

# Funding Insight



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## **Funding to Improve Online Digital Presence for Small Charities (UK)**

UK charities can apply for funding of up to £2,500 to help them improve their online digital presence. The Fat Beehive Foundation awards small grants to charities with an average income of less than £1 million a year to support hard-to-fund digital expenditure that other funders will often not cover.

Funding will help organisations to build websites and apps, digitise services, and purchase digital products. Priority will be given to projects which focus on

- environmental protection or climate change mitigation,
- human rights,
- international development,
- equality and diversity,
- social justice / refugees / housing,
- education,
- art and culture,
- health and wellbeing,
- prisoner rehabilitation.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis at quarterly trustee meetings.

### **Useful Links:**

[Eligibility Checker](#)

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<https://www.fatbeehivefoundation.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

## **Funding to Increase Engineering Knowledge in Young People (UK)**

Funding is available for UK-based educational projects that aim to increase engineering knowledge in young people aged 4-19. Jointly funded by the Institution of Engineering and Technology and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Engineering Education Grant Scheme is open to applications from any organisation capable of developing and delivering UK-based educational activities, including schools, youth clubs, museums, and FE colleges.

Two levels of funding are available for projects that aim to inspire young people to study science, technology, engineering and maths subjects or raise awareness of engineering and technology-based careers. Up to £5,000 is available for standard applications, and a small number of awards of up to £15,000 are available for projects that aim to make a bigger impact.

The deadline for applications is the 19th October 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Engineering Education Grant Scheme guidance](#)

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<https://education.theiet.org/support/funding/funding-schemes-and-bursaries/>

## Grants for Chemistry Outreach Projects in Schools and Colleges (UK)

The Royal Society of Chemistry is making grants of up to £1,000 available to schools, colleges and universities to help students in the development of the practical chemistry skills and experience. To be eligible for funding through the Royal Society of Chemistry's Partnership of 3 grant scheme, the projects should bring together at least three different partners to benefit in the delivery or attendance at a chemistry centred outreach activity.

The Royal Society of Chemistry awards grants for activities that to involve the development of the practical skills/ experience in chemistry of a target group in a manner that is not achievable through normal timetabled activities.

Activities funded could include, for example, a university collaborating with a sixth form college in providing an experience for KS3/ 4 students (it may be that staff and students from the same institution are considered as different partners if they both have significant and different roles in the delivery of the proposed programme).

Strong applications will be able to demonstrate, in addition to key scientific benefits, how as many of the partners in the scheme as possible will develop through involvement in the scheme. Schemes that involve visits from one partner constituency to another will be particularly favoured.

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be evaluated at quarterly meetings throughout the year. To be considered for the next evaluation meeting applications should be submitted by the 15th November 2020.

### Useful Links:

[Application Form](#)

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<https://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS/education-support-group/partnership-of-3.asp>

## Emergency Funding for Small LGBTQ+ Organisations (UK)

Comic Relief has launched a funding scheme to address the additional needs of LGBTQ+ people and communities most adversely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, and to support and strengthen LGBTQ+ organisations through the impacts of the crisis and beyond. The LGBTQ+ COVID-19 Fund will operate in every nation of the UK, and its delivery will be supported by delivery partners in each nation.

These delivery partners are:

- NAZ
- Equality Network
- The Rainbow Project
- Umbrella Cymru
- Yorkshire MESMAC
- Birmingham LGBT

The Fund is for LGBTQ+ community-led organisations and groups to support their vital role in supporting LGBTQ+ communities through the coronavirus pandemic and beyond. Five regional panels will assess and allocate the funds.

The five Panels will be for the following areas:

- Scotland
- Northern Ireland
- Wales
- North and Midlands of England
- South of England

Funding is available to local LGBTQ+ community-led grassroots organisations and groups across the UK that work with and support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer + (LGBTQ+) communities.

Applications are open to groups and organisations with an annual turnover under £100,000.

Different levels of funding are available through the LGBTQ+ COVID-19 Fund:

- micro and small grants of up to £1,000;
- medium or large grants of up to £15,000:

Micro/small grants applications will close at 5pm on the 22nd September 2020.

Medium/large grants applications will close at 5pm on the 30th September 2020.

Groups and organisations can submit their completed application by emailing it to [niazy.hazeldine@metrocharity.org.uk](mailto:niazy.hazeldine@metrocharity.org.uk) by 5pm on the relevant closing date.

### Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes for Applicants](#)

[Micro and small grants application form](#)

[Medium and large grants applications form](#)

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<https://metrocharity.org.uk/LGBTQfundapply>

## **Scottish Power Foundation's £1.2 Million Fund Open to Applications (UK)**

Charities in the UK can now apply for a share of £2.1 million being made available by the Scottish Power Foundation.

