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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/>

Funding for Projects That Assist Disadvantaged Young People (UK)

Grants of between £200 and £2,000 are available for projects which empower disadvantaged young people in the UK to fulfil their potential.

The funding is being made available through the KFC Foundation and is available to local charities, registered community interest companies, unincorporated clubs and associations that have a turnover of less than £300,000 which have a local KFC restaurant in their community.

The KFC Foundation welcomes funding applications from organisations which:

- Benefit young people aged 11-25 years old.
- Supports those in a position of social disadvantage (i.e. care leavers, those experiencing homelessness, young carers, young parents, young people at risk of or with experience of the criminal justice system).
- Empower young people to fulfil their potential and build a positive future by providing spaces that allow young people to feel safe and secure, helping them to unlock talent, build life skills, provide mentoring and improve their chances to gain meaningful employment.
- Are local to a KFC restaurant? ([Find Your Local KFC](#))
- Will demonstrate positive results from their project within 12 months of our funding being received.

Expressions of interest must be submitted via a two-minute video and a short application form by the 25th September 2020.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Expression of Interest Form](#)

[Draft Application Template](#)

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<https://www.kfc.co.uk/kfc-foundation-community-grants>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The [Small Charities Challenge Fund](#) (SCCF) will remain open and all applications will be reviewed on a 6-monthly basis. The next review of proposals is 5pm on the 24th September 2020.

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

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

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Current grant holders](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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

Funding 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>

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>

Funding to Understand the Impact of Covid-19 on Health & Social Care (UK)

The Health Foundation has launched a new Covid-19 Research Programme offering funding of between £100,000 and £200,000 for projects seeking to understand the impact of Covid-19 in the UK. Projects can have a duration of up to 12 months.

The programme is an open award programme, available to suitably qualified and experienced research teams from a broad range of disciplines based in the UK. Priority will be given to projects that

- explore how health and social care service delivery has changed in light of COVID-19,
- the impact of Covid-19 on health inequalities and the wider determinants of health.

Applications involving patients, the public and people with lived experience are strongly encouraged.

The deadline for applications is the 30th September 2020.

Useful Links:

[Notes for applicants](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Draft award agreement](#)

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<https://www.health.org.uk/funding-and-partnerships/programmes/covid-19-research-programme>

Funding for Data Analytics Projects to Help the Social Care Sector Respond to Covid-19 (UK)

The Health Foundation has launched a new £300,000 funding programme for projects which demonstrate how data analytics can be used to improve social care and help the social care sector respond to COVID-19 and its aftermath.

Through the Strengthening Social Care Analytics programme, funding of up to £60,000 will be available to support up to five projects across the UK that can present the effective use of data in improving outcomes for vulnerable people and building a resilient, safe workforce.

Proposals must address three key priorities:

- Improving the quality of social care for cohorts of people that experience the worst outcomes.
- Building a resilient, safe workforce.
- Understanding the lived experience of people needing social care.

Teams must be prepared to share their learning with other social care analytics teams.

A webinar will be held on the 10th September to discuss the programme.

To apply, social care providers and commissioners, including domiciliary care providers, must complete an expression of interest form by 12pm on the 2nd October 2020.

Useful Links:

[Expression of interest form](#)

[Notes for applicants](#)

[Frequently asked questions](#)

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<https://www.health.org.uk/funding-and-partnerships/programmes/strengthening-social-care-analytics>

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>

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 Charities Supporting the Over 60's and BAME Communities (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK charities that focus on the often complex issues that have arisen from the Covid-19 pandemic for people aged 60 and over. The funding is being made available through the Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust. The Trust will also be prioritising charities that work in BAME communities, in light of Black Lives Matter and the growing awareness that these communities are being disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 crisis.

The funding is available to UK registered charities that have an operating income and expenditure in excess of £1 million.

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

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<https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

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>

Funding for Financial Literacy Projects (UK)

The MSE Charity has announced that its grants programme has re-opened for applications. The MSE charity gives grants to not for profit organisations that deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money.

Grants of up to £5,000 will be available for projects that aim to make people living with 'Long Term Challenges' become more financially capable. The focus of this funding ground will be on "Building and Developing Resilience" in particular:

- Mental Health
- Well-being
- Cook Well for Less
- Training Others
- Independent Living Skills
- Peer Mentoring

Eligible applicants will be registered charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs) and other not for profit companies and Credit Unions. Preference is given to projects that break new ground in approach, delivery or in audience and are either capable of replication to a wider audience and/or are collaborative i.e. working with other organisations in the field, or geographical area as appropriate.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 25th September 2020. The charity limits each grant round to the first 40 accepted applications. Apply early in the month to ensure your application is considered.

