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LSE Launches £50 Million Initiative to Nurture High-Potential Social Enterprises and Create 'Social Unicorns'

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) has launched a new programme called the 100x Impact Accelerator.

The programme is designed to support high-potential social enterprises with the goal of maximising their impact. The £50mn global initiative is dedicated to creating a new generation of "social unicorns" and is currently accepting applications.

The programme will provide selected social enterprises with a £150,000 grant, access to LSE's expertise, and a 12-week programme of support from experts and social unicorn founders.

The programme will support two cohorts of ten social enterprises per year, with 70% of these coming from emerging markets, across eight sectors that align with LSE's research priorities.

The deadline to apply for the first cohort is 10th March 2023.

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<https://www.100ximpact.org/>

£7 Million Fund to Decarbonise Freight (UK)

The Department for Transport has launched a new £7 million fund to help small to medium-sized UK businesses develop greener and more efficient solutions for freight.

The Freight Innovation Fund will award funding of up to £150,000 to businesses working with industry partners to develop and trial innovations to make freight greener and more resilient, such as ways to improve how freight moves between rail, road and maritime transport.

Businesses will also benefit from bespoke support to help them access private investment, and access to regular networking events and activities.

The fund will select up to 36 businesses over 3 open calls until 2024. Applications to the first call are open until the 5th February 2023.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/7-million-tech-fund-to-decarbonise-freight-and-boost-innovation>

Climate Action Fund (UK)

The National Lottery Community Fund's £100 million Climate Action Fund is currently open for applications. Up to £8 million is available to community projects across the UK that are focusing on the link between nature and climate.

Groups can apply for National Lottery funding of up to £1.5 million over two to five years to support place based and UK-wide partnerships that use nature to encourage more community-led climate action and help communities tackle climate change. The National Lottery Community Fund expects most projects to be funded between £300,000 and £500,000.

Development grants of £50,000 to £150,000 over 12 to 18 months are also available for those communities wanting to develop initial ideas.

National Lottery Community Fund is interested in projects that can do at least one of the following:

- show how creating a deeper connection with nature will lead to changing people's behaviours and greater care for the environment
- show how by bringing nature back into the places we live and work, we can help communities to reduce or adapt to the impacts of climate change.

It is anticipated that 12 - 15 projects will be funded.

Applications will be accepted from:

- local partnerships
- UK-wide partnerships which are delivered across at least two UK countries (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales).

Community partnerships can be led by one of the following types of organisation:

- constituted group or club
- voluntary or community organisation
- registered charity
- charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO/CIO)
- community interest company (CIC)
- not-for-profit company limited by guarantee - applicants must be a registered charity or have a not-for-profit 'asset lock' clause in your articles of association
- school, college, university (providing the project benefits and involves the wider local communities)
- statutory body (including, town, parish and community council)
- community benefit society.

There is no deadline and applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis.

To get more information about this funding, you can attend an online event. Please use the link below for further information.

To register for one of these events, email ClimateActionFund@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Useful Links:

[Projects funded in round 1](#)

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

Co-op Charity Launches Next Round of Carbon Innovation Fund (UK)

The Co-op charity is inviting organisations to join them online to learn more about the Carbon Innovation Fund, which has 3.5 million in funding available.

Applications will open on the 1st February 2023, and the focus of the second round of funding is to create a more sustainable and equitable food and farming industry. The charity will award grants ranging from £75,000 to £200,000 to organisations working to reduce dependence on soy-based animal or fish feed and/or synthetic fertilizers.

Information and application questions for the fund will be available on their website a week before the webinar, so interested parties can come prepared with any questions.

The Carbon Innovation Fund is the largest partnership between the charity and the Co-op, and is funded by Co-op donations from the sale of compostable carrier bags in the UK, as well as funds from the foundation.

Partners who are funded through the CIF will join the charity in building more sustainable communities, which is one of the main goals of their new "Building communities of the future together" strategy.

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carbon-innovation-fund-round-two-webinar-tickets-507458701637>

Funding to Support Disadvantaged & Disabled People (UK)

Charities working to improve the lives of socially disadvantaged and disabled individuals of all ages across the UK are invited to apply for funding from the Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust.

