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New £25 Million Fund to Support Cultural Organisations (UK)

The Garfield Weston Foundation has established a new £25 million one-off fund to support mid to large scale cultural organisations that have been badly affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Performing and visual arts organisations, arts centres, and accredited museums and galleries across the UK with a minimum income of £500,000 in a typical year, can apply for funding of up to £2 million each from the Weston Culture Fund to help them restart work, re-engage with audiences, adapt to changed circumstances, and generate revenue.

The Foundation is finalising details for the Fund which will open to applications on the 5th October 2020 and remain open until the 9th November 2020.

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<https://garfieldweston.org/new-weston-culture-fund-coming-soon/>

Grants for Black-led Social Enterprises and Charities that Benefit Ethnic Minorities (UK)

The PwC Foundation is a registered charity which aims to promote social inclusion and sustainable development in the UK. The Foundation has recently set up a ColourBrave Charity Committee which will allocate grants to Black-led social enterprises, as well as charities with ethnic minority beneficiaries for projects which help to continue to build an inclusive culture and tackle racial inequality.

Organisations are encouraged to apply for grants of between £2,000 and £25,000, depending on their scale, activity and impact. For grants of £10,000 and £25,000, last year's financial statement and an impact report will be required.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 30th October 2020.

The successful applicants will be made aware of their outcome on or by 27/11/2020

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Application Form](#)

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<https://www.pwc.co.uk/who-we-are/our-purpose/empowered-people-communities/community-engagement/pwc-foundation/colourbrave-charity-committee.html>

Funding to Support Deprived Rural Communities Affected by the Covid-19 Crisis (UK)

The Prince's Countryside Fund has re-opened for applications. Through the fund, grants of up to £10,000 are available for projects which support small, deprived communities in remote rural areas which have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 crisis.

Local charities, and other legally-constituted not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to apply for funding for projects which will create resilient rural communities across the UK, particularly those with an ageing population or with few working age people.

Projects which protect or boost community assets and enterprises, or otherwise strengthen the sense of community will be supported. Funding can be used to cover revenue costs for projects which might include reinvigorating a rural transport scheme to tackle isolation, or projects which engage with hard to reach households.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 3rd November 2020. If a large number of eligible applications are received the Fund reserves the right to close the round earlier. Projects are advised to apply early.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[How to Write a Strong Application](#)

[Apply Here](#)

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<https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

Funding to Support the Wellbeing, Resilience, and Sustainability of BAME Communities Following Covid-19 (UK)

Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) led charities, voluntary or community groups and organisations, and faith groups across the UK can apply for funding to help them continue to respond to the needs of their community during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The African Health Policy Network are making three levels of funding available of between £500 and £100,000 to help small and medium Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups and their communities build wellbeing, resilience and capacity following the pandemic. The amount awarded will be dependent on annual income for each group/organisation and can be used for:

Project staff salaries

- Project activities
- Engagement activities
- Running costs
- Project equipment

The deadline for applications is 12am on the 30th October 2020.

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<https://www.ahpn.org.uk/grants>

Funding for School Breakfast Clubs (UK)

Magic Breakfast which is a registered charity that aims to end hunger as a barrier to education in UK Schools has announced that its Magic Breakfast programme is open for applications. The programme provides funding and support schools that want to set up new; or improve an existing breakfast club.

For a school in England to be eligible, at least 35% of pupils should be recorded as eligible for Pupil Premium. A Primary School in Scotland qualifies for Magic Breakfast support when at least 55% of pupils are in SIMD Deciles 1 to 4 and/or at least 35% are eligible for FSM. A Secondary School in Scotland qualifies for support when at least 40% of pupils are in SIMD Deciles 1 to 4.

Magic Breakfast are planning to expand to Northern Ireland and Wales soon so welcome applications from all UK schools.

Applications can be made at any time. The charity does currently have a waiting list of schools but is committed to reaching each of them as soon as funding is available.

Useful Links:

[Expression of Interest Form](#)

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<https://www.magicbreakfast.com/apply-for-magic-breakfast-provision>

Funding for Hospices Affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic (UK)

In response to the coronavirus, The Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust has accelerated its annual Hospice Fund programme.

This is in recognition of the additional pressures many hospices are experiencing due to the pandemic and the associated restrictions on normal activities.

Charitable hospices that are registered in the UK, and are members of either Hospice UK or Together for Short Lives can apply for one-off grants of up to £5,000 to support their core costs. The Trust will only make awards to hospices whose current level of free reserves is equivalent to 12 months or less of their operating costs. Previously funded hospices are also eligible to apply.