The Foundation supports projects which make a difference to the lives of people living in communities throughout the UK. Funding will be awarded to twenty-one charities, all making a positive difference in education, arts and culture, citizenship, and environmental initiatives.

Grants of between £35,00 and £200,000 will be made available by the Foundation which champions benevolent work in local communities. Applying for funding is highly competitive each year. Successful charities will need to fill in an eligibility form and an application form, showing passion, skill and commitment to making a positive change in their communities.

To apply, charities will need to complete an eligibility form. Charities that pass the eligibility test will receive an email with a link to the application form.

The deadline for applications is 1pm on the 24th September 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Eligibility Form](#)

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[https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/applying\\_for\\_funding.aspx](https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/applying_for_funding.aspx)

## **Funding for Projects That Contribute to the Ongoing Transformation of the Northern Ireland Conflict (UK)**

Registered, excepted or exempt charities based within any of the four jurisdictions of the UK can apply for programme or project funding or for unrestricted or core support for work which will contribute to the ongoing transformation of the Northern Ireland conflict.

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) aims to fund work delivered by organisations, individuals and charities and grants range from a few hundred pounds to £100,000+ and may be single payments or spread over up to three years.

JRCT is interested in funding work which:

- Addresses the root causes of violence and injustice, rather than alleviating symptoms
- Cannot be funded from other sources
- Is likely to make a long-term, strategic difference.

Funded projects will address the following priority areas:

- Strengthening human rights and equality
- Supporting inclusive, non-sectarian and participatory politics
- Supporting processes of demilitarisation
- Dealing with the past i.e. work that promotes a shared understanding of the root causes of past violence, or which encourages government to implement initiatives to address the legacy of violence at a societal level.

The Trust is particularly interested in receiving applications related to women's participation in all of these areas.

In addition to applications from Northern Ireland, it is open to receiving applications from Britain and the Republic of Ireland for work related to the above areas, and for work with an all-Ireland focus. Registered, excepted or exempt charities based within any of the four jurisdictions of the UK can apply for programme or project funding or for unrestricted or core support. Further details on eligibility can be found [here](#).

Local work will be supported only where it is likely to have a wider impact, for example if it is testing a model which can then be replicated, or is addressing a local issue that has wider social or political implications.

To apply, organisations need to register with the Trust's grants management system. The deadline to register is the 13th November 2020 and the deadline to apply is 5pm on the 30th November 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Projects previously funded](#)

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<https://www.jrct.org.uk/northern-ireland>

## Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust Sustainable Futures Fund (UK)

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust recognises that climate change caused by human activity is threatening the well-being of humanity and that the wealthiest countries and individuals are responsible for a disproportionate share of emissions, whilst the poorest countries and sections of society are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. In order to tackle this issue, the Sustainable Futures fund focuses grant making on:

- Identifying the true costs and risks of resource depletion, climate change and other environmental problems
- Campaigns, initiatives and work that promote alternatives to consumerism
- Campaigns and movements that give a voice to young activists and marginalised groups on issues of economic and environmental justice.

Grants are available from a few hundred pounds to over £100,000 and may be single payments or spread over up to three years.

Funding priorities are:

- Better economics – with grants funding work that explores how sustainability rather than traditional forms of economic growth
- Beyond consumerism – funded work will include that which engages people individually and collectively in moving culture away from consumerism and towards more sustainable ways of living
- New Voices – funding for campaigns and movements that enable marginalised groups and young activists to have a voice in decisions which affect them

To apply, organisations need to register with the Trust's grants management system. The deadline to register is the 13th November 2020 and the deadline to apply is 5pm on the 30th November 2020.

### Useful Links:

[Apply Online](#)

[Previous Projects Supported](#)

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<https://www.jrct.org.uk/sustainable-future>

## Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Power and Accountability (UK)

Funding is available from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) to support projects that challenge how power is concentrated, shared and used and how it is changing through globalisation, new technology, new channels of communication, extreme inequality and other factors. Specifically, the Trust wants to support people to create a world in which power is more equally shared, and in which powerful institutions are responsive and accountable to wider society and aligned with the long-term public interest.

Applications should address the following:

- Strengthening corporate accountability
- Strengthening democratic accountability
- Encouraging responsible media.

In addition to the specific focus areas above, JRCT is open to occasionally supporting other work that furthers the vision of this programme, is highly innovative, with the potential to bring about systemic change and is exceptionally difficult to fund from other sources.

Projects can be UK-based or can be pan-European. Applications aimed at increasing the accountability of the UK government and other UK bodies for the impact of the policies and practices that they pursue within global institutions are also considered.

A broad range of organisations and individuals are eligible to apply – check eligibility [here](#).