To be eligible, charities must be registered in the UK and have an annual income of less than £1 million. Funding amounts are determined by the Trustees and have typically been in the range of £1,000 to £6,000 in the past.

Applications can be submitted at any time, with review periods taking place twice a year in the spring and autumn.

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<https://www.antonjurgensfonds.nl/en/applications/ajct/>

Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children (UK)

Schools, youth groups, not for profit organisations and charities can apply for grants of £500 to £2,750 to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of disabled or disadvantaged children (aged 13 or under).

Priority will be given to applications coming from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK. Funded by the Henry Smith Charity, grants can cover up to two-thirds of the cost of a holiday or trip lasting one to seven days.

Applications will be accepted for trips taking place between the 16th January – 31st March 2023: Grants will be awarded until available funding has been allocated. Applications must be made at least six weeks before the trip or holiday is due to take place.

Previous visits supported include:

- All Saints Catholic Primary School which received a grant of £1,500 towards a two-night trip to Wales for a group of disadvantaged children from Merseyside;
- Bridgewater School which received a grant of £1,900 towards an overnight trip to London for a group of disadvantaged children from Newcastle; and
- 6th St Helens (Parr) Scout Group received a grant of £1,100 towards a two-night trip to an activity centre in Lancashire for a group of children from a disadvantaged area of Merseyside.

The closing date for applications is the 18th February 2023.

Useful Links:

[Funding Guidelines](#)

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<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/holiday-grants-for-children/holiday-grants-for-children-overview/>

Funding to Empower Vulnerable, Disadvantaged & Under-Represented Communities (UK)

Bentley Motors Ltd is making grants of up to £500 available to charitable organisations working with vulnerable, disadvantaged or under-represented communities.

The Advancing Life Chances Small Grants Programme provides funding for communities located within 20 miles of the 19 Bentley locations across the UK.

The programme's areas of focus are:

- **Access** - Remove the barriers and improve access to services, education and employability.
- **Empowerment** - Development of the life skills that enable people to be more self-confident, successful and thrive in life.
- **Quality of Life** - Provide support to live a healthier life both physically and mentally.
- **Better Future** - Safeguarding the environment, improving nature-deprived areas, drive improvement to "place" and boosting community spirit.

The next closing date for applications is the 23rd January 2023.

Useful Links:

[Small Grants Policy](#) (including locations eligible to apply)

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https://corporate.bentley/en/bentley-corporate/sustainability/social/Community-Investment_and-Corporate-Citizenship/Community-Grants.html#c7c6c892450e0ef7798cf35d9cf70c8b

Small Grants for Summer Playschemes (UK)

Grants of between £500 and £1,000 will soon be available to registered charities across the UK to fund summer playschemes for children between the ages of 5-16 years.

Charities with an annual income of less than £100,000 can apply for funding to run playschemes for a minimum of two weeks or ten days during the summer holidays.

Priority will be given to small, local schemes involving a large number of children, especially those with disabilities or from disadvantaged backgrounds. If the applicant is not a registered charity, then a registered charity may apply on the scheme's behalf.

The funding is being made available through the Woodward Charitable Trust's Summer Playscheme which will be open to applications from the 6th February 2023 until the 31st March 2023.

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<https://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/childrens-summer-playschemes/>

Funding for Interdisciplinary Research Projects to Enhance Health & Wellbeing for Ageing Individuals (UK)

UK research organisations can apply for funding of up to £400,000 to develop interdisciplinary research projects focused on improving health and wellbeing for ageing individuals.

UK Research and Innovation's (UKRI) Research Development Awards will typically cover 80% of the full economic cost of the project, and will be granted for a duration of up to 24 months. To be eligible for funding, projects should aim to link the understanding of ageing pathways with broader factors impacting health, and should involve interdisciplinary teams working on proof of concept.

Eligible costs for the awards include investigator salary contributions, research personnel costs, direct research costs, and equipment costs. Organisations must submit an outline summary of their work in the first instance.

UKRI will host a webinar on 16 January 2023 (2:00pm to 3:30pm UK time) to provide more details on this opportunity and to take questions from the research community.

The deadline for full applications is 4pm on the 18th April 2023.