Applicants should contact the Trust, should they have any further questions on donations@julesthorntrust.org.uk. More information about grants awarded under this programme can be found on the [Previous Awards](#) page of our website.

Applications for this round will open on the 28th September 2020 and close at 12am on the 11th October 2020.

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<https://julesthorntrust.org.uk/programmes/hospice-fund/>

Funding to Support Healthcare Innovation in Response to Covid-19 (UK)

In response to the challenges of delivering healthcare to all who need it during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Health Foundation is launching a programme to build knowledge, skills and confidence within NHS providers to successfully adopt and adapt innovations and improvements.

The Adopting Innovation programme is inviting partnerships between NHS providers and local health systems across the UK to establish four innovation hubs that will provide expertise and support within provider organisations to help them better adopt innovation, and ultimately create change to improve patient care.

Each Hub will receive £475,000 in funding for two and a half years. Guidance and specialist support will also be provided.

Expressions of interest open on Wednesday 7 October 2020.

In early January, the Health Foundation will invite up to 12 teams from the Expression of interest phase to submit a full application for the programme by 12.00 (midday) on Friday the 12th February 2021.

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<https://www.health.org.uk/funding-and-partnerships/programmes/adopting-innovation>

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Rights and Justice (UK)

The next round of the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust's Rights and Justice programme is now open and will close on the 13th November 2020.

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) is interested in funding work which is about removing problems through radical solutions, and not simply about making problems easier to live with; that has a clear sense of objectives, and of how to achieve them; and is innovative and imaginative and where the grant has a good chance of making a difference.

JRCT makes grants to a range of organisations including registered, excepted or exempt charities based in the UK for work that seeks to make positive change across the UK as a whole, or across one or more of its member countries - England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

The Funding priorities for the Rights and Justice theme are:

1. Protection and promotion of human rights and their enforcement in the UK
2. Promoting rights and justice for minorities who face the most severe forms of racism
3. Promotion of rights and justice for refugees and other migrants by identifying and tackling structures and systems that may deny them their rights.

JRCT focuses on work at both a national and European level, although work at a European level is limited and must have direct relevance to communities living in the UK.

Whilst the focus is to support national advocacy and campaigning, JRCT is open to applications which aim to effect structural change at local and regional levels of policy-making, provided the applicant can demonstrate the wider significance of the work.

Across the policy, JRCT places an emphasis on supporting those who have direct experience of racism and oppression.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for a grant for unrestricted or core support, although support for specific programme or project funding is also available.

[Recent grants awarded](#) have ranged from £5,000 to £100,000+ including:

- £20,000 to the Barrow Cadbury Trust
- £59,365 to Citizens UK (Safe Passage)
- £16,400 to the Equality and Diversity Forum

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<https://www.jrct.org.uk/rights-and-justice>

Teacher Development Fund Opens for Applications (UK)

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation has announced that the Teacher Development Fund (TDF) will open for applications in autumn 2020. Through the TDF, primary schools working in partnership with other primary schools as well as arts / cultural organisations can apply for grants of up to £150,000 to develop the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to support the delivery of effective arts-based teaching and learning opportunities in the classroom, and to embed learning through the arts in the curriculum.

In response to Covid-19, this year the Fund will have a particular focus on exploring how blended approaches, combining digital and face to face delivery, can enhance teacher CPDL in arts-based learning.

Applications should focus on:

- Primary schools
- Supporting children and young people experiencing disadvantage
- Approaches which involve learning through the arts
- Long-term, inquiry-based projects which support teachers' professional development and learning
- Promoting effective and equitable partnerships between schools and arts/cultural organisations and artist practitioners
- The contributions of school leaders and artist practitioners as both professional learners and as supporters of embedding learning through the arts in the curriculum
- Approaches which involve any of the following art forms: crafts; creative writing, including poetry; dance; design; film; music; opera; photography; digital arts and media; theatre and drama; the visual arts; and cross-arts practices.

The Foundation expect to make around six grants to partnerships of arts/cultural organisations and up to ten schools, who will work together for two academic years.

Potential applicants are advised to read the fund guidelines and FAQs and to explore the films, blogs and links to further reading.

The closing date for applications is the 20th November 2020.

Useful Links:

[TDF Blog](#)

[Funding Case Studies](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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<https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/tdf/#how-to-apply>

Innovate UK Launches Fourth Round of Faraday Battery Challenge (UK)

UK registered businesses can apply for a share of up to £10 million in funding for innovation in electric vehicle battery technology.