[Recent grants awarded](#) have ranged from £1,000 to £100,000+ including:

- £34,500 to the Bevan Foundation
- £11,000 to the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies
- £1,000 to three 4 all theatre

To apply, organisations need to register with the Trust's grants management system. The deadline to register is the 13th November 2020 and the deadline to apply is 5pm on the 30th November 2020.

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<https://www.jrct.org.uk/power-and-accountability>



## **Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme Due to Re-open for Applications in September 2020 (UK)**

The Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme is due to re-open for applications on the 21st September 2020. The programme offers grants of up to £1,000 to schools in the UK to set up Breakfast clubs for those children in most need.

To qualify for the programme:

- The breakfast club must be based in a school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland;
- A limited number of grants are available so priority will be given to schools that have **either**:

35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding and / or eligible for free school meals.

**or**

Schools that are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Schools can find out if this applies to their school by following the instructions which you can find here.

- Additionally, if your school has received breakfast club funding from Gregg's or Magic Breakfast within the current academic year, your club will not be considered a priority for support.
- Only one grant per school in each academic year is available.

For any queries please contact Forever Manchester on 0044 161 214 0940 or e-mail [kelloggs@forevermanchester.com](mailto:kelloggs@forevermanchester.com)

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<https://forevermanchester.com/kelloggs-breakfast-club-programme/>

## **Women in Innovation Awards Opens for Applications (UK)**

Innovate UK, as part of UK Research and Innovation, is offering ten Women in Innovation Awards to female entrepreneurs across the UK. The 2020-21 Awards aim to fund and support women with innovative ideas and ambitious plans that will inspire others.

Female founders, co-founders and senior decision makers within UK registered micro or SME businesses that have been operating for at least one year are eligible for an award of £50,000, and a bespoke package of mentoring, coaching and business support.

Applicants must be confident that they can make a significant contribution to a pressing societal, environmental and/or economic challenge through projects across a variety of innovation areas. Projects must start by 1 April 2021 and will last for one year.

Anyone who self-identifies as a woman is also eligible to apply.

The competition closes at 11am on the 14th October 2020.

For more information, email [support@innovateuk.ukri.org](mailto:support@innovateuk.ukri.org) or call the competition helpline on 0300 321 4357.

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<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/711/overview>

## Disabled People's Organisations Secure £1.5 Million to Help with Impact of the Pandemic on Disabled People (UK)

Disabled people's organisations (DPOs) working on the frontline of the coronavirus pandemic can apply for a share of a new £1.5 million emergency fund to help them respond to the COVID-19-related needs of disabled people. Grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 are available.

Funding is being distributed to grassroots DPOs across the UK to try to ensure disabled people are less isolated, more independent and their voices are heard and reflected in recovery strategies. The £1.5 million funding has been awarded to a consortium of regional and national DPOs by the National Emergencies Trust (NET) that will award grants to local DRPs.

[Disability Wales](#), [Inclusion Scotland](#) and [Disability Action Northern Ireland \(DANI\)](#) will allocate the funding to local DPOs in the devolved nations.

The two national partners for England are [Inclusion London](#) and the [Reclaiming Our Futures Alliance \(ROFA\)](#), which have chosen regional DPOs – [Spectrum Centre for Independent Living](#) in the south-east, [The West of England Centre for Inclusive Living](#), [Equality Together in Bradford](#), [Disability Sheffield](#), [Equal Lives](#) in the east of England, Birmingham's [Disability Resource Centre](#), [Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People](#), and Inclusion London in the capital – to allocate funding to local DPOs in their areas.

These larger DPOs will encourage the local DPOs to apply for funding, support them with their applications, monitor how funding is spent, and evaluate the success of projects.

The application process for DPOs will last from early September to 5 October, with funding distributed by the end of October for projects that must be completed by the end of June. The fund will open for applications from early September 2020.

For more information, email [NETgrants@disabilityaction.org](mailto:NETgrants@disabilityaction.org)

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

### Useful Links:

[Information for Applicants](#)

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

## Public Engagement Spark Awards Re-open for Applications (UK)

The Science and Technology Facilities Council's (STFC) Public Engagement Spark Awards has re-opened for applications.

Awards of up to £15,000 are available to schools as well as scientists and engineers, museums, science communicators, and amateur astronomy groups, etc to deliver high-quality public engagement activities that focus on a topic within the Council's remit. This can include:

- astronomy, solar and planetary science,
- particle physics,
- particle astrophysics,
- cosmology,
- nuclear physics
- accelerator science.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Council's Public Engagement Team to discuss their ideas in the first instance. To discuss a potential application email [STFCPublicEngagement@stfc.ac.uk](mailto:STFCPublicEngagement@stfc.ac.uk)

The closing date for applications is 4pm on the 22nd October 2020.