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<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/ageing-research-development-awards/>

£900,000 Fund for Early-Stage Vocational Learning Projects (UK)

The UFi VocTech Trust, a charity that champions the power of technology to improve skills for work, has announced that grants of up to £60,000 are available through the Activate grant fund.

The Active grant fund provides support for early-stage projects that use technology to improve adult skills for work. The funding will be made available for projects lasting up to twelve months which show how digital technologies can be used in innovative ways to improve vocational education.

Eligible organisations that can apply include:

- charities,
- trade bodies,
- learning providers,
- employers,
- private companies,
- community interest companies
- and other not-for-profit organisations.

Pre-funding workshops will be running in January and February 2023 to provide more information about the fund, and to provide support with the application process. The closing date for applications is the 8th February 2023.

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<https://ufi.co.uk/latest/900k-voctech-activate-grant-fund-launched/>

Leeds Building Society Foundation Changes Funding Priority (UK)

The Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation is seeking applications for projects that support vulnerable people in need of a safe and secure home.

Registered charities in Yorkshire/Humberside and the North East regions can apply for large, multi-year grants of between £25,000 and £100,000. Small capital grants of up to £1,000 are also available to charities with a turnover of less than £1 million for projects across the UK.

The funding is for projects that will support the Foundation's new purpose, and one or more of the following themes:

- Sustainability
- Health
- Financial stress
- Accessibility
- Education and advice
- Security and refuge

Applications are reviewed every quarter. The next application deadline is the 20th February 2023.

Useful Links:

[Application Guide](#)

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

Grants for Talented Musicians and Groups (UK)

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to support the careers of talented artists and groups working in music of black origin. The funding is available for recording and releasing music; helping to build creative portfolios and get music out into the world.

The funding is being made available through the MOBO Help Musicians Fund.

As well as the funding the scheme also offers one-to-one business advice and one-to-one health consultation covering all aspects of a musician's health, including physical and mental health needs and specialist referrals where required.

Any solo artist, producer, songwriter or group working within any genre can apply but preference may be given to; R&B, Afrobeat, Soul, Hip Hop, Grime, Jazz, Gospel, Garage, Reggae and African music.

Eligible applicants will be:

- Aged 18 or over
- Based primarily in the UK and eligible to work here
- A resident in the UK for at least the last 3 consecutive years
- In financial need and without significant backing from labels, music publishing companies or management
- A track record of regularly performing, writing and releasing music for at least 12 months

No application deadline has been indicated.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/get-support/develop-as-a-musician/develop-your-music/mobo>

Funding for High Quality New Music Projects (UK)

The PRS Foundation, a leading supporter of new music in the United Kingdom, has announced that grants of up to £10,000 are available to support new music projects led by promoters, talent development organisations, venues, festivals, curators and large performance groups.

Supported projects will involve the creation, performance and promotion of new music and enable Music Creators i.e. songwriters, composers, or solo artists, bands, producers and performers of all backgrounds, to develop creatively and professionally.

Grants of up to £10,000 are awarded to composers cover activities such as:

- Creation of new music
- Music Creator fee (to cover your time and work)
- Touring and live performances/programming featuring new UK music
- Commissions of new music by UK-based creators
- Music creator residencies
- Recording and release
- Exciting community projects involving high-quality music creators
- Promotion and marketing (when there is also an element of creation and/or performance)

Successful proposals will fit all three of the following funding priorities:

- To support the creation, performance and promotion of outstanding new music in any genre
- To enable the UK's most talented music creators to realise their potential
- To inspire audiences

Priority is given to not for profit groups.

The closing date for applications is 6pm the 13th February 2023.

Useful Links:

[Grant Making Criteria](#)

[FAQs](#)

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<https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-for-organisations/the-open-fund-for-organisations/>

Funding for Period Music Ensembles (UK)

Grants of up to £8,000 are available to support ensembles to bring live period music to communities across the UK, particularly in areas which lack access to high quality live music.

The funding is made available by the Continuo Foundation which expects to fund up to twenty professional groups of at least three period instrumentalists, focusing primarily on music repertoires from the Middle Ages up until the early 19th century.

Funding could be used for a chamber recital series, tour an existing programme to new locations, or recording of new repertoire. The Foundation is particularly keen to support more recently formed ensembles to gain visibility and performing experience.

The deadline for applications is the 6th February 2023 and the decision on the grants will be announced on the 23rd March.

