

# Funding Insight



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## **£3.5 Million Fund Launched for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (UK)**

The National Lottery Community Fund has launched a new £3.5million fund for community-led commemorative events and activities to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

The Platinum Jubilee Fund will award grants of up to £50,000 to seventy projects across the UK that bring people together to celebrate, build relationships, and create new opportunities and a legacy for future generations and the environment.

The three areas of focus are:

- Across Generations - Strengthening relationships between generations and creating a legacy for future generations.
- Community Renewal - Supporting new opportunities for people to develop skills and experiences in their local community, as well as opportunities to bring people together in new ways, and in new or different places and spaces.
- Our Shared Natural World - Growing our care and action locally for the natural world.

Charities, voluntary and community organisation, schools, statutory bodies, and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding to cover costs such as events and activity costs, equipment and materials, staff costs, transport and utilities.

Applications submitted by a school or an organisation working in a school should strengthen the community outside of the school too. It should benefit and involve more than just teachers, pupils and parents of pupils.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 15th December 2021, or once 700 applications are received, whichever comes first.

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

## **Training Bursaries to Support Heritage Craft Skills Amongst Black & Ethnically Diverse Groups (UK)**

Grants of up to £4,000 are available for under-represented Black and ethnically diverse groups across the UK to support the development of heritage craft skills.

The Heritage Crafts Association's Training Bursary for Black and Ethnically Diverse Makers seeks to support those who may be starting out on their journey in craft or at the point where they want to turn a hobby into a career, or where they are already a maker who is looking to further develop their heritage craft skills.

The programme could support costs such as training with a craftsperson, specialist training courses, living costs while training with a craftsperson, specialist tools or materials, and books and study materials.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

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<https://heritagecrafts.org.uk/bursary2021/>

## **Emergency Grants Programme to Support Afghan Evacuees (UK)**

Allchurches Trust is offering grants to churches and Christian charities which are supporting Afghan evacuees who are resettling in the UK from Afghanistan. T

he Afghan Evacuees Emergency Grants Programme will help Christian organisations to cover associated costs. This could include costs such as personal items, accommodation and furniture, language support, volunteer expenses, rental costs of church halls/buildings, and help with integrating and settling such as befriending groups and drop-in sessions.

Organisations are eligible to apply for funding even if they have had another grant from the Trust within the last two years.

The deadline for applications is the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

For any questions call Iain Hearn on 01452 873189, or e-mail [atl@allchurches.co.uk](mailto:atl@allchurches.co.uk).

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<https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund/afghan-evacuees-emergency-grants-programme/>

## **Grants of up to £5,000 Available for Projects that Help the Homeless (UK)**

Help the Homeless makes grants of up to £5,000 to small and medium-sized charitable organisations (with a turnover of less than £1 million) whose aim is to help homeless people return to the community and enabling them to resume a normal life. Typically, such organisations may operate small or medium-sized residential or training facilities to assist homeless people.

The grants are available for capital costs and examples of previously supported projects include:

- The Booth Centre, an advice and activity centre for homeless people in Manchester, where people undertake education and training courses as well as receiving advice and food, received a grant of £1,500 to transform the centre with new lighting, a new water heater and new decoration.
- A grant of £3,000 to the Amber Foundation to enable the Foundation to buy new bedroom furniture for their residential centre in Devon, where every year over 60 unemployed, homeless young people are able to rebuild their lives and gain the motivation, confidence, self-esteem and skills for independent living.

The closing date for the next round of funding is the 15th December 2021.

### **Useful Links:**

[Previously funded projects](#)

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

## **Funding to Support Disabled & Disadvantaged Children (UK)**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to small registered charities to fund equipment and services to support disabled and disadvantaged children under the age of 13 across the UK.

The Toy Trust fund:

- helps disadvantaged children and their families to alleviate suffering;
- supports children through awful experiences;
- encourages achievement through adversity;
- purchases vital equipment;
- provides care;
- bolsters existing initiatives;
- initiates brand new projects;
- and satisfies basic needs.

Groups that have carried out some form of effective fundraising by themselves are particularly encouraged to apply.