The ISCF Faraday Battery Challenge: Innovation R&D, Round 4, will work with Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, to support innovation in the design, development and manufacture of batteries for the propulsion of electric vehicles, building on the outputs of previous activity to move towards commercialisation.

Innovate UK is encouraging two types of projects:

- new projects building on the outputs and outcomes of previously funded Innovate UK projects or activities;
- and new projects building on internal activity within the organisation.

Projects must clearly demonstrate a significant value-add and exploitation from a preceding feasibility study, collaborative research and development project or previous non-grant-funded activity.

Total eligible costs for projects must be between £300,000 and £1,500,000.

The deadline for applications is 11am on the 9th December 2020.

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<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/725/overview#summary>

Grants of up to £10,000 Available to Community Businesses to Improve their Trading (England)

The Power to Change Trust has announced that its Community Business Trade Up Programme has re-opened for applications.

Through the programme (which is run by the [School for Social Entrepreneurs](#)), Community Businesses in England can apply for a Trade Back grant of up to £10,000 to improve their income from trading and to improve their impact and sustainability, as well as a learning programme of 12 days spread over nine months. The programme is open for applications until 1pm on the 2nd December 2020.

Power to Change will give priority to projects that are:

- BAME-led (over 51% BAME leadership in staff or trustees/directors)
- Located in and giving support to black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) local communities
- Located in and giving support to very deprived or disadvantaged local communities

The programme will help the leaders of up to 80 community businesses across England. The learning programme will take place in 8 locations across England: Cornwall, Dartington in Devon, Hampshire – Winchester, Liverpool, London (two cohorts), Midlands, York.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

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<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/programmes/community-business-trade/>

Funding to Deliver Energy Efficiency Skills Training (England)

The UK Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy has launched the Green Homes Grant Skills Training Competition to support the rollout of the Green Homes Grant Voucher Scheme which will provide funding for the installation of renewable and energy efficient technologies.

Training providers in the UK, including Further Education colleges, training academies, and manufacturer training centres, are invited to submit proposals for delivering energy efficiency and low carbon heating installation skills training and accreditation support to installers that intend to operate under the Scheme.

Successful projects will be expected to achieve one or more of the following:

- installation training to National Occupational Standards or higher as appropriate, resulting in either a formal qualification for the trainee (where available) or other demonstration of competence
- support and training for existing installation companies to gain required PAS 2030: 2017 and/or PAS 2030: 2019 certification, including possible contribution to certification costs
- support to gain TrustMark registration and/or MCS certification, including possible contribution to certification costs
- training in the installation of one or more individual energy efficiency and/or low carbon heating measures supported by the voucher scheme, including training for individuals with existing construction skills, and training for those new to the sector
- training in wider whole house retrofit knowledge and awareness (covering wider issues such as building physics, moisture, ventilation, cold-bridging etc)
- support for training in retrofit assessor and retrofit coordinator skills to PAS 2035 standard, leading to the relevant qualification

A total of £6.9 million will be made available, with a maximum of £1 million awarded to each individual training project.

The deadline for applications is 11pm on the 14th October 2020.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/green-homes-grant-skills-training-competition>

Near Neighbours Small Grants Fund Re-opens for Applications (England)

Local groups and organisations, who are working to bring together neighbours and develop relationships across diverse faiths and ethnicities in order to improve their communities can apply for grants of £250 to £3,000 from the Near Neighbours fund. The fund which operates in specific areas of Lancashire, West Yorkshire, Greater Manchester, the Black Country, East Midlands, Birmingham, Peterborough, Luton, West London, and East London. Areas served by a local [Near Neighbours Hub](#).

Near Neighbours has two key objectives:

- Social interaction - to develop positive relationships in multi-faith and multi-ethnic areas i.e. to help people from different faiths and ethnicities get to know and understand each other better.
- Social action - to encourage people of different faiths and of no faith and of different ethnicities to come together for initiatives that improve their local neighbourhood.

To be eligible for funding, a project should:

- Bring together peoples of two or more different faiths and/or ethnicities, to build friendships and develop relationships of trust.
- Work locally: Near Neighbours want to see people who are living very locally (i.e. in the same street, estate or neighbourhood) come together.
- Work sustainably: Near Neighbours want to see long term and natural relationships grow, that will last beyond the period of funding.
- Work to improve the community: Near Neighbours want to see people working to make their communities a better place to live.
- Involve a diverse group of people in planning and implementation: People from more than one faith group and/or ethnicity are involved in running the project.

The programme has two application forms this year: a simpler form for 'micro grants' up to £1,000 and another for projects between £1,000 and £3,000.