Continuo Foundation expects to award grants to 20 ensembles, including up to 4 recently formed ensembles.

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<https://www.continuofoundation.co.uk/grant-round-5>

New Fund Launched to Support Domestic Abuse Victims (England, Scotland & Wales)

TSB has launched a new fund to support victims fleeing domestic abuse. The bank will offer existing customers payments of between £50 and £500 depending on their individual needs, which will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The payments can be used to cover the costs of essentials such as travel, clothing, and toiletries.

The funds will be deposited into a safe TSB account that can only be accessed by the individual and do not need to be repaid.

Customers can visit any of TSB's 220 branches in England, Scotland and Wales to request access to the Emergency Flee Fund.

In partnership with Women's Aid, TSB is also launching a pilot scheme to allow domestic abuse victims to safely open and access a bank account – without standard documentation.

The pilot will initially run in TSB's Norwich, Swindon, Wolverhampton and Walsall branches. In Scotland, the Alloa, Dundee and Galashiels branches will pilot the scheme.

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<https://www.tsb.co.uk/news-releases/tsb-launches-emergency-flee-fund-for-domestic-abuse-victims/>

£3 Million in Funding Available to Support Vulnerable Energy Consumers (England, Scotland & Wales)

A total of £3 million in funding is available to charities and community energy groups in England, Scotland and Wales for projects that help energy consumers in vulnerable situations to reduce their bills and carbon emissions.

The funding is made available through the Ofgem Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme which supports projects that help households most at risk from cold homes and high energy bills by distributing payments from energy companies who may have breached Ofgem rules.

To apply, organisations need to be registered with the Energy Redress Scheme. Organisations that have not yet registered with the scheme must do so 10 working days before the closure of the relevant Fund to allow time for eligibility checks to take place.

There are four funding streams open in this round that will enable charities to deliver a range of new and innovative energy related projects designed to tackle fuel poverty and support the transition to net zero.

These are:

- The Main Fund contains £1.9 million - aimed at projects seeking grants between £50,000 and £300,000 that will support households in vulnerable situations.
- The Small Project Fund contains £200,000 – aimed at projects seeking grants between £20,000 to £49,999 that will support households in vulnerable situations.
- The Innovation Fund contains £450,000 – aimed at projects that will develop innovative products or services to benefit households. Applicants can apply for grants between £20,000 to £200,000
- The Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund contains £450,000 – aimed at projects that will reduce UK carbon emissions and empower households to reduce their carbon footprint. Applicants can apply for grants between £20,000 to £200,000

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 30th January 2023.

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<https://energyredress.org.uk/>

Funding for Racial Justice & Mental Health Projects (England)

Not-for-profit groups led by and for Black people and people of colour with lived experience of mental illness, distress, or trauma can apply for grants of up to £3,000 through the Synergi Small Grants Fund.

Administered by the National Survivor User Network, the Fund will support collective care, campaigning, and capacity building activities across England, aimed at promoting mental health and racial justice.

Activities could include providing food and essentials parcels; peer support groups; therapy or other healing practices; work to create change on a local or national level; and sharing information and skills such as community organising training.

The closing date for applications is the 29th January 2023.

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<https://synergiproject.org.uk/about/>

Natural England Launches New Fund to Support Farming on Lowland Peat Soils (England)

Natural England has launched the Paludiculture Exploration Fund, a grant scheme to support the development of commercially viable farming on lowland peat soils in England.

The fund is open to applications from individual farmers, businesses, charities, local authorities, landowners, and partnerships or groups. The grant programme aims to help farmers grow crops sustainably on rewetted peat, improving food security, providing alternatives to horticultural peat, and reducing environmental impacts. It will also support projects that explore ways to raise and manage water levels at a field scale or larger, increase crop production, and develop new products and markets from paludiculture crops.

The closing date for applications is the 3rd March 2023.

There is no minimum or maximum size for projects, and PEF Grants can cover up to 100% of costs, with an expected range of £50,000 to £500,000.

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<https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/nature-for-climate-paludiculture-exploration-fund>

Funding to Promote Paddling (England)

Not-for-profit organisations, charities, clubs, and other interest groups in England can apply for a share of £120,000 in funding to help them encourage more people, from all backgrounds and abilities, to participate in paddle sports.