The next deadline to apply is mid-February 2022.

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

## Woodward Charitable Trust (UK)

Charities, social enterprises, and community interest companies can apply for funding of up to £3,000 through the Woodward Charitable Trust. Priority is given to projects that make good use of volunteers, encourage past and current users to participate, ensure that funds awarded are being well used and fall within the following areas:

- **Children and young people** who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in anti-social behaviour and projects to help those who have been in the care system. This also covers gang violence and knife crime, education and mentoring as well as projects that work to raise self-esteem and employment opportunities and encourage an active involvement in and contribution towards the local community;
- **Disadvantaged families**, this covers parenting support and guidance, mental health, food poverty, refuges and domestic violence projects;
- **Prisoners and ex-offenders** and specifically projects that maintain and develop contact with prisoners' families and help with the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders after their release.

Two types of grants are awarded:

- Small grants (under £3,000, but usually £1,000 or less;)
- Large grants (over £3,000) – these are usually given to charities known by the Trustees

The Woodward Charitable Trust only makes grants for core costs rather than specific projects as they recognise that smaller charities can find these hard to fund.

In addition, 60-70 grants of £250-£1,000 per year are made towards **Children's Summer Playschemes**. Applications for these are made separately and considered in April/May each year, grants are only given to charities whose annual income is under £100,000. For more information please see our [Children's Summer Playscheme Guidelines](#).

**Previous grants awarded include:**

- Futures Theatre Company, £1,000 for a touring production across schools in London to engage young people to challenge issues relating to peer pressure and coercion
- Training and Learning Company, £2,000 to establish a multi ethnic lunch club for disadvantaged BME people in Dorset

The deadline for receipt of applications is noon on the 17th December 2021.

**Useful Links:**

[Recent Awards](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

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[http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general\\_applications/](http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general_applications/)

## **Small Grants Programme for Charities Supporting Vulnerable & Disadvantaged People (UK)**

The Leathersellers Company is seeking applications from small charities that are providing vital services for vulnerable people in deprived communities across the UK.

The Small Grants Programme 2021-22 will award grants of up to £3,000 to organisations with an annual income of less than £200,000. Partnerships are encouraged. The number of applications will be capped and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis e.g. the first 50 applications after each round opens will be able to be submitted.

The Committee will meet regularly to ensure charities receive a decision within a month of submitting their application.

Applications are now open for the 11th January 2022 committee meeting.

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<https://leathersellers.co.uk/small-grants-programme/>

## **Funding to Support Members of the Armed Forces and their Families (UK)**

Armed Forces charities and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £30,000 for projects and activities supporting serving armed forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families.

The Veterans' Foundation will award funding for projects lasting up to three years to organisations with low to medium income. A range of factors will be considered including the service or item being funded, the number of beneficiaries, the importance of the grant to the applicant organisation, the efficiency of the organisation, need of the beneficiaries and its urgency.

The next closing date is the 28th February 2022 for consideration in the March Grants Committee meeting.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Guidance](#)

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

## Grants to Promote and Secure Better and Safer Roads (UK)

Grants and bursaries of between £5,000 - £25,000 are available for research, education and community projects with the aim of promoting and securing better and safer roads in terms of design, engineering and aesthetics including enhancements of the experience of road users. Funded activity includes courses leading to qualifications related to traffic engineering and transport planning, research projects and programmes or schemes to improve the highway network and the roadside environment, for example roadside parks and open spaces.

The Rees Jeffries Road Fund Grants awards grants that:

- Contribute to the cost of lectures, studies and scholarship calculated to foster the improvement of design and layout of public highways and adjoining land
- Promote schemes for the provision of roadside parks and open spaces
- Encourage the improvement of existing and provision of additional public highways, bridges, tunnels, footpaths, verges, and cycleways.... to secure the maximum of safety and beauty.

Priority is given to projects which lie outside the scope of other funders such as government agencies and research councils. The Fund also welcomes applications that include contributions from other funders.

Eligible applicants include educational institutions, charities and social enterprises. There is no upper or lower limit for grant applications although grants most commonly fall in the range £5,000 - £25,000.

