

# Funding Insight



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# New Funding Opportunities

## **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 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Download application form.](#)

[Previously funded projects](#)

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

## **Leaders with Lived Experience 2020 Programme Opens for Applications (UK)**

The Leaders with Lived Experience 2020 Programme provides National Lottery grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 to support charities, voluntary and community groups run by people with first-hand experience of a social issue to share those experiences and play a key role in shaping how communities move towards recovery and renewal after the impact of COVID-19.

This funding will support lived experience leadership, and make sure lived experience plays a key role in shaping how communities move towards recovery and renewal after the impact of COVID-19.

Funding is available for up to two years and can be used to either focus on the immediate response to the COVID-19 crisis, or help communities recover, renew and become more sustainable after the impact of COVID-19, or both.

The National Lottery Community Fund expects to fund between 30 and 40 projects.

The programme will fund a wide range of items including:

- equipment,
- one-off events,
- staff and training costs,
- transport, utilities/running costs,
- volunteer expenses.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 13th October 2020.

The application form is available on the National Lottery Community Fund website (Link below)

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<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/leaders-with-lived-experience-2020>

## **Funding for Youth Projects in Response to Covid -19 (UK)**

In response to the impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic on individuals and communities, the Alec Dickson Trust has launched a new fund to help young people take a positive role in responding to this issue.

Grants of up to £500 are available to UK-based community organisations and groups organised and run by people under 30 years old for volunteering projects which directly or indirectly respond to COVID-19.

Applications must also align with Public Health England guidance on how to volunteer safely during the pandemic.

The closing date for applications is 8 pm on the 27th September 2020.

The application form is available on the Trust's website (link below)

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<http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/apply/>

## **New Fund Launched to Improve the Quality of Life for Serving Armed Forces Personnel (UK)**

Army, Air and Naval units are encouraged to apply for funding for projects that improve the quality of life for serving personnel and their families living on or near an Armed Forces base or station in the UK or overseas.

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available through the NAAFI Fund for projects or activities that help bring people together and reduce boredom or isolation amongst single serving personnel living in Single Living Accommodation, and Armed Forces families.

Funding can be used to refurbish spaces for recreation and leisure, purchase equipment or run projects of up to a year.

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust is administering the Fund on behalf of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes (NAAFI).

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 23rd November 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Guidance](#)

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<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/the-naafi-fund/>

## **Funding for Local Projects to Support the Armed Forces Community (UK)**

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for projects supporting Armed Forces communities to become less isolated and engage more in their local area and the needs that have arisen as a result of Covid-19.

To be eligible to apply, the applicant organisation must be:

- An established registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities;
- An Armed Forces unit or base;
- A local authority;
- A school.

The funding is being made available through the Armed Forces Covenant Fund's Force for Change programme.

The Trust will fund a wide range of projects under this programme. However, applicants must be able to show that their project fits under one of these two main themes.

- Empowering Armed Forces communities to become more engaged in their local area.
- Providing opportunities for isolated members of the Armed Forces community to take part in activities that improve general wellbeing.

This year, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Trust will be particularly welcoming applications for projects that help Armed Forces communities move to the 'new normal' while continuing to support local needs and reduce isolation. There will be a particular focus on ensuring volunteers can carry out local projects.

The closing date for applications for this funding round is noon on Monday the 30th November 2020.

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<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/armed-forces-covenant-fund-force-for-change-programme/>

## Funding Available to Redistribute Surplus Food (UK)

FareShare's Surplus with Purpose is a £3 million Fund that provides funding of up to £50,000 to food businesses in the UK to offset the costs of sending good quality surplus food to good causes, helping the people most in need.

The fund is open to companies seeking to unlock new or hard to reach surplus (or 'waste') food, as well as those that haven't previously worked with FareShare.

The type of foods eligible for support includes:

- Packaging / labelling errors
- Stock that's become surplus due to forecasting errors
- Stock below MLOR (48 hours minimum life on receipt by FareShare)
- Fruit & veg past BBE
- Stock past BBE (subject to manufacturer's extension letter)
- Quality rejections – 'out of spec'
- Unfinished products
- Bulk ingredients for manufacturing
- Lines no longer being retailed
- Samples and NPD's
- Foreign label stock
- Damages
- Seasonal stock
- Retailer branded food.

The funding can be used to cover the additional staff costs needed for packing and sorting edible surplus food, or in building, implementing and managing new processes. It could also cover packaging and transportation costs, or lost income from the sale of surplus to animal feed or anaerobic digestion.

Funding applications can be submitted at any time.

### Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Eligible Foods](#)

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<https://fareshare.org.uk/giving-food/>

## **Funding for Community Based Food Initiatives (UK)**

Not for profit groups and settings such as local community groups, nurseries, schools, care homes, community health and social care settings, housing associations, and charities can apply for grants of up to £150 to use good food to connect and bring together people of all ages and from different backgrounds.

The funding is being made available through Food for Life Get Together initiative and the aim is to get more people eating healthily, strengthen communities and reduce experience of loneliness and social isolation.