The British Canoeing Stronger Together Fund will award grants of up to £10,000 for environmentally sustainable projects that aim to improve the wellbeing of communities by increasing participation in paddling, particularly amongst young people, women and girls, people from under-represented communities, and people with disabilities.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 14th February 2023.

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<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/news/2022/stronger-together>

Neighbourhood Planning Grant Scheme Due to Close for Applications on the 31st January 2023 (England)

Local communities can apply for grants of up to £10,000 through the Neighbourhood Planning Grant Scheme to develop neighbourhood plans or neighbourhood development orders, addressing matters such as the location of new homes, commercial buildings, and green spaces. Additionally, local communities may also be eligible for additional grants of up to £8,000.

Groups are eligible to apply for additional funding if the following conditions apply:

- Allocating sites for housing
- The plan includes design codes
- The plan includes a designated business neighbourhood plan
- A cluster of three or more parishes writing a single plan
- A Neighbourhood Area with a population of over 25,000
- A designated neighbourhood forum
- A group based in an area which has a high level of deprivation (where 30% or more of the neighbourhood area or population is in the 20% most deprived areas in England according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation)

In certain circumstances, technical support is also available to help develop plans.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 31st January 2023.

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<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/>

Funding to Alleviate Social Deprivation (Scotland)

The Volant Charitable Trust's Grants programme has re-opened for applications. The fund aims to support Scottish charities and projects that help alleviate social deprivation.

Specific themes the fund will consider for support include:

Women - Victims of sexual abuse, rape, domestic violence and those working in the sex industry; care for young mothers and those affected by postnatal depression, isolated and lone parents; community support for black and minority ethnic women and asylum seekers; support services for women prisoners and their families.

Children and young people - Counselling, support services and outreach projects for those who are disadvantaged or deemed to be at risk through neglect, emotional and physical abuse, alcohol or drug misuse.

Poverty and deprivation - Mental health projects for women and children; support for vulnerable families; promotion of healthy eating for families in areas of extreme deprivation.

Registered charities, community interest companies, community organisations and social enterprises can apply for grants of up to £15,000 per year for up to three years.

Funding is administered by Foundation Scotland and can be used for project and core costs.

Applicants are initially required to complete an enquiry form outlining their project. This must be submitted by 12 noon on the 25th April 2023.

Useful Links:

[Previously funded projects](#)

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<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/volant-charitable-trust>

Funding to Improve Sports Facilities (Wales)

Sport Wales, in partnership with Crowdfunder, is making funding available to sports clubs and community organisations looking to improve sports facilities for the benefit of the community.

A Place for Sport is a pilot crowdfunding initiative that can match fund successful Crowdfunder campaigns by up to £15,000. Sports clubs, voluntary and community groups, and other not-for-profit organisations delivering sport or activity in Wales are invited to run their own crowdfunding campaigns to raise money for various off-field projects, such as for example:

- Changing rooms
- Clubhouse renovations
- Improved kitchen facilities to gain more income
- Bike racks and storage
- Lifts and ramps for better disability access
- Solar panels
- Generators
- Boilers
- New fencing

The pilot scheme will run until April 2023.

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<https://www.sport.wales/grants-and-funding/crowdfunder/>

Funding to Increase Participation in Democracy (Wales)

Charities, local authorities, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for a share of £300,000 in funding to encourage and support under-represented, newly enfranchised, and disabled people to participate in democracy.

The funding is being made available by the Welsh government through the Democratic Engagement Grant to ensure as many people as possible are engaged, motivated, and empowered to take part in the democratic process.

The funding will support projects that either build on work that has already demonstrated impact, or those that have an innovative approach to overcoming identified barriers to participation from under-represented groups.

Partnerships and groups collaborating are welcome to apply.

The closing date for applications is the 3rd February 2023.

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<https://www.gov.wales/democratic-engagement-grant>

Funding to Develop & Promote the Use of the Welsh Language (Wales)

The Arts Council of Wales has launched a new fund in order to support the creative use of the Welsh language within communities.

The Llais y Lle: the Welsh Language and the Arts funding programme, which is funded by the National Lottery, is seeking individuals or groups, as well as established artists, to immerse themselves within a community and work collaboratively to develop the use and ownership of the Welsh language.