Anyone considering applying to the Fund must, in the first instance, contact the Secretary at [secretary@reesjeffreys.co.uk](mailto:secretary@reesjeffreys.co.uk) with a short outline of their proposal including the level of funding being sought to register their interest and obtain an application form.

The next closing date for applications is the 21st January 2022.

Grants awarded previously include:

- CIHT: £10,000 towards an exhibition to promote Women in Transport
- SATRO: £2,500 to support work to help young people to be inspired and enthusiastic about their education and their future careers especially in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)

### Useful Links:

[How to Apply](#)

[Application Guidance Notes](#)

[Past Projects](#)

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<http://www.reesjeffreys.co.uk/>



## **Screwfix Foundation (UK)**

The Screwfix Foundation has re-opened for applications from charities and not for profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress or other disadvantage throughout the UK.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for all kinds of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities.

Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. The next closing date for applications is the 10th February 2022.

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<https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/>

## **Ecclesiastical Invites Charity Nominations for Prize Draw (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man)**

Ecclesiastical Insurance will be making a total of £120,000 in donations during twelve days in December to charities, not-for-profit organisations, or community interest companies to help them continue to deliver their vital work. Funding is made available as part of the Movement for Good.

Anyone can nominate an organisation in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man to be awarded £1,000 from the prize draw called “12 days of giving”.

Ten winners will be drawn at random each weekday from the 6<sup>th</sup> December to the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

Charities can be nominated any number of times but can only win one prize.

Nominations will remain open until midnight the day before each draw.

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<https://www.movementforgood.com/12days/>

## **Funding for High Achieving State School Students to Explore US Study (UK)**

The Sutton Trust is inviting applications to its US Programme which offers high achieving state school students the opportunity to explore studying in the United States to experience what it's like being an international student in the US.

The programme includes two virtual residentials in the UK, before all students spend a week in the US staying on campus at a leading US university and visiting a variety of other American universities to help them decide if being an international student is right for them.

It is open to students from low- or middle-income families who are currently in Year 12 in England and Wales, S5 in Scotland or Year 13 in Northern Ireland, and will covers all costs including travel, residential events, accommodation and food.

The deadline for applications is 11:59pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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<https://us.suttontrust.com/>

## **Grants to Support Projects in Horticulture, Plant Sciences, Fine Art & Art History (UK)**

UK charities and charitable organisations, including school Parent Teacher Associations, are eligible to apply for grants of up to £10,000 to support projects in the areas of horticulture, plant sciences, fine art and the enhancement, conservation and study of art.

The Finnis Scott Foundation will award funding to cover capital or revenue expenditure, with preference given to smaller organisations where the grant will have a significant impact.

The Foundation also makes grants to individuals using bursaries, traineeships or apprenticeships, but only through a sponsoring educational establishment or registered charity.

The next closing date for applications is 4pm on the 10th December 2021 for the next trustees meeting in January 2022.

### **Useful Links:**

[Guidelines](#)

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<https://www.finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

## **£100,000 Fund Launched for Green Tech Start-ups (UK)**

Simmons & Simmons has launched a new fund to support UK green tech start-ups who seek to utilise technology to restore environmental balance and biodiversity, and to tackle climate change.

The GreenTech fund will award a share of £100,000 worth of legal advice from across the firm's network to four emerging climate tech and cleantech organisations for innovative solutions that attempt to halt and reverse the climate crisis. Support will be tailored to the specific needs of each organisation.

The initiative is delivered in collaboration with a number of investors, accelerators and incubators who have a particular focus on sustainability.

The deadline for applications is the 31st December 2021.

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<https://www.simmons-simmons.com/en/publications/ckv8965xf1h9o0a17f2ccr4np/greentech-fund>

## **Global Start Up Energy Transition Awards (UK, International)**

National and international start-up companies working on ideas affecting global energy transition and climate change are invited to apply to the Start Up Energy Transition Awards 2022.

The aim of the competition is to recognise global start-up companies that have developed innovative products and/or services that contribute to energy system transformation. Applicants can apply to one of five categories, all with the aim of clean energy promotion:

- clean energy generation
- demand-side innovation
- energy distribution and storage
- smart mobility & transportation
- quality energy access & SDG-7

The winner of each category will receive a prize of up to €10,000.