The funding is available in specific areas of the UK. These are:

- Birmingham, Stoke on Trent, Walsall
- Leicester City, Leicestershire, Nottingham City
- Hull, Calderdale, Kirklees, Sheffield
- Rochdale, Salford, Wigan
- Betsi Cadwaladr, Aneurhan Bevan, Cardiff and Vale
- Belfast, Fermanagh and Omagh District, Newry, Mourne and Down District
- Glasgow, Inverclyde, Edinburgh

There will be three funding rounds during 2020 and the closing date for round 3 applications is the 13th November 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Form and Guidance](#)

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<https://www.foodforlife.org.uk/get-togethers/get-involved/small-grants>

## Grants of up to £50,000 Available for Community Projects (UK)

Aviva has launched the next round of its Community Fund. Aviva has teamed up with the fundraising platform Crowdfunder to offer funding of up to £50,000 to small charities, schools and community interest groups in the UK with innovative ideas that benefit their community. Every three months from January 2020 onwards, £250,000 will be split equally among Aviva's UK employees to donate to the projects that matter to them most.

Aviva want to support projects that boost the resilience of communities in the face of uncertainty and will be supporting projects in two key areas:

- Community resilience: tackling inequality and improving environments by building inclusive and resilient communities; or
- Financial capability and inclusion: promoting financially inclusive communities, where people can better manage their finances and avoid problem debt

To take part the project must also be raising funds to develop a new approach, product or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group. All beneficiaries must be in the UK.

The next closing date to apply to the Aviva Community Fund is the 13th October 2020.

Once applications have been submitted, applicants will need to create a fundraising page on Crowdfunder that Aviva employees can browse and donate funds to. Applicants can also showcase their projects to raise additional public donations.

### Useful Links:

[Apply to the Aviva Community Fund](#)

[Terms and Conditions](#)

[Explore Projects](#)

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

## Grants for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Activities in Schools (UK)

The Royal Institution has announced that its STEM Enrichment and Enhancement (E&E) grants scheme will re-open for applications on the 30th September 2020.

Grants of £500 will be made available to help integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics activities into school practice and to support teachers' professional development. The grants will be available to primary and secondary schools, sixth form and further education colleges in the UK for activities selected from the STEM Directory, which can range from shows and talks, to workshops and team-based challenges, that enrich the curriculum and often use resources that are not readily available to schools.

Teachers can apply for funding to cover fees, expenses, and travel expenses incurred by the school for activities which must be completed by the end of the 2021 summer term.

Priority will be given to schools in disadvantaged areas.

The closing date for applications will be the 23rd October 2020.

### Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

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[https://www.rigb.org/education/stem-grants?j=1359339&e=info@grantsonline.org.uk&l=113\\_HTML&u=39040437&mid=7201764&jb=22&cm\\_ven=RIGB&cm\\_cat=STEM+Grants+NL&cm\\_pla=All+Subscribers&cm\\_ite=https%3a%2f%2fwww.rigb.org%2feducation%2fstem-grants%3f%3d%25%25jobid%25%25](https://www.rigb.org/education/stem-grants?j=1359339&e=info@grantsonline.org.uk&l=113_HTML&u=39040437&mid=7201764&jb=22&cm_ven=RIGB&cm_cat=STEM+Grants+NL&cm_pla=All+Subscribers&cm_ite=https%3a%2f%2fwww.rigb.org%2feducation%2fstem-grants%3f%3d%25%25jobid%25%25)

## Royal Society of Chemistry – Outreach Fund Small Grants Scheme (UK)

Individuals and organisations such as researchers, museums, schools, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, arts groups and libraries can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to run chemistry-based events and activities for public audiences and in schools.

Applications for schools engagement activities should demonstrate how the proposed activities will:

- enrich student's chemistry education and not solely deliver the curriculum
- provide students with opportunities to explore chemistry through local contexts, AND/OR
- demonstrate career opportunities and develop employability skills, AND/OR
- provide opportunities which would not normally be accessible to the students taking part, e.g. for hard-to-reach student audiences.

Applications for public engagement activities should demonstrate how the proposed activities will:

- increase chemists' visibility as approachable people AND/OR
- increase the public's confidence in discussing chemistry AND/OR
- demonstrate the relevance of chemistry to everyday interests and concerns.

The Outreach Fund is split into two categories: small grants - up to £5,000 and large grants - up to £10,000.

Previously funded projects include "Cool chemistry at the seaside" where the Society awarded a grant of £2,000 to volunteers in Ramsgate who transformed an empty town-centre shop into a makeshift theatre, delivering free chemistry demonstrations to anyone.

The large grants programme is currently closed. The closing date for applications to the small grants programme is the 12th October 2020 (budget dependent).

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<https://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/outreach-fund/>

## British Science Week Community Grant Scheme Opens for Application (UK)

The British Science Week Community Grant Scheme has re-opened for applications. The scheme offers £500-£2,000 grants to community groups that run their own science activities during British Science Week (5-14 March 2021) aimed at audiences who are traditionally under-represented and currently not engaged in science activity during.

This can include:

- people from ethnic minorities
- people with low socio-economic status, including people disadvantaged in terms of education and income
- people with a physical or mental condition or impairment
- people living in a remote and rural location, defined as settlements of less than 10,000 people
- girls and women

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 9th November 2020.