Applications are encouraged from individuals and groups who know communities and their needs and who are aware of the opportunities to grow the Welsh language.

The application period for this fund runs from the 11th January to the 8th February 2023.

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[https://arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities/llais-y-lle-welsh-language-and-arts#:~:text=Llais%20y%20Lle%20\('the%20voice,ownership%20of%20the%20Welsh%20language](https://arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities/llais-y-lle-welsh-language-and-arts#:~:text=Llais%20y%20Lle%20('the%20voice,ownership%20of%20the%20Welsh%20language)

Funding of £100,000 in Funding Available for Health and Well-being Projects (South West)

The Livewell Foundation is now accepting grant applications from third sector organisations for funding. The foundation has two funding options available:

- one for larger grants up to £10,000
- and one for smaller grants up to £1,000.

The deadline for submitting applications for large grants is the 31st January 2023. However, there will no longer be a deadline for small grant applications and they will be reviewed every 2 months.

The foundation currently has £100,000 worth of funding available to distribute.

The foundation's current priorities for funding are projects or initiatives that aim to:

- Improve health and wellbeing
- Reduce mental and physical ill health
- Reduce social isolation

These projects can focus on one or a combination of two or three of these priorities. The foundation can fund a variety of expenses such as staff salaries, project activities, running costs, small-scale refurbishment, equipment, organizational development and core costs.

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https://www.livewellfoundation.org.uk/apply_for_funding_-_charities_third_sector.aspx

Grants for Small Charitable Organisations Working in Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods (North East of England)

Charitable organisations that serve disadvantaged communities in the North East of England can apply for grants of up to £20,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years.

The funding aims to help organisations increase their capacity to deliver quality services and can be used to cover operational costs and core salaries.

To be eligible, organisations must have a turnover of less than £300,000 and serve disadvantaged people in the counties of Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham, and Teesside, particularly those who have disabilities, are homeless, are voluntary carers, or are older and isolated.

The funding is being made available through the Greggs Foundation North East Core Funding Programme which closes to applications on the 10th of February 2023.

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<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/north-east-core-funding>

Hadrian Trust (North East of England)

The next closing date for applications to the Hadrian Trust is the 29th March 2023. The Hadrian Trust is a small Charitable Trust that aims to improve people's lives and work in the North East of England by awarding grants of between £500 and £2,000 every quarter to charities and groups working across Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and Durham, including Hartlepool. Applications are considered for running costs, project costs, part salaries and basic equipment under the following headings:

- Social welfare;
- Youth;
- Disabled and Elderly;
- Women;
- Ethnic minorities;
- Education;
- Arts;
- The environment.

In 2019, the Trust awarded grants totaling £217,250.

Detailed application notes can be found on the 'How to Apply' page of the website.

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

Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Support Mental Wellbeing Through Nature-Based Activities (North Cumbria)

Charitable organisations can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to provide nature-based activities that promote mental health and wellbeing for underserved people in North Cumbria.

These activities could include walking groups, community garden projects, and talking and exercise therapies, and priority will be given to projects that target specific groups such as those with chronic health conditions, refugees, ethnically diverse individuals, LGBTQ individuals, or Gypsy, Romaine, Traveller communities.

The goal of this funding, which is made available through the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership's Green Social Prescribing Fund, is to improve the mental wellbeing and overall health of these groups by encouraging them to access the outdoors and benefit from the positive effects of nature.

To apply or for more information click [here](#) or call Sarah Thompson, Grants & Programmes Officer on 01900 825760 or email sarah@cumbriafoundation.org

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<https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/nhs-green-social-prescribing-development-fund/>

Funding to Support Local Communities (Greater Manchester)

Grants of up to £1,000 are available for grassroots community groups to support projects and activities that benefit local communities in Greater Manchester.

The funding, which is made available through the Zuto Make a Difference Fund, and administered by Forever Manchester, can be used by organisations in whatever way they feel would benefit their community the most.

Previous projects have included a community chess club, community kitchen, a lip-reading society, a ladies Jewish drama group, and a local youth project.

Applicants must have an annual income of less than £50,000.