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<https://stfc.ukri.org/public-engagement/public-engagement-grants/pe-funding-opportunities/stfc-public-engagement-spark-awards/>

## Funding to Help Schools & Colleges Reduce Energy Usage (UK)

Individual academies, academy sixth forms, free schools and those in Multi-Academy Trusts will be able to apply for funding to install energy efficient technologies to lower energy bills and create a more comfortable learning environment.

Loans of up to £150,000 will be available from Salix's Energy Efficiency Fund, in partnership with the Department for Education, to reduce energy usage. Each applicant may submit one application, which can consist of multiple projects, and must cost no more than £222 for every tone of carbon saved. The loan value must be repaid within an eight-year period. Projects exceeding this payback can be part funded.

A new round is anticipated to open in autumn 2020 with more details to follow shortly.

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<https://www.salixfinance.co.uk/loans/SEEF>

## **Grants for Churches for the Conservation of Decorative Features and Monuments (UK)**

The next closing date for applications to the William and Jane Morris Fund is the 31st March 2021.

The Fund accepts applications from churches, chapels and other places of worship built before 1896 for grants of between £500 and £5,000 to carry out small programmes of conservation work to decorative features and monuments. All work funded must be directed by a professional architect or established conservator and completed according to the principles of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB).

Eligible work could include (but is not limited to):

- Stained glass windows
- Sculpture
- Furniture
- Internal monuments
- Tombs
- Wall paintings.

Previous awards have been made to:

- St Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas for the conservation of wall paintings (£1,000).
- Holy Trinity Church, St Austell to restore a monument to Joseph Sawle (£750).
- The Lye and Wollescote Chapels, Dudley for the repair of a weathervane (£1,600).

### **Useful Links:**

[Make a Grant Application](#)

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<https://www.sal.org.uk/grants/morris-fund-conservation-grants/>

## The Open Fund for Music Creators (UK)

Songwriters, composers, and artists, bands, producers and performers who are writing their own music or commissioning other songwriters or composers can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to support the:

- Creation, performance and promotion of outstanding new music in any genre
- Enable the UK's most talented music creators to realise their potential
- Reaching new audiences

The funding is being made available through the PRS Foundation's Open Fund for Music Creators and can support activities such as:

- touring
- music creator residencies
- promotion and marketing
- commissions of new music by UK-based creators
- exciting community projects involving high-quality music creators
- recording
- live performances featuring new UK music.

The closing date for applications is 6pm on the 5th October 2020.

### Useful Links:

[Funding Criteria](#)

[Apply](#)

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<https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/all-career-levels/the-open-fund-for-music-creators/>

## Funding for High Quality New Music Projects (UK)

PRS Foundation's Open Fund for Organisations supports high quality new music projects led by promoters, talent development organisations, venues, festivals, curators and large performance groups (for example orchestras, choirs, jazz bands or folk groups with 12 or more performers).

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

Grants of up to £10,000 are awarded to composer's cover activities such as:

- Touring
- Recording
- Promotion and marketing
- Commissions of new music by UK-based creators\*
- Exciting community projects involving high-quality music creators
- Music creator residencies
- Live programmes featuring new UK music

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

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

Priority is given to not for profit groups.

Funded projects **must comply** with the latest UK Government **advice, lockdown restrictions and social distancing measures**. Please be aware that we are **still accepting applications which involved live performance or other elements** which at time of writing are not allowed but will in the future go ahead.

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

### Useful Links:

[Grant Making Criteria](#)

[FAQs](#)

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

## **The Classical Association Grants (UK)**

The Classical Association (CA), which awards grants to support classical projects and conferences, has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 1st December 2020.

The Association will consider applications for summer schools and to institutions offering courses in Greek, Latin, classical civilisation; and bursaries for teachers attending courses abroad to support their professional development. The Association will also support school teaching and outreach work such as Greek and Latin reading competitions, regional Greek/Roman days and school conferences; etc. The Grants Committee meets four times a year.

Schools and other organisations that are applying for more than £2,000 must submit their application in time for either the March or September deadlines.

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<http://www.classicalassociation.org/grants.html%20%C2%A0%C2%A0>

## **Hellenic Society Hardship Grants (UK)**

The Hellenic Society makes grants of various kinds to schools, universities and other institutions, undergraduates, graduate students and young researchers which are engaged in Hellenic Studies at all levels. In response to the coronavirus, the Society is temporarily offering small hardship grants to those who have been affected by the crisis.

Funding of up to £200 will be made to:

- those who have held a temporary post in a UK Higher Education Institutions in the last twelve months and whose employment has come to an end during 2020;
- self-funded Post Graduate Researchers, especially those in their third or fourth year;
- and self-funded MA/MPhil/MSt students.

The deadline for applications in this round is the 30th September 2020.