***Note: community grants cannot be used for events or activities with school groups unless they are a special needs school. For school activities, the schools themselves, if they meet the eligibility criteria, should apply for the [Kick Start Grants](#).***

For any questions, please contact the British Science Association: [bsw@britishscienceassociation.org](mailto:bsw@britishscienceassociation.org)

### Useful Links:

[2020 Community Grant Guidelines](#)

[Application Form](#)

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<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/about-us/grants/bsw-community-grant-scheme/>

## **British Science Week 2021 Kick Start Grants Are Now Open for Applications (UK)**

The British Science Association has announced that applications for British Science Week “Kick Start” grants have reopened for applications. As part of the British Science Week (BSW), the British Science Association, with funding from UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), is providing grants for schools in challenging circumstances to organise their own science and engineering events.

British Science Week (BSW), which is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths.

There are four types of grant:

- Kick Start Youth grant: a grant of £150 for your school to run an activity during British Science Week organised and delivered by students aged 10-19.
- Kick Start grant: a grant of £300 for your school to run an activity during British Science Week.
- Kick Start More grant: a grant of £700 for your school to host a science event or activity which involves your students and the local community. The community can comprise of families/carers, members of local community groups, local businesses and local press.
- NEW! Kick Start grant + Youth grant: a grant of £450 for your school to run an activity during British Science Week and an additional activity organised and delivered by students aged 10-19.

To be eligible students must be from a school that fulfills one or more of the following criteria.

- Have a high proportion (over 30%) of pupils eligible for the pupil premium or equivalent;
- Have a high proportion (over 30%) of pupils from ethnic minority backgrounds;
- Be a small school based in a remote and rural location.

For any questions, please contact us at [bsw@britishscienceassociation.org](mailto:bsw@britishscienceassociation.org)

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 9th November 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[British Science Week Kick Start Grant Guidelines](#)

[Application Form](#)

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<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/about-us/grants/kick-start-grant-scheme/>

## **Funding to Support Primary Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences (UK)**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to support primary research in the humanities and social sciences.

The British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Small Research Grants are available to postdoctoral scholars (or equivalent) across the UK to cover the cost of direct expenses incurred in planning, conducting, and developing research for a defined project of up to two years.

Applicants may seek support for any combination of eligible activity and cost for either collaborative or individual projects which might include, workshops, conferences, or visits by or to partner scholars, research assistance, travel, consumables, specialist software, and costs of interpreters in the field.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 11th November 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Scheme Guidance](#)

[Past Awards](#)

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<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/ba-leverhulme-small-research-grants/>

## **Funding for Local Road Safety Pilots and Trials (UK)**

Local Authorities, Police Forces, Fire and Rescue Services, UK-based registered charities, universities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies will soon be able to apply for funding for local road safety pilots and trials.

The Road Safety Trust has announced a new £300,000 funding stream to encourage applications that respond to changing road use and emerging road safety issues as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Through the Trust's Small Grants Plus Programme 2020 funding of between £20,000 and £50,000 over a maximum of two years will be made available for projects which are either a pilot, trial or evaluation of a practical road safety intervention.

All projects should have other sources of funding, either cash or in-kind.

The closing date for applications is the 21st October 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Guidance](#)

[Small Grants Plus 2020: Key Facts](#)

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<https://www.roadsafetytrust.org.uk/small-grants>

## Lloyd's Register Foundation - Digital Innovations Grant (UK)

The Lloyd's Register Foundation, Heritage & Education Centre is inviting applications for grant funding to harness emerging technologies to develop its heritage and education resources.

The diversity of the Lloyd's Register Foundation's collection means that a variety of technologies could be used to further its educational reach and impact.

Technology start-ups, universities and data interrogation organisations can apply for a Digital Innovations grant. A total of £100,000 is available to cover the costs of appraising and using associated resources, from both HEC's own collections and other collections worldwide – ensuring the technology or software could be used in an open source format for use by other relevant institutions.

Potential areas of interest include the development of optical character recognition that can accurately capture handwritten text, 3D printing and mapping, data visualisation and augmented reality.

The successful applicant will be required to develop the technology independently.

The deadline for applications is 11:59pm on the 28th February 2021.

### Useful Links:

To find out more about the Centre's research strategy click [here](#).

Additionally, you can read the Lloyd's Register Foundation's strategy [here](#).

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<https://hec.lfoundation.org.uk/get-involved/digital-innovations-grant>

## **Funding for Innovative Projects that Support Transport Decarbonisation (UK)**

Innovative transport tech start-ups that support transport decarbonisation or Covid-19 recovery can now bid for a share of over £1 million in Department for Transport funding.

Funding of up to £30,000 will be available from the latest round of Transport-Technology Research and Innovation Grants (T-TRIG) to help UK businesses, research organisations, local authorities, and universities develop ways of creating a better transport system, and bring their ideas to market quicker.

Previous projects include the development of a new satellite antenna to provide reliable high-speed broadband to rail journeys, and a system that helps blind and partially sighted people navigate towns and cities using Bluetooth-enabled beacons and smartphones.

A support and information webinar will be held on the 30th September 2020. To register [click here](#).

The deadline for applications is the 11th October 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Guidance](#)

[Grant Specification](#)

[Grant Agreement \(Terms & Conditions\)](#)

[T-TRIG Privacy Notice](#)

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<https://cp.catapult.org.uk/opportunities/t-trig/>

## Grants Available to Small Charities Working in the Developing World (UK)

The Small Charities Challenge Fund (SCCF) offered by UK Aid Direct is open to small UK-registered charities and not-for-profit organisations with an annual income of £250,000 or less.