Grants awarded in the past have offered funding to a broad range of work; environmental, social, cultural, artistic, and sporting, that furthers the programme's aims of encouraging social interaction and social action.

Applications can be submitted at any time until the 11th December 2020.

Useful Links:

[Eligible areas](#)

[2020 Grant Criteria](#)

[Application Form - Micro Grants](#)

[Application Form - Small Grants](#)

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

Scottish Veterans Fund Opens for Applications (Scotland)

Funding is available for projects that improve the lives of former service personnel and their families in Scotland.

Grants of up to £15,000 are available through the Scottish Veterans Fund for projects aimed at helping the veteran's community overcome disadvantage experienced as a result of service, as well as supporting projects that help veterans and their families successfully transition to civilian life by providing health and social care, housing, employment, skills and education, and financial advice.

This year, the £200,000 Fund which is provided by the Scottish Government and Standard Life Aberdeen, will also support projects that recognise the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the veterans community.

The deadline for applications is 12am on the 30th November 2020.

Useful Links:

[Grant Application Form](#)

[Application Guidance Document](#)

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

Apply for the Nurturing Talent - Time to Shine Fund (Scotland)

Young people living in Scotland who are aged between 11 and 25 and aspiring to careers in the creative industries can now apply for funding of between £50 and £1000 to develop their creative passions and talents. Applications are welcome from both individuals and groups.

For group applications, most of the members should be between 11 to 25 years old.

The Nurturing Talent fund has been created by the National Youth Arts Advisory Group. A total of £50,000 will be available through three funding rounds throughout 2020 - 21

The closing date for applications for the current round of funding is the 6th December 2020.

If you have any questions about the Nurturing Talent - Time to Shine Fund, get in touch with the Young Scot Co-design Team on 0131 313 2488 or email codesign@young.scot

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<https://young.scot/get-involved/national/apply-for-the-nurturing-talent-time-to-shine-fund>

Funding for Youth Groups in Rural Areas (Scotland)

Youth Scotland has announced that the Youth Scotland Rural Action Fund has re-opened for applications. Supported by [The Robertson Trust](#) and [The Gannochy Trust](#), this fund aims to enhance and develop community-based youth work in Scotland's rural communities.

In its [first two years](#), the highly successful fund has enabled 5,866 young people to access opportunities in their local communities.

The fund has been created in response to the challenges which rural youth groups are facing in funding the delivery of community based universal youth work.

It will make small awards to enable youth groups operating in rural communities provide more and/or better youth work opportunities for young people.

In order to apply, organisations must be ineligible for support through Youth Scotland's Generation Cashback programme or other Cashback for Communities funding opportunities.

The minimum amount of funding is £100 and maximum amount per award is £750.

To be eligible the applicants must be a volunteer run youth groups who:

- Are based in Scotland
- Are volunteer-led and delivered in rural communities with a maximum of 2 FTE staff member (If you have more than 2 FTE staff members for fixed periods e.g. during holidays, please contact us to see if you are eligible)
- Are universal access for all young people
- Can demonstrate a lack of alternative universal access provision for young people in their community (as a result of their rural location)
- Work with young people aged between 8 to 25 years old
- Want to try new things, enhance existing provision or increase your capacity to deliver a specific project or programme
- Plan to spend the grant within 6-9 months of receiving it
- Can provide evidence of a low annual turnover
- Are applying for between £100 and £750. No match funding is required

There are several funding rounds over the next year and the next closing date for applications is the 6th March 2020.

Useful Links:

[Application Form](#)

[Terms and Conditions](#)

[Guidance Pack](#)

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<https://www.youthscotland.org.uk/programmes/youth-scotland-rural-action-fund/>

Funding to Encourage Staff to Travel to Work by Bike (Scotland)

Grants of up to £25,000 are available to employers in Scotland for facilities and equipment that will encourage their staff and visitors to travel to and from work by bike.

Cycling Scotland's Cycling Friendly Employer Development Fund is open to businesses and organisations who are working towards achieving or maintaining Cycling Friendly Employer status to support a happier, healthier workforce and enhance corporate social responsibility.

Funding can be used for the development or improvement of facilities such as showers or bike racks, pool bikes and pool bike accessories, bike maintenance equipment for bike hubs, and signage to cycle access routes.

Cycling Scotland can provide advice on proposed projects in advance of an application being submitted. Available funds are limited and allocated on a competitive basis and applicants are encouraged to start developing their bid at the very earliest opportunity to

avoid disappointment.