Applicants should email [secretary@hellenicsociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hellenicsociety.org.uk) with the following details: a brief account of the personal circumstances necessitating the grant, the purpose for which the money is to be used, and the precise sum needed (not more than 300 words in total). They should also include the name of their previous line manager or thesis supervisor as appropriate and ask them to email the same address separately to confirm their personal circumstances in broad terms.

Please email Dr Fiona Haarer (Executive Secretary: [secretary@hellenicsociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hellenicsociety.org.uk)) with any queries.

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

## **Funding to Address Digital Exclusion in Response to Coronavirus (England, excluding London)**

The UK Government has announced a new £5 million funding opportunity which aims to address two of the main access issues associated with digital exclusion in response to coronavirus. These are:

- physical access to the internet,
- the issue of data poverty.

Organisations across England (excluding London) can apply for funding to deliver short-term activity to existing European Social Fund (ESF) participants as an add-on to the ESF support they are currently receiving.

Projects will obtain and loan appropriate devices (e.g. tablets, laptops), provide a three-month data allowance via a data dongle, and set up support to enable users to understand functionality and get online.

Projects can be funded at 100% ESF through this Call. There is no upper or lower financial limit for project applications in this call.

The deadline for applications is 11.59pm on the 30th September 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Eligibility Rules Priority Access 4 COVID-19 Response](#)

[Lump Sum Digital Interventions MI Guidance](#)

[ESF Online Application Guidance](#)

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<https://www.gov.uk/european-structural-investment-funds/lump-sum-digital-interventions-rc00s20x1772>



## Funding to Help Disadvantaged Young People and Children (England and Wales)

Charities in England and Wales can apply for Early Years Opportunities Grants through the Masonic Charitable Foundation. The Early Years Opportunities programme is open to charities that help disadvantaged children and young people (up to the age of 25 years) overcome the barriers they face to achieve the best possible start in life.

Grants can be offered to charities that provide:

- Mental and physical health support
- Learning and development, including language and communication skills, social and emotional etc.
- Parental support, including whole family approach
- Pastoral and advocacy support

The type of activities that could be funded include:

- Additional educational opportunities such as improving literacy and numeracy
- Individual interventions, i.e. parent education, home visiting or mentoring
- Encouraging healthy behaviours with regards to diet, activity and wellbeing
- Psychological interventions for domestic abuse and behavioural issues etc.
- Provision of vital adaptive technologies and equipment removing barriers
- Alternative methods or specialist therapies to help children and young people integrate into the mainstream education system.

The Foundation offers both small grants of up to £5,000 per year for up to 3 years to charities with an annual income of up to £500,000 ; and large grants on average of between £20,000 and £60,000 to charities with an annual income of above £500,000 for projects lasting up to three years.

The next funding round for small grants will open on the 1st October 2020 and will close for applications on the 23rd December 2020. The large grants programme is currently open for applications with a closing date of the 31st October 2020.

### Useful Links:

[Eligibility Guidelines: Small Grants](#)

[Application Guidelines: Small Grants](#)

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<https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/children-and-young-people/>

## **Interest-Free Loans for the Purchase of Musical Instruments & Equipment (England and Northern Ireland)**

Interest-free loans are available for the purchase of musical instruments and equipment, to help ensure that more people across England and Northern Ireland can access instruments and learn to play.

The Take it Away Scheme works with music retailers to allow applicants to buy almost any musical instrument available, such as traditional instruments like violins, clarinets, guitars and pianos, contemporary equipment like synthesizers, drum machines and recording equipment, or musical accessories like cases.

The Scheme is backed by the Arts Council and makes loans of up to £5,000 to people in England aged up to 25 years, and up to £2,000 to all ages in Northern Ireland.

Applicants must have an annual income of £5,000 or more and applications can be made at any time.

### **Useful Links:**

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[How it Works](#)

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<https://takeitaway.org.uk/back-to-school-20/>

## **Latest Round of Funding to Improve Air Quality Across England (England)**

The UK government has announced the latest round of funding for local projects to improve air quality across England.

The £2 million Air Quality Grant scheme will allow Local Authorities to bid for funding to support a wide range of projects to help clean up dirty air and create cleaner and healthier environments.

This is a competitive grant application process, with projects to tackle levels of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) or liquid droplets in the air particularly welcomed by Defra. The best projects will also develop long-term solutions to increase awareness and encourage behaviour change.

The scheme has previously awarded around £64.5 million to a variety of projects benefitting schools, businesses and communities, and reducing the impact of dirty air on people's health.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 14th October 2020.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/air-quality-grant-programme>

## **Funding to Help Childcare Providers Reopen in Response to the Covid-19 Crisis (Scotland)**

Applications are now open for funding to help childcare providers in Scotland meet the extra costs of complying with public health guidance.