Grants of up to £50,000 are available for projects for up to 2 years work that strengthen the capacity of grassroots development organisations working with vulnerable people in countries that are ranked in the bottom 50 of the UN Human Development Index (HDI) or if it is considered of high or moderate fragility by the UK's DFID and work towards achieving the [Global Goals](#).

Organisations that are part of a larger international family, are expected to demonstrate significant autonomy, be registered in the UK and have their own UK specific constitution with an independent board of trustees, i.e. the board must be locally appointed and be free and able to make independent decisions on strategic and operational issues.

All applicants will be expected to address the UK Aid Direct [Programme Priorities](#) which reflect those of the UK Department for International Development (DFID) i.e.

- Strengthening global peace, security and governance
- Strengthening resilience and response to crisis
- Promoting global prosperity
- Tackling extreme poverty and helping the world's most vulnerable

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, DFID will be prioritising applications that can demonstrate that they are responding to longer term impacts of COVID-19. The fund remains open for applications addressing a wide range of Global Goals in a variety of contexts. However, DFID will expect all applicants to be able to explain: how their project will address anticipated longer-term impacts of the virus and outline how the risks of COVID-19 to project delivery could be mitigated as part of their application.

Grants of up to £50,000 for projects of up to 2 years are available.

[The Small Charities Challenge Fund](#) (SCCF) will remain open and all applications will be reviewed on a 6-monthly basis. **The closing date for the next review of proposals is 5 pm on the 25th March 2021.**

This is a one-stage process via the application form on the website.

A recording is available to [listen to on YouTube](#) (opens in a new window), of a guidance webinar held on Thursday 14 May 2020, which provides some further detail to the fund and applications.

### Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Current grant holders](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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<https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/sccf/>

## Funding to Improve the Lives of Young People (UK)

Churches and Christian charities can apply for grants of up to £25,000 for projects focused on improving the lives of young people aged 18 and under across the UK.

Through All Churches' Growing Lives Programme, religious organisations can apply for funding to help them run innovative, impactful projects that help young people to explore and grow in faith, get active, access training and work opportunities, develop life and leadership skills and feel less isolated.

Funding will also enable them to offer a lifeline to local families through running services and activities such as:

- homework clubs
- holiday childcare
- parent and toddler groups.

Examples of activities for children and teenagers funding might be used for:

- musical instruments for its junior choir
- soft play sessions for toddlers
- transforming an under-used room or area of a hall into a chill out zone and café or spiritual space for young people
- new books and toys for a children's corner
- equipment for summer sports
- interactive Bible study and consoles and computers

The programme will also help fund structural changes. Running costs, salaries or one-off events will not be funded.

The amount of funding will depend upon the cost of the project and the level of need in the community ranging from 10% of project cost through to 80%.

Applications can be made for funding under the Growing Lives programme even if the organisation has received a grant from Allchurches Trust within the last two years.

Applications will close at 12pm on the 30th October 2020.

### Useful Links:

[Application Form](#)

[Advice and Resources](#)

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[http://www.allchurches.co.uk/advice-and-resources/articles/?q=&facet\\_audience=&facet\\_productService=48798](http://www.allchurches.co.uk/advice-and-resources/articles/?q=&facet_audience=&facet_productService=48798)

## **Funding for Cultural and Educational Links with Japan (UK)**

The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation has announced that the next application deadline for its grants making programme is the 15th December 2020.

The Foundation seeks to promote mutual understanding and cooperation through financial support for activities in the following fields:

- Arts and Culture
- Humanities and Social Issues
- Japanese Language
- Medicine and Health
- Science, Technology and Environment
- Sport
- Youth and Education

The Foundation's grants average £1,500 to £2,000 and do not normally exceed £5,000 for larger-scale projects.

The Foundation's awards are intended to provide "pump-priming" and not core funding of projects, but even small grants have enabled a wide range of projects to reach fruition, such as:

- Visits between the UK and Japan by academics, professionals, creative artists, teachers, young people, journalists and representatives of civic and non-governmental organisations
- Research and collaborative studies, seminars, workshops, lectures and publications in academic and specialist fields
- Teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools, Further Education colleges and universities
- Exhibitions, performances and creative productions by artists, musicians, film-makers, writers and theatre groups

### **Organisations that have successfully applied to the Foundation include:**

- Hesse High School and Sixth Form College which received a grant of £3,000 to visit to Japan to create curriculum on Japan in Key Stage 3 Geography lessons.
- Truro College which received a grant of £2,000 for a football exchange programme with Tokai Daigo High School in Japan.
- The Boston & Hakusan City Exchange Programme received a grant of £3,500 for an exchange programme between school children from Boston and Hakusan City.
- Champion School received a grant of £2,000 to support a school trip to Tokyo for students of Japanese.
- Escomb Primary School received a grant of £3,000 for an exchange visit with Ogawara Minami Elementary School.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Form](#)

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<http://www.gbsf.org.uk/>

## **£5 Million for New Research Projects Investigating How Coronavirus Spreads (UK)**

Eight new research projects studying the risk factors, transmission and prevalence of Covid-19 have been awarded a total of £5.3 million by the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), in the hope that findings will help shape COVID-19 policy decisions on prevention strategies and containment measures.

This range of studies seeks to determine how the virus spreads in real life settings - in schoolchildren, healthcare workers, in medical settings, on surfaces in public spaces, and in strictly Orthodox Jewish communities.