Useful Links:

[Guidance for Applicants](#)

[Terms and Conditions](#)

[Apply Now](#)

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<https://www.cycling.scot/what-we-do/cycling-friendly/employer>

School Library Improvement Fund (Scotland)

The Scottish Library and Information Council has announced that the Scottish Library Improvement Fund (SLIC) has re-opened for applications. School Library Managers in Scottish state schools can apply for funding to support innovative projects in Scotland's school libraries. The fund is not designed to create new school libraries but enhance what is already there.

Previously supported include a teenage sensory reading programme in the Highlands and a mental health and wellbeing initiative in Clackmannanshire. There are no minimum or maximum grant amounts but projects must be completed within twelve months. SLIC accepts up to two applications per local authority.

The deadline for applications is the 12 noon on Friday 13th November 2020. Collaborative bids are welcomed, these may be from two schools or a school and another organisation e.g. the Scottish Book Trust.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Application Form](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Grants Awarded 2019](#)

[Grants Awarded 2018](#)

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<https://scottishlibraries.org/funding/school-library-improvement-fund/>

Funding for Training and Development to Strengthen Youth Music (Scotland)

Funding is available to individuals, organisations and networks who work outwith school settings to undertake training and continuing professional development (CPD) that will strengthen youth music in Scotland for the benefit of young people.

Through the YMI CPD and Training Fund, Creative Scotland will provide grants of up to £750 for individuals, and up to £5,000 for organisations which help people delivering youth music develop their skills and confidence, and to help the youth music sector develop, strengthen and become more sustainable.

Activities might include short-term or one-off training courses, conferences, master-classes, mentoring or private tuition, and using new technology in creative ways.

In light of Covid-19, applications for projects which deliver online courses or tuition packages are welcome.

The Fund will close when all funding has been allocated.

Useful Links:

[Guidelines](#)

[Application Form](#)

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<https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/youth-music-initiative>

Funding of up to £500 for Community Sports Projects (Glasgow and West Central Scotland)

The Aldi Scottish Sport Fund awards grants of up to £2,500 to eligible sports-focused community groups based in the vicinity of an Aldi supermarket. In 2019 the Fund awarded a total of £50,000 to 115 projects. The Fund operates on a regional basis in Scotland with each region having its own deadline. This call is for organisations in Glasgow and West Central Scotland.

Stores in the Glasgow and West Central Scotland area include: High Street Glasgow, Paisley, Fulbar Road, Erskine, Knightscliffe Glasgow, Alexandria, Carluke, Cardonald, Hamilton, East Kilbride, Rutherglen, Printers Place Paisley, Bellshill, Greenock, Cambuslang, Renfrew, Drumchapel, Strathaven, Auldhouse Glasgow, Newton Mearns, Port Glasgow, Shettleston, Robroyston, Clydebank, Johnstone, East Kilbride, Milngavie and Crown Street Glasgow.

There are three funding packages available per region: 1 x £2500, 2 x £1000, and 1 x £500.

Organisations supported will be:

- Local community focused sports focused clubs
- Registered community amateur sports clubs
- A school or educational organisation
- A religious organisation
- A Scout Guide group
- A charitable service fund of the Armed Forces
- A Registered Community Interest Company

Previous projects supported include:

- Glasgow Panthers Wheelchair Sports Club, which promotes Rugby 7's to disabled and able-bodied players of all ages. With the help of the Aldi Scottish Sports Fund, the club was able to pay their hall hire fees for 10 weeks and set out a 5-year plan for the sport in Scotland.
- Special Olympics Grampian Area Ski Group, which provides weekly ski instruction to athletes with learning disabilities. The club used their Aldi Scottish Sports Fund contribution to subsidise travel costs for the yearly regional skiing competition in Birmingham.

The deadline for this funding round is the 2nd November 2020.

Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

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<https://www.aldi.co.uk/scottishsportfund>

£14 Million Sport & Leisure Recovery Fund (Wales)

The Welsh Government has announced a £14 million funding package to support the sport and leisure sector.

The Sport and Leisure Recovery Fund will support the sector with the ongoing challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and help with longer-term planning and sustainability. The Fund will provide essential support to sports clubs and organisations, independent providers and sporting events who have all faced significant challenges during the crisis and continue to be severely impacted.

The Fund will also focus on those partners and providers who are developing innovative ways to overcome the barriers to sport that currently exist for communities across Wales to make it more inclusive.

The funding package will be managed by Sport Wales, with further information being provided in the coming weeks.

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<https://www.sport.wales/media-centre/latest-news/14m-funding-package-for-wales-sport-and-leisure-sector/>

Funding to Strengthen Networking Opportunities Across the Arts and Cultural Sectors (Wales)

The Arts Council of Wales has launched a new fund that encourages the creation of new networks, and which strengthen existing networking opportunities across the arts and cultural sectors.