The competition is run by the German Energy Agency, in partnership with the World Energy Council and the deadline for applications is the 31st January 2022.

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<https://deutscheenergieagentur.submittable.com/submit>

## **Warm Homes Fund Re-Opens to Applications (England, Wales & Scotland)**

National Grid and Affordable Warmth Solutions have announced that the latest round of the Warm Homes Fund is now open to applications.

The fund incentivises the installation of affordable heating solutions in fuel poor households with the aim of reducing bills, increasing comfort in non-gas fuel poor households, and improving health outcomes. This round is accepting bids from local authorities and registered social landlords working with other local partners across England, Wales and Scotland for low carbon first time central heating solutions, or energy efficiency and health related solutions.

Bids must be submitted by midday on the 21st January 2022.

### **Useful Links:**

[Guidance for Bidders](#)

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<https://www.affordablewarmthsolutions.org.uk/warm-homes-fund/>

## **£27 Million Farming Investment Fund Opens to Applications (England)**

Farmers, foresters, growers and contractors in England can apply for a share of a £27 million UK Government fund to help them invest in new equipment, technology and infrastructure to increase productivity, improve animal welfare, and deliver environmental benefits.

The Farming Investment Fund is split into two schemes:

- the Farming Equipment and Technology Fund provides smaller grants of between £2,000 and £25,000 for equipment such as electronic seeders and chemical-free disinfection systems. The fund closes to applications on the 7th January 2022;
- the Farming Transformation Fund will award grants of between £35,000 and £500,000 for large capital items and could include on-farm reservoirs and higher-tech irrigation systems. This strand will initially focus on water management with funding open to applications until the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The fund is being made available through the Rural Payments Agency.

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/farming-investment-fund>

## **Funding to Increase Volunteering Opportunities in the Arts and Cultural Sectors (England)**

Arts Council England is making a total of £4.7 million in funding available to enable people to get involved in volunteering activities.

Volunteering Futures will award grants of £100,001 and over to organisations to support high quality volunteering opportunities for young people and those that experience loneliness and barriers to getting involved in volunteering across the arts, heritage, museums, libraries, sport, youth and other community settings in England.

Applications are encouraged from consortia led by arts or cultural organisations, partnerships or networks.

Funding is made available through National Lottery Project Grants, in partnership with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

Expressions of interest can be submitted between the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 and the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### **Useful Links:**

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<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/arts-council-national-lottery-project-grants/project-grants-time-limited-priorities#section-2>

## **Financial Support for Social Enterprises Impacted by Covid-19 (England)**

The National Lottery Community Fund has re-opened its Social Enterprise Support Fund to support social enterprises across England impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The fund, delivered in partnership with five social enterprise support agencies, will award grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 to help organisations rebuild and grow their income from trading, and help them to continue to support people facing increased social and economic challenges as a result of the crisis.

The fund particularly welcomes applications from groups led by people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ communities, and leaders with lived experience.

The fund will be open to applications from 1pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 until the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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

## Grants for Community and Environmental Projects (England)

The Veolia Environmental Trust is due to re-open for applications on the 12th August 2021.

The Trust makes the following grants:

**Community Grants:** These grants are available to constituted not-for-profit organisations and local authorities. Grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 are available to create or improve buildings or outside spaces for the benefit of the community

**Habitat and Biodiversity:** Grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 are available for projects that conserve, restore or enhance threatened habitats and/ or protect and increase biodiversity

**Environmental Improvement Grants:** over £75,000 are available to enable landscape scale improvement projects such as habitat creation/management, and/or species protection.

The closing date for applications will be 12 midday on the 6th January 2022.

### Useful Links:

[Community Grant Funding Criteria](#)

[Habitat and Biodiversity Grant Funding Criteria](#)

[Environmental Improvement Grant Funding Criteria](#)

[Postcode Checker](#)

[Previously Funded Projects](#)

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



## **Funding to Improve Ventilation to Reduce the Risk of Covid-19 in Business Premises (Scotland)**

The Scottish Government is making £25 million in funding available to improve ventilation and air quality in business premises and reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

Small and medium-sized businesses where people come into close proximity, such as in the hospitality and leisure sectors, will be able to claim back costs of up to £2,500 to undertake work. This could include the installation of carbon dioxide monitors and remedial improvement work to windows and vents.