The Transitional Support Fund, provided by the Scottish Government, will provide one-off grants of between £1500 and £8000 to private, voluntary and not-for-profit sectors, including out-of-school care providers, and will be based on Care Inspectorate registered capacity.

Eligible settings can apply for a grant to help them meet the extra costs incurred to enable them to reopen, such as increased cleaning, new or additional equipment, better outdoor spaces or adaptations to buildings. To be eligible, settings must confirm that they have already reopened.

The deadline for applications is the 9th October 2020.

Eligible organisations can apply for a grant through the [Transitional Support Fund application site](#).

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<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-support-to-childcare-sector/pages/transitional-support-fund-for-childcare-providers/>

## **Funding for Community Projects to Improve Cycle Routes (Scotland)**

Equipment and training 'bundles' are available to registered charities, social enterprises and other constituted community groups for small projects which benefit people or wildlife across traffic-free National Cycle Network routes in Scotland.

The Love Your Network grant, funded by Transport Scotland and delivered by Sustrans Scotland, will provide grants of between £100 and £750 to cover a range of costs including:

- litter-picking equipment,
- hand tools,
- native plants,
- ecology advice.

The Fund aims to help communities carry out physical improvements to cycle routes in their area which make journeys on the Network more attractive and enjoyable. Priority will be given to projects which take place on a traffic-free section of a numbered National Cycle Network route.

Local authorities may apply for funding on behalf of a community group that is not currently constituted.

The deadline for applications in this round is the 28th May 2021.

The online application deadline is available on the Sustrans Scotland website (link below)

### **Useful Links:**

[Fund Guidelines](#)

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

## **The Weir Charitable Trust (Scotland)**

Small community groups and charities based in Scotland can apply to the Weir Charitable Trust for funding of up to £25,000 to support projects relating to:

- Sport i.e. encouraging and increasing public participation in sport
- Health i.e. the prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering
- Culture i.e. supporting heritage through participation projects
- The advancement of animal welfare
- Recreational Facilities i.e. the provision or organisation of recreational facilities that are primarily intended for people who need them due to age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and are available to members of the public at large.

The Trust accepts applications from new or established community groups and small charities, based in Scotland and providing services in Scotland, who are struggling to secure funds through mainstream funders or who have unsuccessfully explored all the statutory sources of funding. Eligible applicant organisations will have an income of £100,000 or less per year.

### **Projects supported in the past include:**

- Farmersfield Rest-home for Elderly Donkeys (FRED) - £2,000 for this rest-home for elderly donkeys.
- Plains Senior Residents Club - £1,797 for this volunteer-run Club offering over 20 senior residents a weekly home-cooked meal and a friendly place to meet.
- Inverness Foodstuff - £10,000 to support the Volunteer Manager role at this drop-in-centre for people in need.

The next deadline to apply is the 26th February 2021 at 5pm.

### **Useful Links:**

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[FAQs](#)

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<http://weircharitabletrust.com/apply-now>

## **Arts Council Re-Opens Covid-19 Emergency Fund for Arts and Cultural Organisations (Northern Ireland)**

In response to the coronavirus, the Arts Council of Northern Ireland has re-opened the Organisations Emergency Programme in a second call to support arts and cultural organisations.

Small to medium scale organisations which did not receive support in the first call, can now apply for grants of up to £25,000 each to help alleviate the significant financial pressures they are facing due to loss of income or operational capacity as a result of Covid-19, and to help them prepare to safely re-open and flourish. It will aim to assist those most in need up to 31 March 2021.

The Arts Council welcomes applications from Arts or Cultural organisations whose primary work is in the following art form or cultural areas. Arts Organisation need to have a proven track record of quality work and public engagement supported by public funding in one of the last three financial years:

- Dance
- Drama
- Literature
- Music and Opera
- Traditional Arts
- Visual Arts
- Festivals
- Participatory Arts
- Cross Art form
- Venues delivering cultural events

Applications are welcomed from organisations working in or on behalf of Irish or Ulster-Scots. In particular, the Arts Council welcome applications from organisations which deliver work in relation to:

- Public engagement activities
- Audience development programmes (events, exhibitions, workshops, talks and online initiatives).

The Programme helped 150 organisations in the first call from festivals and community arts groups to music, circus and theatre companies.

The Programme closes to applications at 4pm on the 17th September 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

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<http://artscouncil-ni.org/funding/scheme/organisations-emergency-programme>

## **Funding to Support Local Community Groups & Organisations (South Yorkshire)**

Volunteer-led community groups and organisations responding to their communities' needs in South Yorkshire can apply for grants of between £250 and £5,000 from the South Yorkshire's Community Fund's Community Grants Programme.

The Programme is made up a number of grant funding pots and will fund a wide range of community activities with preference to smaller, developing, or less well-resourced grass-roots groups and organisations, where small amounts of funding can make a real difference.