All types of networks - local/regional groups; artist led groups or networks connected by art form or activity types - can apply for grants of up to £2,000 from the Sharing Together Fund for projects which promote and strengthen diversity and inclusion throughout the arts sector, and widen engagement with diverse communities. Funding could help to cover one-off meetings to bring together individuals or organisations sharing a common purpose with a view to creating a network, or set up costs towards the creation of online forums/communities.

The deadline for proposals is the 7th October 2020.

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<https://arts.wales/resources/sharing-together-fund-guidelines-2020-21>

Society of Merchant Venturers Charity (South West)

Registered charities and organisations with a charitable purpose within the greater Bristol area can apply for grants of between £500 and £5,000 through the Society of Merchant Venturers Charity.

The Charity will consider applications from organisations addressing the following needs within the greater Bristol area (defined as the former County of Avon):

- Social Needs – care of the elderly, homelessness, poverty or the prevention of crime
- Youth – to support training (outside educational establishments), assist character development and increase employment prospects and to assist the disadvantaged
- Education – directly involved with primary, secondary and tertiary education. Priority will be given to the SMV family of schools; and in support of other greater Bristol educational activities and initiatives.
- Social Enterprise – to promote and support social enterprise
- Health Care
- Culture and the Arts
- Environment
- Bristol – projects, preferably those associated with the Society's spheres of interest and achievement which will benefit Bristol and its economic development

The charity meets four times a year, typically in January, April, July and October, to consider applications for funding and the next closing date for applications is 5pm on the 2nd December 2020.

Useful Links:

[Application Criteria](#)

[Funding Case Studies](#)

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<https://www.merchantventurers.com/what-we-do/charitable-giving/>

Grants Available for Projects Benefitting Children and Young People (London)

The John Lyon's Charity gives grants to benefit children and young people up to the age of 25 who live in nine boroughs in North and West London i.e. Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster, City of London. Since 1991, the Charity has distributed over £100 million to a range of organisations that seek to promote the life-chances of children and young people through education.

The Small Grants Fund enables organisations to access smaller amounts of funding outside the main Trustee meetings. Requests to the Small Grants Fund are considered at least six times a year and there are no deadlines.

Since 1991, the Charity has distributed over £100 million to a range of services for young people, including youth clubs, arts projects, counselling initiatives, childcare and parental support schemes, sports programmes and academic bursaries.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for small one-off projects for one year only.

Organisations eligible to apply are: State schools; Independent schools with charitable status; Local authorities; Exempt charities (i.e. churches); Registered charities including CIOs (charitable incorporated organisations); and national organisations with a track record and reputation of working to benefit children and young people in one of the Charity's nine boroughs.

Previous projects supported include:

- Haverstock School – Camden. £5,000 towards the Haverstock Journalism Project
- London Children's Ballet – Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham. £5,000 towards the Ballet for £1 programme
- Primary Shakespeare Company – Multiple boroughs. £3,000 towards the Annie Williams Prize 2016/17
- Stream Skills – Brent. £4,870 towards helping local youth to get back on track

There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

[Previous Projects Supported](#)

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<http://jlc.london/schools/what-we-fund-in-schools/small-grants-fund/>

Covid-19 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 Covid-19 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.

Applications for the Christmas School Holiday 2020 must be submitted by the 16th November 2020.

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<http://jlc.london/grants/which-grant-fund-should-i-apply-to/school-holiday-activity-fund/>

Funding to Provide Services & Facilities in Deprived Areas (Sheffield)

The Talbot Trusts, a grant-making charity which distributes funds to support health-related charitable work for Sheffield residents and those on the surrounding boundary, are inviting applications to their Strategic Investment Fund.

Registered charities can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £20,000 to provide services and facilities in deprived areas for the BAMER (Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee) community, and those suffering food poverty, mental health, domestic abuse, housing debt, or homelessness.

Applicants should aim to create new, sustainable services or contribute to getting a new service up and running, perhaps through partnership/collaboration with other groups, and should look to match fund where possible.

The deadline for applications is the 15th November 2020.

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<http://thetalbottrusts.com/>

Digital Funding for VCSE Organisations in Response to Covid-19 (Salford)

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to help Salford-based VCSE organisations to maintain and enhance their digital capabilities in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. All applications to the Salford CVS - Covid-19 Digital Response programme will need to demonstrate the need for additional digital funding and be directly linked to addressing the challenges or delivering activities and services during the crisis.