Potential applicants are asked to complete an Eligibility Quiz and read the Guidance Notes prior to application.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Preview Application Form Questions](#)

[Projects supported in 2018](#)

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<https://www.msecharity.com/how-to-apply>

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/>

Premier League Helps Fund the Safe Return to Action for Non-League and Women's Clubs (England & Wales)

The Premier League has launched a fund to help clubs in non-league, women's football and the Welsh Premier League prepare for the safe return of fans to their grounds.

The Matchday Support Fund will provide grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 to help clubs put measures in place to make grounds safer for the 2020/21 season for both stadiums and supporters.

The fund will help eligible clubs cover the costs of implementing their COVID-19 risk assessment and action plan. It should be spent in one or more of the following areas (this list is not exclusive):

- keeping facilities and equipment clean
- maintaining social distancing and avoiding congestion
- promoting good hygiene
- implementing advance ticketing systems.

The Fund will be managed by the Football Stadia Improvement Fund to help National League System clubs in steps 1-6, the Welsh Premier League and women's clubs in Tiers 1-5.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 16th September 2020.

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<https://footballfoundation.org.uk/news/premier-league-helps-fund-safe-return-to-action-for-non-league-and-womens-clubs>

£8 Million Programme to Boost Pupil and Teacher Wellbeing (England)

The UK Government has put new funding in place to help teachers cope with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children's mental health.

Support from the new £8 million Wellbeing for Education Return programme will be available in schools and colleges in England from September to provide them with access to resources and the knowledge they need to improve how they respond to the emotional impact of the pandemic on their students and staff.

This might include the additional pressures some students may be feeling, as well as any emotional response they or their teachers may still be experiencing from bereavement, stress, trauma or anxiety over the past months.

The programme will be delivered to nominated staff in schools and colleges by mental health experts via interactive webinars through to March 2021.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/8m-programme-to-boost-pupil-and-teacher-wellbeing>

Government Announces £1 Billion Coronavirus Catch-Up Premium for Schools (England)

The government has announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up. This includes a one-off universal £650 million catch-up premium for the 2020 to 2021 academic year to ensure that schools have the support they need to help all pupils make up for lost teaching time.

The Government has also launched a £350 million National Tutoring Programme to provide additional, targeted support for those children and young people who need the most help.

The £650 million of universal catch-up premium funding will be available for all state-funded mainstream and special schools, and alternative provision.

It will cover:

- primary, secondary and all through local authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools
- local authority-maintained special schools
- special academies and free schools
- special schools not maintained by a local authority
- pupil referral units
- alternative provision (AP) academies and free schools
- local authority-maintained hospital schools and academies
- independent special schools

The £350 million National Tutoring Programme will comprise of at least 3 parts in the 2020 to 2021 academic year, including:

- a [5 to 16 programme](#) that will make high-quality tuition available to 5 to 16-year olds in state-funded primary and secondary schools from the second half of autumn term 2020.
- a 16 to 19 fund for school sixth forms, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers to provide small group tutoring activity for disadvantaged 16 to 19 students whose studies have been disrupted as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19) - guidance setting out further detail of this element will be issued shortly.
- a [reception year early language programme](#) that will make training and resources available at no-cost to schools where additional targeted support for oral language would be particularly beneficial. Schools should register their interest to participate in the early language programme by the 30th October 2020.

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-catch-up-premium>

Cultural Capital Kickstart Fund Opens for Applications (England)

The Arts Council has launched a £55 million fund to support existing capital grant projects that previously secured funding but have been impacted by the covid-19 pandemic.

Funding from the Cultural Capital Kickstart Fund is available to existing grants holders who can demonstrate that a capital funding shortfall – due to Covid-19 related increased costs, fundraising underperformance and/or an extended completion date – will have a detrimental impact on delivering the intended project benefits outlined in the original application and staying financially resilient once they have re-opened.

Arts Council England can accept applications from existing capital grant holders that:

- have received a capital grant from one of the following strands:
 - Small Capital Grants (£100,000 to £499,999)
 - Stage Two award from Large Capital (£500,000 or over)
 - Cultural Development Fund (Round One)
 - Capital Grant in Aid (Please note: we can only accept applications from the original grant holder)
- started their project by 1 April 2020 and can make a valid first payment request no later than 30 April 2021.
- have not received a final payment from the existing capital grant by 10 September 2020.
- can demonstrate an urgent need for additional capital funding that is considered essential to the delivery of the intended benefits outlined in their original application.

Funding could be used for costs such as construction costs for refurbishing, modernising or improving arts buildings, buying assets such as equipment, furniture, and vehicles, and costs of work falling in a different season.