Businesses will be able to fill in a self-assessment form to receive advice on improving their current ventilation systems and identify if they are eligible for financial support.

The Business Ventilation Fund will open to applications the week beginning the 22nd November 2021.

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<https://www.gov.scot/news/business-ventilation-fund/>

## **New £1 Million Fund to Back Local Businesses (Wales)**

A new £1 million fund is being launched by the Welsh Government to back local businesses offering goods and services to communities in Wales.

The Backing Local Firms Fund will support businesses in parts of the local everyday economy, such as care and health services, food, housing, energy, tourism, construction and retail services, helping to create more and better jobs and strengthening local economies.

The fund will be used to:

- tackle the current recruitment crisis in social care, with a focused national programme reducing recruitment costs and offering return to work opportunities to both those furthest away from employment and those facing unexpected life changes, such as redundancy.
- increase the amount of Welsh food served on public plates. This is being done by assisting local food producers and suppliers to attain accreditations required to access public sector supply chains.
- deliver plans to support local businesses to win contracts to fulfil the optimised retrofit programme and reduce housing's carbon footprint.

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<https://gov.wales/new-1-million-fund-back-local-businesses-communities-across-wales>

## **Funding to Provide Mentoring Support to Community Groups Taking Action on Climate Change (Wales)**

The National Lottery Community Fund has announced a new fund to help community groups across Wales to take action on climate change and live more sustainably.

Voluntary organisations and Public Sector organisations will be able to apply to the Sustainable Steps Wales: Mentoring programme which will fund one project of around £2 million to provide mentoring support to diverse communities for at least five years. The Fund will support a proposal that shares knowledge, skills and experience to create solutions for sustainable living, and to both recruit and mentor community groups to help them develop and carry out their plans to deliver climate action.

Partnership applications are invited.

The fund will be open to expressions of interest from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 until 5pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

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<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/sustainablestepswales-mentoring>

## **Funding for Short Film Production (Northern Ireland)**

The Community Relations Council, in partnership with Northern Ireland Screen, has launched this year's Media Grant Scheme 2021/22 to support the production of a factual short film of up to 15 minutes duration which addresses a community relations issue or theme.

The scheme will award up to £15,000 to support a new and emerging film maker in Northern Ireland who has directed at least one short film independently, which should be available to view online. Animation can also be included. Northern Ireland Screen will also contribute up to £7,500 towards the costs of professional mentoring support.

Applicants must be able to deliver the completed film by 31st March 2022.

The deadline for applications is 4pm on the 26th November 2021.

### **Useful Links:**

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<https://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/news/funding/media-grant-scheme/>

## School Holiday Activity Fund (London)

Grants of up to £4,000 are available to enable registered charities and mainstream state schools to deliver fun and accessible activities for children and young people during the school holidays.

The John Lyon's Charity's School Holiday Activity Fund (SHAF) will pay for the running costs of holiday programmes which provide activities in accordance with current Government Guidelines for young people in the boroughs of:

- Barnet,
- Brent,
- Camden,
- Ealing,
- Hammersmith & Fulham,
- Harrow,
- Kensington & Chelsea,
- Westminster,
- City of London.

Costs could include sessional staffing costs, transport for children with special needs and/or disabilities, digital delivery, equipment, and food during activities.

Application forms may be submitted at any time but no later than the 18th January 2022 for activities taking place during the February half-term.

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<https://www.jlc.london/grants/our-grant-funds/school-holiday-activity-fund/>

## Health Lottery (East Midlands)

The Health Lottery has announced that it is seeking applications for funding through the Active Communities Programme in Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Rutland, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire that are most affected by health inequalities.

Health Lottery London East Midlands is part of the People's Health Trust's Active Communities programme which provides grant funding of between £5,000 and £20,000 per year (for up to two years) for projects designed and led by local people which target areas most affected by health inequalities.