Examples of eligible expenditure include hardware, software, internet connectivity and data, and training and support. Development support will be provided to applicants as well as support with selecting the most appropriate digital goods and services.

The funding is made available through Salford CVS's Third Sector Fund, supported by NHS Salford CCG.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 2nd November 2020.

Useful Links:

[Terms and Conditions of Grant](#)

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Application Form](#)

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<https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/live-grants>

Round Two of the Bradford Youth Fund Open to Applications (Bradford)

The Leeds Community Foundation has launched round two of their Bradford Youth Fund to continue to support a wide range of voluntary, community and faith youth work projects in areas of high deprivation or disadvantage in Bradford.

Charities, community groups, social enterprises and other charitable organisations can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to provide regular youth work sessions for young people aged 13-19 (or young people with a disability aged up to 25).

Activities which can be funded include:

- learning new skills,
- tackling community issues,
- increasing educational attainment,
- broadening young people's perspectives, thinking and horizons.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 29th October 2020.

Useful Links:

[Guidance and Criteria](#)

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

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<https://leedscf.org.uk/grants/bradford-youth-fund/>

[Funding Reminders](#)

Funding to Support Textile Recycling and Re-Use (UK)

Grants of between £20,000 and £170,000 are now available to commercial and not-for-profit organisations of any size to support clothing or linen waste textile recycling and re-use. The aim is to keep waste textiles out of landfill so that it remains a valuable resource.

WRAP is offering a total of £1.5 million in grants for projects that use innovative ideas, technologies and equipment, and that fit a range of criteria, including demonstrating “innovation beyond normal practice”. Projects also require match funding: 10% from not-for-profit and 50% from commercial organisations.

Funding is intended for capital expenditure only; either for equipment or technologies (excluding software apps) that enable recycling or re-use. Financing comes from Defra’s £18m Resource Action Fund, which supports resource efficiency projects across the board.

The next closing date for applications is the 30th October 2020.

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<https://wrap.org.uk/content/textiles-recycling-and-re-use-small-scale-grant>

London Mathematical Society - Small Grants for Education (UK)

Grants of up to £800 are available to stimulate interest and enable involvement in mathematics from Key Stage 1 (age 5+) to Undergraduate level and beyond. The funding is being made available through the London Mathematical Society’s Small Grants for Education scheme and aims to enhance and enrich mathematical study beyond the curriculum; engage the public with mathematics; and encourage unusual ways of communicating mathematics.

The scheme is primarily intended for activities for which there is limited scope for alternative sources of funding. Applicants linked to universities should ideally be supported by a member of the Society and ordinarily the Scheme will not fund University outreach activity. However, anyone based in the UK is eligible to apply for a grant.

There are four application rounds each year and the next closing date for applications is the 30th November 2020.

Useful Links:

[Small Grants for Education application form](#)

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<https://www.lms.ac.uk/grants/small-grants-education>

New Fund Launched to Support LGBT Communities Affected by Covid-19 (UK)

A new £350,000 funding scheme has been launched to address the additional needs of LGBT+ people and communities most adversely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and to support and strengthen LGBT+ organisations that have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The funding is available to any UK based non-profit groups, organisations or projects that work with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans + (LGBT+) people.

Eligible organisations can apply through two funding programmes:

- Small grants programme for grants up to £5,000
- Main Grants programme for grants of between £5,001 and £15,00

The grants are likely to be awarded towards ongoing work, core costs and additional work which strengthens the position of organisations and their ability to respond to community needs at this challenging time.

The funding is being made available through the LGBT+ Futures Grant Programme and is financially supported by the National Emergencies Trust.

There are no deadlines for this fund. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until all the funding has been awarded. Grants are for short-term work only and all funds awarded through the programme must be fully spent by 31 May 2021.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance Document](#)

[Small Grants Application Form](#)

[Main Grants Application Form](#)

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<https://www.consortium.lgbt/NETFund/>

Funding for Projects that Use the Arts and Media to Address the Concerns of Children (UK)

Not-for-profit organisations in the UK that are working with children and young people using the arts and creative media can apply for funding through the Ragdoll Foundation. The Foundation's vision is to support projects where the concerns of childhood can be heard. A variety of art forms can be supported including dance, drama, ceramics, creative play, film, music, puppetry and storytelling. Supported projects need to support equality of opportunity, can include families and take place in rural or urban settings and may be delivered, for example, in children's and community centres, nurseries, schools and hospitals.