This group of projects forms part of a rolling call for research in response to the pandemic.

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<https://www.ukri.org/news/5-million-for-new-research-projects-investigating-how-coronavirus-spreads/>

## **Ford Britain Trust Small Grants Programme Re-opens for Applications (England and Wales)**

The Ford Britain Trust's large grants programme has re-opened for applications until the 31st January 2021. Through the large grants programme registered charities, Schools/PTAs (Non-fee paying, state sector schools only) and non-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £250 and £3,000 for projects that:

- Benefit the local community/environment;
- Work with young people/children;
- Promote education/schools (mainstream) as well as special school
- Promotes the teaching of Engineering
- Support special educational needs and people with disabilities.

Grant applications will be considered for projects being undertaken/expenditure being made in all UK postcodes however locations near Ford Motor Company Limited / FCE Bank plc UK operations are given a higher weighting.

These are:

- Essex (including East London)
- Bridgend (South Wales)
- Southampton
- Daventry
- Manchester
- Liverpool;

Exceptions may be made for initiatives in which Ford Motor Company Limited employees and retirees are involved. Grants made by the Trust are usually one-off donations for a specific capital project or part of a project, typically items of furniture and equipment.

The Trust also operates a small grants programme for amounts up to £250. The closing date for applications to the small grants programme is the 31st October 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Guidance Notes](#)

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

## **New Fund to Support Community Businesses Affected by the Covid-19 Crisis (England)**

Power to Change, the independent trust that supports community businesses in England, is launching a new £5 million package of support to enable community businesses affected by the Covid-19 crisis to adapt, renew and rebuild their businesses so they can remain financially viable and best serve their local communities during the pandemic's 'new normal'.

The Community Business Renewal scheme is the second part of Power to Change's £12million response to the Covid-19 pandemic. In April 2020, the trust announced rapid emergency funding to support community businesses during lockdown.

The Community Business Renewal scheme has been designed by Power to Change based on evidence and input from partners and community businesses themselves. It aims to support community businesses in a variety of ways and working with partners it will include:

- **A new fund** offering unrestricted grants supporting resilience, renewal and restructure of community businesses
- **Capacity strengthening** support to help community businesses increase knowledge, resilience and equip themselves to 're-boot' successfully
- Two **match-funding** programmes to support community businesses with different types of fundraising
- Tailored support to help community businesses protect community assets
- A programme of work highlighting the role community business can play in the economic recovery

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<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/news/new-5million-help-community-business-navigate-pandemic/>

## **Grants of up to £4,000 Available to Improve Cycle Facilities within Secondary Schools (Scotland)**

Cycling Scotland has announced that its Cycling Friendly Secondary Schools Development Fund has re-opened for applications. The fund is open to applications from Secondary Schools in Scotland who can apply for grants of up to £4,000 to improve their cycling facilities and opportunities for pupils and staff to travel to school by bike.

Previous projects funded include bike maintenance equipment and training (SCQF qualifications available), bike recycling and providing bikes where there is a need, usually in areas of deprivation or remote locations with wide catchments.

The fund is open to all secondary schools in Scotland who are committed to increasing opportunities for pupils and staff to cycle.

The application form is available on the Cycling Scotland website (link below)

The completed the application form should be sent to [CyclingFriendly@cyclingscot](mailto:CyclingFriendly@cyclingscot.scot)

The closing date for applications is the 8th October 2019.

### **Useful Links:**

[Guidance for Applicants](#)

[Terms and Conditions](#)

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<https://www.cyclingscot.org/our-programmes/cycle-friendly/secondary-school>

## Grants for Community Based Climate Action Projects (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has announced that community groups can apply for grants through the Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) to tackle climate change by running projects that reduce local carbon emissions. CCF Development Grants are available in 2020/21 to help Scottish community-led organisations to scope out a potential climate action project.

Grants of up to £500 (per organisation) can be used to:

- Enable community-led organisations to develop ideas for a climate change action project which would support low-carbon behaviour changes, increase climate literacy and reduce carbon emissions.
- Assist in progressing to a full CCF Grant application or similar activities for another funder.
- Organise a community consultation event and survey work.
- Engage a consultant or advisor to support project development.
- Cover expenses associated with visit(s) to other projects/organisations within Scotland (flights excluded).
- Develop a low-carbon project idea.
- Host an event using the Scottish Government's Climate Conversation toolkit.

Eligible applicants will be Scottish based, legally constituted, community-led organisations who operate on a not-for-profit basis, or a trading company wholly owned by a not-for-profit organisation.

Applicant organisations must not currently in receipt of a full CCF Grant Award. Organisations that received a CCF Development Grant previously can apply but their proposal must be substantially different from the previously funded grant.

The next application deadline is the 14th October 2020.

### Useful Links:

[Terms and Conditions of the Grant](#)

[Application Form](#)

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<https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/climate-challenge-fund/applying-for-ccf-funding/development-grants/>

## Youth Work Education Recovery Fund Launched (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has made £3 million in funding available to support the educational recovery of young people across Scotland impacted by the Covid-19 crisis.

Funding awards of £20,000-£60,000 are available through the Youth Work Education Recovery Fund, with the aim of strengthening youth work and schools partnerships, increasing access to outdoor learning opportunities, and increasing the youth work provision for families and communities disproportionately disadvantaged by Covid-19.