Funding will support activities or projects that focus upon the advancement of education, promotion of good health or the relief of poverty and sickness amongst people who face discrimination or disadvantage.

The deadline for applications is the 2nd November 2020 with further details on the application process being released in the coming weeks.

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<https://www.sycf.org.uk/apply/south-yorkshire/sycf-community-grants-programme/>

## **Funding for Projects that Support Communities to “Be Safe and Feel Safe” (North Yorkshire)**

Organisations, groups or individuals can apply for grants of between £500 and £20,000 for new community safety projects or schemes in North Yorkshire and the City of York.

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire – Community Fund will invest in projects at a local level which can achieve positive outcomes for individuals and communities, helping them to “Be Safe and Feel Safe”. This might include:

- diversionary activities for children and young people,
- promoting safety and reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour,
- support for victims,
- improving community cohesion,
- preventing crime and anti-social behaviour,
- and supporting the purchase of specific pieces of equipment in key community locations.

The deadline for applications in this round is 4pm on the 21st October 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

[Application Guidance Notes](#)

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<https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/how-can-we-help/community-projects/apply-community-fund/>

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

A new Covid-19 Emergency Fund is now open to applications from grassroots Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) in London 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

Two webinars will be held in September and other support will be available for DPOs applying to the fund which will be administered by Inclusion London 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.inclusionlondon.org.uk/disability-in-london/coronavirus-updates-and-information/ddpo-organisational-support/disabled-peoples-organisations-covid-19-emergency-fund/>

## Funding to Deliver More Affordable Homes (London)

Applications are invited for proposals for innovative ways to deliver more affordable homes in London. The Mayor of London's Innovation Fund is seeking proposals from those using innovative ways to deliver more 'genuinely affordable' homes to Londoners on a similar level of affordability as London Affordable Rent, London Living Rent or London Shared Ownership.

This is part of Homes for Londoners, which brings together the Mayor's work to tackle the housing crisis.

Projects should demonstrate how the funding can support

- community-led housing;
- offsite and precision manufacturing of homes;
- and new accommodation for homeless households.

Proposals will be expected to demonstrate:

- capability and capacity to deliver the proposed homes
- that land has been acquired or lined up to enable early delivery
- that the delivery model can be scaled up to provide significant numbers of new homes
- that the delivery model will be compliant with State Aid rules
- the circumstances in which GLA grant would be repaid and when this is likely to be

Applications must be made through the [Expression of Interest Form](#). Please email your form to [innovationfund@london.gov.uk](mailto:innovationfund@london.gov.uk)

Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time.

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing-and-land/homes-londoners/apply-innovation-fund>



## **Funding of up to £5,000 Available for Road Safety Projects (Avon and Somerset)**

The Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust is currently accepting applications through its Road Safety Grant. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to local community and voluntary groups in Avon and Somerset for projects that improve road safety and prevent road traffic injuries.

When reviewing your application, Trustees will look to ensure the Trust's aims and objectives are met:

- To improve road safety in order to reduce accidents and casualty figures in the Avon and Somerset area
- To improve education and training for children, young people, learners and inexperienced and older drivers
- To support local communities in becoming safer and better places to live
- To reduce the economic and personal costs of fatalities and serious injuries
- To improve driving skills
- To improve awareness and educate drivers about non-vehicle road users, including horse riders and cyclists

The Road Safety Scheme does not cover funding for Community SpeedWatch. Find out how to apply for [Community SpeedWatch Scheme funding](#).

The closing date for applications is the 30th September 2020.

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<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/police-community-trust/road-safety-fund/>

## **Grants of up to £1,000 Available for Community Safety Projects (Avon and Somerset)**

The Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust is currently accepting applications through its General Fund. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to local community and voluntary groups in Avon and Somerset for projects that improve community safety.

When reviewing your application, Trustees will look to ensure the Trust's aims and objectives are met:

- Protecting local people and property from crime
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Educating young people on the dangers of drug, alcohol and solvent abuse
- Increasing community safety for all but especially the young, vulnerable and elderly
- Diverting young people away from crime and anti-social behaviour, encouraging their growth into responsible young adults
- Building good community relations

The closing date for applications is the 30th September 2020.

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<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/police-community-trust/police-community-trust-general-fund/>

## **Covid-19 Voluntary Sector BAME Response Fund (Salford)**

In response to the coronavirus, Salford CVS will be awarding grants of up to £10,000 for Salford-based Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) -led VCSE organisations which are supporting BAME communities disproportionately affected by the Covid19 pandemic.