Projects will be small and local and could cover a few streets, a housing estate or a small village. The programme also supports Communities of Interest. These are groups of people who have things in common and wish to come together to address something that is important to them. These ideas could be based in one neighbourhood or cover a wider area but they must live close enough to each other to meet up regularly.

**Projects that are applying as a community of interest, please contact the Active Communities Programme before completing the online application form. This is because the application process is slightly different for communities of interest.** Applicants can either call the Active Communities programme on 020 7749 9100 or request a [call back](#) or [email](#).

Projects can last for between twelve months and two years.

The deadline to apply is 1pm on the 8th December 2021.

### Projects previously funded include:

- A group for local older and younger people to get together in a local area and do activities together (for example craft, technology, history)
- A group for adults to learn English and enterprise skills connected to sewing
- A local magazine written by and for the benefit of disabled people, giving information and calling for action on matters affecting disabled people locally
- A community cafe created and run by single parents as a space to meet, seek support and socialise
- A peer support group for families with disabled children
- A tenant's action group for people living on an estate

### Useful Links:

[Map of Eligible Areas](#)

[Examples of Community of Interest Projects](#)

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<https://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding>

## **Funding of Up to £10,000 Available to Tackle Social Deprivation (North East)**

Registered charities exempted or excepted organisations can now apply for up to £10,000 of funding for core costs and charitable activities that benefit the residents of Tyne & Wear, Northumberland, County Durham and Teesside. Priority will be given to projects that:

- ease social deprivation

and/or

- enrich the fabric of the local community and the quality of life of individuals within that community.

The funding is being made available from the 1989 Willan Charitable Trust which, with the help of the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, distributes up to £500,000 each year. The Trustees prefer to prioritise projects for which the funding will represent a significant contribution to the delivery of the project.

Examples of projects that the 1989 Willan Charitable Trust will fund include:

- Projects that meet the needs of communities experiencing high levels of deprivation.
- Self-help initiatives that improve local quality of life.
- Services for young people that address educational needs or offer diversion from crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Projects assisting local communities affected by crime and anti-social behaviour
- Art projects that help tackle deprivation or improve local quality of life.
- The work of youth organisations and, in particular, the Sea Cadets, Scouts, Guides, Boys' Brigades and other uniformed organisations. Grants here will not generally exceed £1,500.
- Projects that draw on the region's rich maritime tradition to deliver improvements in local quality of life or address deprivation.
- Gap year voluntary work through Project Trust. Grants are limited to a maximum of £500 towards expenses in undertaking a voluntary placement. Applicants must normally reside in the North East region.

The closing date for applications for this round of funding is the 15th February 2022 for consideration at the March meeting of Trustees.

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[https://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/group\\_grant/the-1989-willan-charitable-trust/](https://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/group_grant/the-1989-willan-charitable-trust/)

## Grants to Improve the Lives of Individuals & Communities (Devon)

The Devon Community Foundation has launched a new grant scheme to support projects and initiatives which improve the lives of individuals and communities across Devon.

Thrive With 5 will provide grants of up to £5,000 to charities, community groups, schools, faith-based groups and organisations, parish or town councils, and CICs for activity that aims to improve the lives and prospects of babies and children aged up to 5 years who are experiencing challenging circumstances, and for community-based activity that aims to address environmental damage and climate change.

The first funding round will focus on:

- Early Years - Grants will support activity that aims to improve the lives and prospects of babies and children (up to 5 years) who are experiencing challenging circumstances.
- The Environment - Grants will support community-based activity that aims to address environmental damage and climate change.

The scheme will close at 12pm on the 23rd February 2022, but may close earlier if a high volume of successful applications is received.

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<https://devoncf.com/grants/thrive-with-5/>

## **Grants to Deliver Positive Outcomes for Disadvantaged Communities (Sheffield)**

Voluntary sector organisations including registered charities, CIOs, and industrial and provident societies, are invited to bid for a share of £60,000 in funding for initiatives which tackle poverty and inequality and/ or improve the health and wellbeing of disadvantaged communities in Sheffield.