The aim of the fund will be to:

- build confidence and skills;
- support their mental health and wellbeing;
- and to address the poverty-related attainment gap.

The Fund, which will be administered by YouthLink Scotland, aims to strengthen youth work and school partnerships, and to help young people engage or re-engage with learning.

Submissions should support work taking place between November 2020 and the end of August 2021. The deadline for applications is the 14th October 2020.

### Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Application Guidance](#)

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<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/news/september-2020/youth-work-sector-to-receive-3m-of-new-funding-to-aid-educational-recovery/>

## Funding to Help Third Sector Organisations & Communities Recover from the Covid-19 Crisis (Scotland)

The Community and Third Sector Recovery Programme, supporting third sector organisations and communities through the transition from lockdown to recovery, is now open for applications. Charities, community and voluntary groups, and social enterprises can apply for funding to provide ongoing crisis support, and plan and implement ways to adapt and become more sustainable.

The £25m Scottish Government-funded programme has two strands:

The [Adapt and Thrive Programme](#) which provides tailored support and funding to organisations so they can operate sustainably post coronavirus and continue to have a positive impact in their communities;

The [Communities Recovery Fund](#), which will support the delivery of services and activities in communities that were suspended or reduced because of COVID-19, or the creation of new services.

Applications can be made at any time.

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<https://scvo.org.uk/support/coronavirus/funding/scottish-government/community-recovery/>

## **Funding to Deliver Music Making Projects for Disadvantaged & Deprived Young People (Scotland)**

Individuals and organisations who run youth arts programmes in Scotland can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 to deliver high quality music-making projects.

The Youth Arts Access Fund is a strand of the £3 million Youth Arts Fund managed by Creative Scotland to support an increased range of projects for deprived and disadvantaged children and young people aged up to 25 years, as well as introducing projects which deliver across wider art form areas.

Examples of activities that might be supported include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Group based activity that covers any aspect of youth arts/music making
- Youth led projects where young people design and lead activity
- Projects that promote partnership working
- Delivery of project activity working across early learning, schools, and other family support and community settings, focused on tackling inequality through targeting priority groups of children and young people

These funds will support artist led activity based in and out with school hours that aligns with the fund's priorities.

The overall budget for this fund will be at least £1.2 million with at least £800,000 for youth music and £400,000 for wider youth arts for projects to delivered from March 2021 onwards.

The deadline for applications is the 12th November 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Fund Guidance](#)

[Application Form](#)

[Youth Arts Fund Risk Assessment Template](#)

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<https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/youth-arts-fund/access>

## **Connecting Scotland Programme Fund (Scotland)**

Funding for Connecting Scotland, which aims to give low income families and individuals an internet device as well as twelve months unlimited data and technical support, has now reached £43 million due to an additional funding of £23 million from the Scottish Government.

With applications already being received for the current phase of the programme, local authorities and third sector bodies have until 11am on the 5th October 2020 to seek support from phase two of the programme for the disadvantaged families and care leavers they work with. The pandemic has emphasised the importance of digital connectivity, and by the end of 2020 the programme will have helped approximately 50,000 people get online.

Further details on how the additional funding will work are expected next month.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Guidance](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Application Form](#)

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<https://connecting.scot/for-organisations/apply>

## **Funding to Connect Communities with their Local Heritage (Wales)**

Grants of between £3,000 and 10,000 are available to local authorities, third sector organisations, and voluntary and community groups for small-scale projects which help to connect communities in Wales with their local heritage.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Cadw have teamed up to launch their 15-Minute Heritage Grants, for projects which support a variety of activities that deepen people's engagement with heritage within fifteen minutes or so from their homes. This could include buildings, landmarks, parks and gardens, or even the local corner shop or the post box.

Projects might include new walking trails, murals or informative window displays, and engaging digital resources such as interactive maps, videos, exhibitions and podcasts.

The deadline for applications is the 14th October 2020.

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<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/15-minute-heritage-grants-wales>

## **Funding for Local Nature Projects (Wales)**

The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Welsh Government are seeking applications for the £2.3 million Local Places for Nature 2020 grant programme to enable communities in Wales to create, restore and enhance nature in their local area.

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for community-based capital projects in towns and cities, in the marine environment, and where people live, work or spend their leisure time.

Funding must be used to create a natural asset, particularly in areas of deprivation or urban or peri-urban areas, such as flower rich meadows or verges, a community orchard, or removal of non-native species or other threats to nature to allow native species to recover.

The deadline for applications is the 14th October 2020.

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<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/local-places-nature-guidance>

## **Funding to Enhance and Create Community Woodland Sites (Wales)**

Grants of between £10,000 and £250,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for projects that will restore, enhance and in some instances acquire land to create new community woodlands in Wales.

Funding is available through the Community Woodlands Fund for community-led projects which create new blocks of woodland and improve existing woodland, such as street trees within an urban neighbourhood, or a broad corridor including a new footpath to link two existing woodlands.

Funding could be used for the installation of footpaths, and the adoption of a woodland by the local community. The Scheme is jointly funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Welsh Government.

The deadline for applications is the 21st October 2021, but the Fund may close early if all money is allocated before this date.

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<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/community-woodlands-guidance>

## **Disabled People's Organisations Emergency Covid-19 Fund (Northern Ireland)**

A new Covid-19 Emergency Fund is now open to applications from grassroots Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) in Northern Ireland to help them respond to disabled people's needs during the Covid-19 pandemic. Projects lasting until the end of June 2021 will be funded to encourage independent living, reduce isolation, and improve income levels amongst Disabled People.