Through the Covid-19 BAME Response Fund, grants will be available for projects which tackle longstanding inequalities exacerbated by the pandemic which affect BAME groups in areas such as health, housing and employment. The Fund is prioritising projects which will reduce exposure to Covid-19 through culturally appropriate health and wellbeing messages and education campaigns, provide services and practical support that meet the cultural and linguistic needs of BAME communities, provide bereavement support, and physical and mental health and wellbeing support, and which tackles obesity and diabetes.

The application deadline is 12pm on the 19th October 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

Guidance Notes in [PDF Format](#) or [WORD Format](#)

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

## **Funding to Support the Sustainability of the Youth & Play Sector (Bristol)**

Youth and play work organisations from voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) groups can apply for funding of up to £10,000 (£30,00 for partnerships) for projects and collaborations that result in a diverse range of services for children and young people aged 8-19 years old.

Bristol City Council's Youth Sector Support Fund aims to help the youth and play sector to become more sustainable, and reach into communities by either working with others, diversifying its sources of income, and/or developing new ways of working.

Funding can be used to cover costs including core costs (e.g. staff, office costs), project costs (e.g. venue hire, project worker), capital costs or organisational development costs.

The deadline for applications for the next quarter is 12pm on the 5th October 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

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<https://quartetcf.org.uk/grant-programmes/bristol-city-council-youth-sector-support-fund/>

## **Funding for Community Health & Wellbeing Projects (Salford)**

Salford CVS has started a new application round for their Wellbeing Fund which gives grants of up to £1,000 to small voluntary, community or social enterprise sector organisations undertaking Covid-safe health and wellbeing projects for the benefit of Salford residents.

Eligible projects for the grants include those which fall under one or more of the established 'Five Ways to Wellbeing':

- connect,
- be active,
- take notice,
- keep learning
- and give.

Examples include projects which:

- help reduce social isolation;
- increase physical activity;
- increase a sense of community belonging;
- increase employability
- improve happiness and a sense of wellbeing.

Only organisations which are members of Salford CVS with a turnover of up to £100,000pa are eligible to apply for funding.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 25th September 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

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

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## **Funding for Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities (UK)**

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established to provide both research and project funding in the area of severe learning difficulties, including autism for both children and adults.

Grants are made to cover capital projects and core costs to include staff costs, general running and office costs at charitable organisations, schools and centres.

Projects funded include:

- Capital works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools
- Employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture
- Play schemes and play therapy schemes
- Day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs
- Support for families, including respite schemes
- Independent living schemes
- Support in the community schemes
- Snoezelen rooms.

Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity. Schools and Parent Teacher Associations and Industrial & Provident Societies can also apply. Funding in the past has ranged in value from £250 to £150,000.

The next deadline for applications seeking funding in excess of £10,000 is the 1st December 2020.

Applications for £10,000 and below are considered under the Small Grants procedure and can be submitted at any time.

### **Recent awards have been made to:**

- Rose Road Association, £30,000 towards capital costs and funding of short breaks.
- Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group, £25,000 towards core costs of Play Group.
- Willow Tree Garden, £30,000 towards refurbishment and development of buildings connected with the woodworking workshops.

### **Useful Links:**

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

[General Guidelines](#)

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<http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants>

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

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

Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support:

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

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

The next closing date for applications is the 31st October 2020.

### **Useful Links:**

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

## **Grants of up to £1 Million Available for the Recovery of Foundation Industries (UK)**

UK-registered businesses can apply for a share of £8 million in grant funding for projects supporting the recovery and growth of foundation industries such as cement, glass, ceramics, paper, metals and bulk chemicals. Grants of between £100,000 and £1 million are available through Innovate UK.

Projects must demonstrate how they address resource or energy efficiency of foundation industries and support resilience and sustainability of the sector and its supply chains. Applicants can include techno-economic assessment of new products, services and business models and must:

- help the UK's foundation industries remain globally competitive and become more environmentally sustainable
- indicate how the innovation helps meet the needs of business and/or industry as it emerges from Covid-19 pandemic and aids rapid recovery
- demonstrate that the business has the capability to deliver the project

UK businesses of any size and research and technology organisations can apply. The closing date for applications is 11am on the 11th November 2020.

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<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/684/overview#summary>

## **Volant Trust Announces Launch of Covid-19 Response Fund (UK / International)**

The Volant Trust has announced that it will open its Covid-19 Response Fund on the 1st August 2020. The Trust is accepting applications from registered charities, community interest companies, community organisations or social enterprises in the UK and internationally that demonstrate a strong focus on alleviating social deprivation and helping vulnerable groups who have been particularly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Funding is available to support running and core costs as well as for medical equipment and the production or distribution of PPE will also be considered.

There are no funding levels indicated at the award of grants will be at the discretion of the Trustees.

The closing date for applications will be the 31st December 2020.

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<https://www.volanttrust.org/how-to-apply-covid-19/>

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