Funding is available through two programmes:

- Main Grants Programme (formerly Open Grants Scheme) – Grants of up to £50,000 are available for new, larger or longer-term projects. Projects can last for up to three years. There is a two-stage application process. Stage1 applications to the main grants programme are assessed on a rolling basis and can be submitted at any time. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.
- Small Grants Programme. Organisations can apply for up to £1,500 for small, one-off projects, pilot projects, or research and development projects lasting up to 6 months. The next deadline for applications is the 30th October 2020.

Preference will be given to those projects which have a deep commitment to listening to children and allow the perceptions and feelings of children themselves to be better understood. The Foundation is mainly interested in applications that involve children during their early years, but appropriate projects for older children (up to 18 years) will also be considered.

Whilst the Foundation will fund work in and around London, they will prioritise projects taking place elsewhere in the UK.

Examples of grants awarded include:

- Dance in Devon, £20,550 over 2 years to deliver 'All Aboard', a new inclusive dance project for very young disabled and non-disabled children and their families.
- Discover Story Centre, Stratford, £30,988 over 2 years to expand the scope and scale its work with children 0-3 years old by creating 8 original story productions.
- The Paper Birds Theatre Company, £21,102 over 1 year to develop 'In the Red', a performing arts project for up to 60 young people, ages 11-18 to take place across SW England, in collaboration with 3 regional theatres.

The applications forms can be downloaded via the Ragdoll Foundation website. (Link below)

Useful Links:

[Small Grants Guidance Notes](#)

[Main Grants Guidance Notes](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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<http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

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/>

Funding to Support the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Veterans (UK)

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Positive Pathways programme has reopened for applications for projects that support the mental health and wellbeing of veterans by getting them out and active.

Armed-Forces-supporting charities or CIC's can apply for grants of £35,000 for projects developed by and for veterans which have a clearly identified activity for veterans to take part in, and should come under one of four themes:

- sports;
- arts and culture;
- getting outside;
- and heritage.

Applications are encouraged from under-represented organisations in the West Midlands and West Scotland, and activities should be feasible with any social distancing requirements in place. The programme is funded by HM Treasury.

Applications for this round of funding close at noon on the 30th November 2020.

Useful Links:

[Programme Guidance](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Previously Funded Projects](#)

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<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/positive-pathways/>

Tesco Bags of Help Scheme to Focus Support on Children and Young People (UK)

At the end of September, the Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund will close and in its place during October, November and December Tesco will be providing grants of £1000 to support projects focused on local children and young people.

The type of projects funded could include:

- Mental Health support for children and young people – COVID-19 has had an impact on the health and wellbeing of children, particularly mental health.
- Outdoor activities – sport & green space provision for children & young people including use of green spaces support wellbeing through physical activities.
- Non statutory educational activities – to support, widen and rebuild educational support networks for children, web-based activities. Sport, exercise, and arts.
- Young carers– support for young carers as a result of current and continued isolation.
- Bereavement counselling – offering support to children that have lost family members and support networks due to COVID-19
- Child poverty – to support organisations that offer family support that are further impacted by COVID-19, which could include food/educational packs, free activities.
- Vulnerable at-risk children – the pandemic has impacted vulnerable children with challenging home & family circumstances.

Other local good causes supporting children and young people will also be considered.

Eligible applicants include charities, voluntary or community organisations, schools, health bodies, Parish/Town Councils, local authorities and social housing providers.

Projects should last up to 12 months and can be a stand-alone project or discrete, self-contained part of a larger scheme, or part of a phased project. Funding can be used to cover 100% of project costs.

Applications can be made at any time.

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Eligibility Quiz](#)

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<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/home/community-apply-bags-help-grant/#more-1742>

Funding of up to £5,000 Available to Tackle Problems within Families (UK)

Registered charities whose activities support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 (but trustees will consider requests for higher amounts) through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust. The trust has decided to prioritise its funding in favour of charities whose activities involve all or most family members where possible, in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members. The objective is to reinforce the benefit and support that family members as a unit can give to each other.

The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. The Trust is happy to support requests for core funding as well as project-based grants, and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established.

The three areas of activity that the charity wishes to support are:

- Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, e.g. practical family support, relationship counselling, mediation.
- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit.
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment.

The trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered.

Projects supported in the past include:

- "Mosac", a voluntary organisation that supports all non-abusing parents and carers whose children have been sexually abused.
- Westminster Befriend a Family, which recruits, trains and supports volunteers to befriend individual families under stress and visit them regularly in their homes. The charity's volunteers can help families where a parent is disabled or has mental health problems, or a child has special needs.

The next closing date for applications is the 1st March 2021.

Useful Documents:

[Application Form](#)

[Application Criteria](#)

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

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