The Disabled People's Organisations Covid-19 Emergency Fund will provide grants of between £1,000 and £25,000.

Some examples of work that could be funded include:

- A DPO wanting funding to produce local COVID-19 related information in Easy Read, British Sign Language and community languages
- A DPO wanting to expand its information and advice service to deal with COVID-19 related issues by increasing casework capacity or opening hours
- A DPO wanting to set up a local group of Disabled residents to try and make sure the needs of local disabled people are understood and addressed in local COVID-19 recovery planning
- A DPO wanting funding to cover the staffing, venue and running costs of setting up a peer support network or befriending service

The Fund is being administered by Disability Action on behalf of the National Emergency Trust.

The closing date for applications is the 5th October 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Information for Applicants](#)

[Register and Apply](#)

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<https://www.disabilityaction.org/dpo-covid-19-emergency-fund>

## Grants Available for Community Relations Projects (Northern Ireland)

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community development groups, cultural organisations, women's groups, church groups, tenants' associations and youth groups to help them to develop their capacity and confidence to engage in community relations work and to enhance the community relations potential of projects they undertake.

The Community Relations Council, with the support of Government, has established a fund of approximately £400,000 to spend each year on community relations projects. This grant scheme seeks to increase the ability and confidence of groups and organisations to identify and address issues that divide communities, to encourage the development networks of communication, trust and co-operation and to promote models of good practice for community relations work in Northern Ireland.

Grants may be awarded towards the cost of the following:

- Community events, festivals, residential activities.
- Seminars, workshops or discussion groups.
- Fees for trainers, speakers, artists or facilitators.
- Basic travelling costs within the North and South of Ireland.
- Venue hire and catering costs.
- Resource materials.
- Bursaries for community relations practitioners to attend conferences. (These are limited to one bursary per year for an individual from an applicant group).

The closing date for the CRCD Grant Scheme is 6pm on the 4th December 2020. Funds are limited so early application is recommended.

Potential applicants that have any questions or would like to discuss a proposal prior to submitting an application please contact a member of the Funding & Development Programme. Phone 028 9022 7500 or email [funding@nicrc.org.uk](mailto:funding@nicrc.org.uk)

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<https://www.community-relations.org.uk/community-relations-cultural-diversity#sthash.WyJYr0C0.dpuf>

## **New Emergency Funding Programme for Disabled People's Organisations (South East)**

A new Covid-19 Emergency Fund is now open to applications from grassroots Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) in the South East to help them respond to disabled people's needs during the Covid-19 pandemic. Projects lasting until the end of June 2021 will be funded to encourage independent living, reduce isolation, and improve income levels amongst disabled people.

The Disabled People's Organisations – Covid 19 Emergency Fund will provide grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 to pay for equipment, running and staffing costs as well as covering a full cost recovery model.

COVID-19 related work in the following broad three areas will be funded:

- **Independent living:** covering any COVID-19 related issues affecting Disabled people's choice and control over their lives for example: COVID-19 changes to the built environment, streetscape and transport, advice and advocacy support to help ensure health and social care needs are met, employment advice or advice to individuals about their rights if they feel they need to continue to shield
- **Isolation:** covering work to tackle isolation for example: providing IT equipment and support so people can access on-line support or setting up and running peer support networks
- **Income:** covering work to support Disabled people to access benefits and entitlements and manage debt issues

In the South East of England, the Fund is being administered by SPECTRUM Centre for Independent Living on behalf of the National Emergency Trust.

The closing date for applications is the 5th October 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Information for applicants](#)

[Register and Apply](#)

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<https://spectrumcil.co.uk/uncategorized/national-emergency-trust-covid-fund-goes-live/>

## **Funding for Sports Based Activities Which Increase Education & Career Options for Young People (Leeds)**

Community groups, charities, social enterprises and other charitable organisations can apply for funding for projects which support disadvantaged children and young people in Leeds.

Through the Flint Family Fund, the Leeds Community Foundation will provide grants of between £2,500 and £10,000 for one or two years, to support projects for young people aged between 5-25 years, which use sports-based activities to increase confidence and skills, remove barriers to learning, and open up education and career options that may not have previously been available.

Funding can help to cover:

- core running costs,
- volunteer expenses,
- staff costs,
- venue costs,
- transport,
- additional costs for project beneficiaries (transport costs or food provisions).

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 8th October 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Guidance and Criteria](#)

[Apply](#) (via the Leeds Community Foundation)

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<https://leedscf.org.uk/grants/flint-family-fund/>

## **Funding for Community Projects to Reduce Carbon Emissions & Fuel Poverty (Bath and the surrounding areas)**

Charities, community and voluntary groups, and community enterprises can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for local community projects which aim to reduce carbon emissions and/or address fuel poverty in Bath and the surrounding areas.

In response to the Covid-19 crisis, the Bath & West Community Energy Fund will also consider applications for projects that increase the resilience of communities to help reduce carbon emissions. Carbon reduction does not just relate to energy projects; it might also include local food, and sustainable transport or waste reduction.

Examples of projects supported by the programme include:

- energy efficiency improvements in community buildings,
- re-use and recycling projects,
- local food production,
- fuel poverty programmes,
- and energy audits and energy advice.