The deadline for applications is midday on the 27th January 2023.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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<https://forevermanchester.com/zuto-make-a-difference-fund/>

Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Support Community Needs (Berkshire)

Charitable organisations, community groups, and projects that address the most important and pressing concerns within the communities of Berkshire can apply for grants of up to £5,000 from the Vital For Berkshire Fund.

This fund is designed to support organisations, community groups, and initiatives that work towards addressing vital needs in the area, such as (but not limited to):

- physical and mental health,
- supporting young and vulnerable people or groups,
- combating isolation,
- tackling poverty and disadvantage,
- offering equal opportunities for all.

Applications are also invited to enable groups to fund their essential resources in order to secure services for their beneficiaries in the current cost of living crisis.

The availability of funds will be considered before the final decision on grants.

To apply, complete the online application form by 10am on Thursday, February 16th, 2023.

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<https://www.berkshirecf.org/available-funding/vital-for-berkshire-fund/>

Grants of up to £25,000 Available to Support Business Growth (Norfolk and Suffolk)

The New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is encouraging small and medium-sized businesses in Norfolk and Suffolk to apply for grants ranging from £1,000 to £25,000 before the Small Grant Scheme comes to a close.

The grants are intended to be used for investments in production, equipment, and expansion.

Since 2014, the LEP has awarded £5 million to firms supporting local development and growth and this has been matched with £21 million private investments.

The grants can now cover up to 40% of a business's total project costs.

The Small Grant Scheme is funded by the European Regional Development Fund, and support for interested businesses is provided by the New Anglia Growth Hub.

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<https://newanglia.co.uk/final-call-for-businesses-to-apply-for-grant-funding/>

Funding Reminders

Funding to Support Blind & Partially Sighted People (UK)

Grants of up to £25,000 are available to improve the capacity and sustainability of sight loss sector organisations in the UK to deliver positive outcomes for blind and partially sighted people

Thomas Pocklington Trust is inviting charitable organisations to submit an application for new and innovative projects that will achieve a positive impact under their strategic priority, “Collaboration and Sustainability”.

The Trust will consider applications in the following areas:

- Infrastructure and impact – including developing technological capabilities, restructuring reviews, Theory of Change, feasibility studies, partnership working (including resource sharing) and integrations and mergers
- Insights and research – gaps in data and evidence that can improve knowledge across the sector
- Innovation Seed Fund – initial funding for ideas and projects which can have a transformative benefit to the lives of blind and partially sighted people

The funding can be used to support costs such as new staff posts, paid training, professional fees, printing, marketing, website design, and capital items such as computers.

The deadline for applications is the 5th February 2023. The fund may close sooner if a high volume of applications is received.

Useful Links:

[Funding Criteria](#)

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<https://www.pocklington-trust.org.uk/grants/>

Funding to Support the Development of a Just Society (UK)

Grants of up to £150,000 per year, for up to three years are available to UK based charities and non-governmental organisations that are working towards the development of a just society based on a commitment to nonviolence and environmental sustainability.

The Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation supports projects that address systemic threats to peace and sustainable security and environmental sustainability by seeking to change policy, attitudes and values at a national, European or international level.

These may be single issue groups working to achieve a particular change, or organisations with a broader remit.

Particular consideration will be given to youth-led organisations, organisations with an intersectional justice approach, and small, pioneering headquarters organisations with a bold vision.

The deadline for applications is midnight on the 3rd February 2023.

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<https://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/>

Grants to Support End of Life Care for Prisoners (UK, Isle of Man & the Channel Islands)

UK Hospices are invited to apply for a share of £75,000 in funding to help them provide better end-of-life care for prisoners. The funding is made available by Hospice UK through the Linder Foundation Hospice Grants 2022 - End of Life Care in Prisons programme which aims to expand hospice care for prisoners and improve understanding of the unique needs that imprisoned people will have at the end of life.

Grants of up to £15,000 will be awarded to support work which could include:

- Outreach to local communities and training for hospice staff to tackle myths
- Developing and testing new approaches, such as training programmes focused on the needs of people at end of life for clinical and non-clinical prison staff
- Funding a new post to coordinate engagement with and explore ways to support and collaborate with local prisons and specialist organisations supporting prison health and care services.
- Rolling out of practice models already tested in some hospices, such as on-demand end of life care advice to prisons, delivering direct clinical care and bereavement support in prison and providing training to prison staff.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 1st February 2023.