The Tackling Inequalities Fund 2021-2022 will award grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 for core funding or projects/activities taking place up to the end of September 2022 that deliver positive outcomes.

This fund will support a small number of organisations where there is a proven track record and clear evidence that they can deliver positive outcomes for beneficiaries. This fund can support new projects from established organisations where there is evidence to support need.

Previous recipients of the fund include Emmaus which supports men and women who were homeless, and Nomad which provides access to shared housing to help people transition out of homelessness.

Funding is provided by Sheffield City Council and the deadline for applications is the 7th December 2021.

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<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/grants>

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### **Grants to Improve the Quality of Life for Disadvantaged & Vulnerable People (UK)**

The Hedley Foundation are inviting applications from small-to-mid-size registered charities helping to improve the quality of life of people in the UK, particularly those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable.

The Foundation typically makes around 250 awards of up to £5,000 each year for initiatives that benefit the lives of young people, disabled people, elderly people, the terminally ill and otherwise disadvantaged people and their carers. Occasional larger sums are given to charities where high impact can be achieved.

Applications should be received at least 6 weeks before the next review meeting on the 26th January 2022.

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<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/apply-now>

### **Funding for Projects that Have a Positive Impact on Communities, People or the Environment (UK)**

The Matthew Good Foundation has launched a Grants for Good Fund to support small charities, not-for-profit groups and social entrepreneurs who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community or the environment.

The Fund will share £10,000 between five shortlisted projects, which will be voted for by John Good Group employees. The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £3,500, second place £2,500, third place £2,000 with fourth and fifth place both receiving £1,000.

As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation are keen to hear from people with innovative ideas that need some funding to get their projects up and running.

To be eligible, applicants will have to have had an income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.

Funding is awarded every three months and the deadline for this funding round is the 15th December 2021.

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<https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/>



## **Funding to Enable Disadvantaged Young People Reach their Potential (UK)**

Registered charities (including Schools that are registered as charities for young people with disabilities) that work with disadvantaged children under the age of 25 can apply for funding of up to £10,000 through the Ironmongers Company's grants programme.

Projects must meet all of the following criteria:

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

The Company is particularly interested in enabling primary age children to develop a strong foundation for the future. Projects could, for example:

- support special educational needs,
- address behavioural problems
- promote citizenship, parenting or life skills.

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

The next deadline for applications is the 15th December 2021.

### **Useful Links:**

[Grant Application Form](#)

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[http://www.ironmongers.org/charity\\_organisations.htm](http://www.ironmongers.org/charity_organisations.htm)

## **Funding for Building Maintenance & Improvements for Education Establishments (England)**

The latest round of the UK Government's Condition Improvement Fund is now open to academies, multi-academy trusts, sixth-form colleges, and voluntary aided schools across England.

The Fund provides capital funding for projects of up to £4 million which help keep school and college buildings safe and in good working order. This includes funding projects to address health and safety issues, building compliance and poor building conditions.

A small proportion of expansion projects will also be supported. Applicants with strong governance and good financial management are particularly favoured.

Academies and sixth-form colleges can take out a loan, for all or part of the project costs in their application, to demonstrate their commitment to the scheme.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### **Useful Links:**

[Condition Improvement Fund 2022 to 2023: information for applicants](#)

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/condition-improvement-fund>

## **Digital Support Programme to Help Community Businesses Develop & Grow (England)**

Power to Change has launched its Powering Up Programme to support community businesses across England. Tailored support worth up to £20,000 will be awarded to up to twenty-five businesses looking to learn how digital skills could help them develop and grow.

The programme offers community business leaders access to professional expertise and financing to explore and implement new solutions to their digital problems. On offer is a mix of technical, professional & personal development, including health and wellbeing support.

Priority will be given to applications from areas of England facing high levels of deprivation, and organisations supporting or led by disabled people and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities.

The closing date for applications is the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

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<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/our-work/our-programmes/powering-up/>

## Funding for Artists to Develop their Artistic Practice (England)

Arts Council England has announced that its Developing your Creative Practice programme is open for applications.