The deadline for applications is 9am on the 2nd November 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Guidance](#)

[Apply Online](#)

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<https://quartetcf.org.uk/grant-programmes/bath-west-community-energy-2/>

# Funding Reminders

## **Music for All Extends Application Deadline to 1st November 2020 (UK)**

Grants are available to UK based community groups and schools who would benefit from a “helping hand” to bring music to their community and fulfil their potential in becoming truly sustainable music programmes.

The funding which is being made available by the charity Music for All, can be put towards musical instrument costs, workshops/training, using music to break down barriers, providing a variety of educational opportunities as well as helping to find ways to integrate many diverse and minority groups positively into society. Grants of up to £2,500 are available, but due to increased demand most awards will be for less than this amount.

UK based community music groups and educational organisations are eligible to apply. Applicants are encouraged to look for other sources of funding to add to the amount needed to deliver the project.

### **Examples of projects funded:**

- Belham Primary School: Used a grant from Music for All to purchase instruments and resulted in 137 out of the 180 children learning violin, guitar, ukulele or recorder. This compares to 6 months earlier when only a handful were learning just the recorder.

Funding of up to £500 is also available to individuals who do not have the means to access musical instruments and lessons.

Due to the Coronavirus crisis, the deadline for applications has been extended for this bidding round from the 1st July 2020 to the 1st November 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Individual Grant Application Instructions and Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Community Project Funding Instructions and Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Application Form](#)

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

## **National Emergencies Trust Announces First New Charity Partners to Enhance Support for At Risk Groups (UK)**

The National Emergencies Trust (NET) has announced plans to distribute £12 million from its Coronavirus Appeal to a range of charity partnerships offering support to some of the UK's most at risk groups.

Just over £2 million of funding will be distributed in a first wave to Disability Action NI and LGBT+ Consortium to support these disproportionately impacted groups which the NET believes may not have received adequate support through the pandemic.

Funding will support helpline services and organisations providing specialist advice and hands-on support to at risk individuals.

Decisions on how these onward grants will be awarded will be made by people with lived experience of the issues faced.

Further funds to be distributed to additional partners and consortia will be announced in the coming weeks.

### **Useful Links:**

[Disability Action Website](#)

[LGBT+ Consortium Website](#)

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<https://nationalemergenciestrust.org.uk/first-new-charity-partners-to-enhance-support-for-at-risk-groups/>

## School Grants to Promote Physics (UK)

The Institute of Physics has announced that UK schools, colleges or home school groups can apply for grants of up to £600 for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and engineering to pupils aged 5 - 19. Grants can support a wide range of projects such as school-based science weeks, extracurricular activities, science clubs, careers event or a visit from a working physicist or engineer.

Grants may be used for the following purposes: materials/resources; transport; marketing and publicity; other purposes deemed appropriate by the judges; and supply cover (in certain circumstances).

The Institute of Physics is interested in proposals that look at:

- particle physics
- astronomy
- space and nuclear physics
- energy
- transport
- information and communications
- design and promotion
- built environment.

### Previous projects to receive funding include:

- Ampleforth College for a visit to Jodrell Bank Radio Observatory.
- St John's High School for a Practical Rocketry workshop to design a water-propelled rocket.

The closing date for applications is the 1st November 2020 (for projects taking place in the following spring term).

### Useful Links:

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[http://www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page\\_38824.html](http://www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page_38824.html)

## Science and Chemistry Equipment Grants for Schools (UK)

Teachers at primary or secondary schools can apply for a grant of up to £1,000 towards the purchase of equipment to support the delivery of Primary Science or Chemistry lessons. Bids are invited for the purchase of items of equipment that cannot be purchased through a school's mainstream teaching budget and which would enrich the learning experience of students.

The Royal Society of Chemistry aims to support schools in presenting Chemistry lessons that enrich the learning experience of students in either primary (science) or secondary (chemistry) studies. The Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Sector (BMCS) of the Society awards Enhanced Equipment grants towards the purchase of equipment that supports delivery of the practical aspect of chemistry education. Applications will be enhanced by a demonstration of the diversity of application of the equipment within and between student cohorts.

A teacher at a primary or secondary school should make the application.

The funding is being made available through the Royal Society of Chemistry's Enhanced Equipment grant scheme and the next deadline for applications is 15th November 2020.

### Useful Links:

[Application Form](#)

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<https://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS/education-support-group/enhanced-equipment.asp>

## Funding to Help Museums, Galleries and Cultural Organisations Affected by Coronavirus (UK)

UK public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives can apply for funding to help them respond to immediate challenges connected to the Covid-19 crisis, and to adapt and reimagine ways of working in the future.

Through the Art Fund's Respond and Reimagine grants, funding of between £10,000 and £50,000 is available to support the priority areas of audiences, collections, adaptable digital skills and infrastructure, and supporting the workforce. Funding can be used to provide immediate practical support connected to reopening such as staffing, equipment, training, or planning for future activities, and to provide opportunities for organisations to help them adapt for the future.

The next deadline for applications is the 12th October 2020.

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<https://www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/respond-and-reimagine-grants#:~:text=Respond%20and%20reimagine%20grants%20offer%20funding%20from%20%C2%A310%2C000%20to%20%C2%A350%2C000.&text=Respond%20and%20reimagine%20grants%20provide,for%20the%20lo>

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