2,500

**Application deadlines:** Still to be confirmed [please check the SHIRE Environment Grant web page](#)

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## [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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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## **HM Govt. Homes England – Affordable Homes Programme \* - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

The programme provides grant funding to support the capital costs of developing affordable housing for rent or sale in England. The grant can now be used to fund replacement homes, alongside new affordable homes, as part of wider estate regeneration plans.

The programme supports the development of:

- Supported Housing (10% of homes delivered) - any housing scheme where accommodation is provided alongside care, support or supervision to help people live as independently as possible in the community.
- Rural Housing (10% of homes delivered) - housing delivered in settlements with a population fewer than 3,000.
- Traveller pitches - funding to develop new sites and to add new pitches onto existing sites, to help meet the accommodation needs of traveller communities.
- Empty homes - affordable homes can also be created by bringing existing empty homes back into use.

### **Key Criteria**

Proposals are welcome from housing associations, local authorities, developers, for-profit providers, community-led organisations and others who have an ambition to develop affordable homes. Applicants can apply for funding as an individual organisation or as part of a partnership or consortium.

### **Amounts Available:**

**Application deadlines:** Open – decisions made on a rolling basis until end of March 2025

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## **HM Govt. – Community AED Fund - NEW GRANT**

### **Summary**

Advanced notice that grants are to be made available for community organisations across England to buy an automated external defibrillator (AED) to install in a public place. The funding is expected to provide an estimated 1,000 new defibrillators in community spaces.

### **Key Criteria**

To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate that defibrillators will be placed in areas where they are most needed, such as places with high footfall, vulnerable people, rural areas or due to the nature of activity at the site.

Match funding is required.

**Amounts available:** Not disclosed

**Application deadlines:** Expressions of interest can now be submitted. Organisations who submit an expression of interest will be notified once grant applications open.



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## **British Gas Energy Trust – Grants**

### **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**

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

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## **National Archives – Skills Bursaries** \*

### **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, professional career 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

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## [National Lottery Community Fund \(NLCF\) – Windrush 75 \\*](#)

### **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

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### 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's Annual Conference Future Focus will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at Beaumanor Hall

Contact Details:

[VAL website](#)

Tel: 0116 2575050

Email: [helpline@valonline.org.uk](mailto:helpline@valonline.org.uk)

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### 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](mailto:enquiries@case.coop)

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## 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](mailto:grants@lrcfoundation.org.uk)

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## 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 East Midlands](#)

[Due North](#)

[Gov UK Contract Finder](#)

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## 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](#)

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## 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](#)