Arts Council England is looking for exciting, ambitious proposals that allow applicants to take that important next step in the way they make their work. Applicants are encouraged to consider their long-term needs and proposals can cover creative research and development or building skills through international exchange. Examples might include:

- Creative media and the wider creative industries e.g. film or audio, design or gaming
- Technology, including digital technology e.g. virtual reality or live streaming
- Other non-arts organisations or settings e.g. residential-care providers, or a science organisation
- Other non-arts cultural forms or sectors e.g. health and wellbeing, social inclusion, heritage or sport

This fund is only open to individuals over the age of 18 years who:

- Are living and working in England
- Have three years' creative practice experience outside a formal education context
- Are working in Arts Council England's supported disciplines i.e. they will be dancers, choreographers, writers, translators, producers, publishers, editors, musicians, conductors, composers, actors, directors, designers, artists, craft makers, and curators.

Organisations can not apply.

Awards of £2, 000 - £10,000 are made through quarterly funding rounds. Funded project activities can last up to one year.

The closing date for applications will be 12 pm on the 7th December 2021.

For further information or to check eligibility contact Arts Council England by email [enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk) or phone 0845 300 6200).

### Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Are you ready to apply Quiz](#)

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[View List of successful applicants from previous funding rounds](#)

## **£30 Million Waking Watch Relief Fund Now Open for Applications (England)**

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government has announced that the Waking Watch Relief Fund has re-opened to applications using additional £5 million of funding.

The fund is targeted at high-rise buildings with unsafe cladding and is designed to protect lease holders from the high cost of Waking Watches by providing funding for fire alarms.

Responsibility for applying to the fund will rest with the Responsible Person (RP). Under the Fire Safety Order, the RP is the entity responsible for ensuring the safety of residents in their building from fire and assess the risk and identify suitable mitigating measures where they are needed.

To be eligible a building must:

- be in the private sector
- be over 17.70 metres in height
- have an unsafe cladding system
- have a waking watch in place where these costs have been passed on to leaseholders

Social sector buildings where the Registered Provider can evidence that waking watch costs have been passed to leaseholders and the costs of installing an alarm will fall on leaseholders will also be eligible.

The closing date for applications is the 10th December 2021.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Guidance](#)

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/waking-watch-relief-fund>

## **New £400,000 e-Cargo Bike Fund Launched (England)**

A new £400,000 funding round has been launched by the Department for Transport and Energy Saving Trust for the purchase of e-cargo bikes, to support small businesses switching to a sustainable transport solution.

The eCargo Bike Grant Fund will give businesses in England an opportunity to introduce e-cargo bikes into their everyday transport operations and will cover up to 40% of the total cost, with a maximum of £2,500 for two-wheel models and £4,500 for three-wheel models.

Organisations can apply for funding for up to five bikes, with larger applications considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applications may include more than one organisation.

The closing date for applications is the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

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<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/ecargo-bike-fund/>

## **Funding to Support Women Affected by Poverty (Birmingham, Manchester, Bristol, Middlesbrough / Teesside, Kingston upon Hull, Newcastle, Liverpool / Merseyside, and West Yorkshire)**

Phase two of the Smallwood Trust Women's Sector Resilience Fund has been launched to support local networks of organisations working with and for women affected by poverty in Birmingham, Manchester, Bristol, Middlesbrough/Teesside, Kingston upon Hull, Newcastle, Liverpool/Merseyside, and West Yorkshire including Bradford and Leeds.

£1.5million in funding is available in this round to support approximately three networks over three years to reduce gendered poverty in their area, and to help the local women's sector become more sustainable.

Each network can apply for up to £500k to be spent over three years. This funding will be awarded to a lead organisation who be responsible for distributing the money to the rest of the network. This funding will pay for:

- Core costs for each of the organisations involved (70%) e.g. 350k
- Support to coordinate the network (20%) e.g. 100k
- Any advisory support / organisational development / capacity building that you might need (10%) e.g. 50k

Women's-led charities, CICs and other not-for-profit organisations have until 5pm on the 10th December 2021 to submit an expression of interest.

A short list of networks will then be invited to submit a full proposal.

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<https://www.smallwoodtrust.org.uk/organisations>

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