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<https://www.hospiceuk.org/innovation-hub/support-for-your-role/grants/linder-foundation-hospice-grants-2022-end-life-care-prisons>

Funding for Projects that Combat Abuse and Violation of Human Rights (UK)

UK-registered charities that work towards combating abuse and violations of human rights can apply for grants of usually between £10,000 and £20,000 through the A B Charitable Trust. The A B Charitable Trust (ABCT) was set up in 1990 and supports unpopular causes that champion human dignity and focus on small and medium-sized charities working close to the ground.

Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support:

- migrants and refugees
- criminal justice and penal reform
- human rights, particularly access to justice

The Trust generally makes one-off grants to charities registered and working in the UK with annual incomes of between £150,000 and £1.5m that do not have substantial investments or surpluses. Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range £10,000 to £20,000. ABCT does not normally fund charities with large national or international links.

The next closing date for applications is the 29th January 2023.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Previously funded projects](#)

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<http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/application.htm>

Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Support the Performing Arts and the Conservation of Historic Objects (UK)

The Leche Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 3rd February 2023.

The Leche Trust is a grant making charity that provides funding of up to £5,000 to UK registered charities, public authorities or institutions in the areas of the Performing Arts and Conservation.

The priorities for Performing Arts are:

- Excellence in professional performance;
- The production and performance of new work;
- The development of young, professional artists aged 18 or over.

Through the Conservation funding stream, the Trust will support projects to conserve historic objects, collections and features of buildings and landscapes which date from the Georgian period or earlier, i.e. pre-1830s. Projects may include acquisition costs (for objects) and conservation surveys as well as remedial work.

Trustees are inclined to give grants to smaller projects, or specific elements of projects, where their contribution can make a greater impact. In the case of churches, Trustees will consider supporting the conservation of such features as monuments, wall paintings, stained glass, and historic furniture and fittings.

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<http://www.lechetrust.org/>

Grants to Help Disabled & Disadvantaged People Connect with Nature (England & Wales)

Applications are invited from charities and not-for-profit organisations in England and Wales for projects that help disabled or disadvantaged people connect with nature and the countryside.

The funding, which is made available through the CLA Charitable Trust, supports projects that improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people who are disabled or disadvantaged by helping them to visit and participate in recreational and educational opportunities in the countryside.

Applications are particularly welcomed for projects for children and young people, disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation.

Funding can be used to support projects, capital works and running costs. No maximum or minimum funding amounts are given.

The closing date for applications is the 6th February 2023.

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<https://www.cla.org.uk/about-cla/charitable-trust/>

Funding Available to Enhance Scotland's National Cycle Network (Scotland)

Community Groups in Scotland can now apply for equipment and training bundles for projects which benefit people or wildlife across National Cycle Network routes. Examples of the items that can be funded include:

- Litter picking equipment;
- Bike trailers for transporting tools and equipment;
- Hand tools;
- Ecologist's Advice

The Love Your Network grant fund, funded by Transport Scotland and delivered by Sustrans Scotland, seeks to empower communities in implementing physical improvements which make journeys on the National Cycle Network more attractive and enjoyable.

Projects which take place on a numbered National Cycle Network route will be given priority. The closing date for applications is the 23.59 on the 6th February 2023.

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<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/scotland/the-love-your-network-grant-for-community-groups-in-scotland/>

Funding for Pioneering Library Projects (Scotland)

The Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) are inviting further education, higher education and specialist libraries and information centres throughout Scotland to apply for funding for pioneering library projects.

The Innovation and Development Fund will award funding to libraries that are members of the SLIC for projects and activities which encourage creative service delivery and development, including the creation of new resources, research, and staff training.

Previous Awards have included the creation of pop-up maker spaces, new library collections and health and wellbeing projects.

Up to two individual bids per eligible library service or an unlimited number of collaborative bids may be submitted.

There are no minimum or maximum grant amounts, but projects must be completed within twelve months.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 3rd February 2023.

Useful Links:

[The Innovation and Development Fund Application Guidance](#)

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<https://scottishlibraries.org/funding/the-innovation-and-development-fund/the-innovation-and-development-fund/>

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