There is no upper limit for applications, but Arts Council England expect the amount requested to be proportionate to – and not in excess of – the capital grant previously offered.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 10th September 2020.

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<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/CRFcapitalkickstart#section-1>

Grants of up to £20,000 Available to Charities to Supporting Vulnerable People (Scotland)

The Bank of Scotland Foundation is due to re-open its Reach Programme from 12 noon on the 5th October until 12 noon on the 8th October 2020. Registered Charities in Scotland with an income less than £1.5 million per annum will be able to apply for grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 over one year to support vulnerable people through varying stages of their lives.

The funding is available for charities that can demonstrate they address disadvantage or social exclusion. This can include:

Disadvantage

Examples include charities addressing primary disadvantages such as homelessness, abuse, mental health or poverty, or secondary disadvantages such as debt issues, learning disabilities, illiteracy, lack of employability skills or health issues.

Social Exclusion

Examples include charities addressing exclusionary challenges for minorities, people with disabilities, LGBT people, drug users, institutional care leavers, the elderly or the young.

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<https://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes/reach>

Funding to Support the Events Industry During the Covid-19 Pandemic (Scotland)

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, Visit Scotland has announced a £6 million Events Industry Support Fund to help the events sector recover from the Covid-19 pandemic while restrictions on the sector are still in place.

One-off grants of £10,000 are available to support supply chain businesses that are facing hardship such as joiners, electricians and other service providers in the events industry, which have not received Scottish Government sponsored Covid-19 related funding from other schemes.

Funding is provided by the Scottish Government and will be allocated on a first come first served basis to help businesses in the short term until they can start to run events again.

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

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<https://www.visitscotland.org/news/2020/events-industry-support-fund-announced>

£250,000 Digital Inclusion Fund for Disadvantaged Young Adult Learners (Scotland)

A new £250,000 Scottish Government programme has been launched to provide disadvantaged young adult learners with the resources they need to engage in online learning and stay connected with families and communities.

Funding from the Digital Inclusion Fund will be used to purchase laptops, tablets and other devices, as well as providing access to training and support in order to promote digital inclusion and connectivity. YouthLink Scotland, Lead Scotland and WEA will reach young adult learners aged 16-30 years through their networks of public and third sector Community Learning and Development (CLD) organisations who are already working directly with them. CLD organisations can apply on behalf of young adult learners they are supporting.

To qualify, the supported young adult learners must be:

- Aged 16 to 30
- Who are actively supported by Community Learning and Development
- Are not in full-time education, employment or training.

The deadline for applications is the 25th September 2020.

The application form is available on the YouthLink Scotland website.

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<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/media/5055/digital-inclusion-programme-guidance-for-applicants.docx>

Advanced Innovation Voucher Scheme - Follow on Funding (Scotland)

The Scottish Funding Council has announced that the next deadline for applications under its Advanced Innovation Voucher Scheme is the 9th October 2020.

The awards are aimed at building sustained relationships between small and medium-sized companies and universities or Further Education colleges in Scotland who may have previously collaborated together or for those companies who are beginning their collaborative journey with a HEI / FE college partner.

Businesses in partnership with Higher Education Institutes can apply for funding of up to £20,000. The grant requested must be matched in cash and kind by the company.

Useful Links:

[Application Pack](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Step by Step Guide](#)

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<http://www.interface-online.org.uk/how-we-can-help/funding/advanced-innovation-vouchers>

Funding of up to £500 for Community Sports Projects (Perth, Fife, Dundee and Angus)

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 the Lothians & Scottish Borders.

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 28th September 2020.

Useful Links:

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

Support for the Culture & Heritage Sectors During the Covid-19 Pandemic (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has confirmed how £59 million of unallocated funding will be assigned to support the Culture and heritage sector during the coronavirus pandemic.

More than a third (£21.3 million) of the funding will be given to Historic Environment Scotland to support the reopening of its sites across Scotland. A further £15 million will be allocated through a Culture Organisations and Venues Recovery Fund to provide critical support for a range of businesses such as art galleries, studio facilities, comedy venues, large music venues, and nightclubs.

An additional £5.9 million will be made available to support heritage organisations through committed grants, and £270,000 for the New Lanark Trust will help secure the future of one of Scotland's six World Heritage Sites.

The package also includes:

- £5 million to address the immediate financial hardship faced by creative freelancers
- £5 million to support artists to continue developing new creative work that will make a significant contribution to Scotland's recovery from COVID-19, including £1.5 million for the Culture Collective programme to support organisations employing freelance artists to work in communities across Scotland
- £3.5 million for independent cinemas
- £3 million for youth arts including a funding boost for the Youth Music Initiative which will provide work for musicians

Creative Scotland will announce how businesses and individuals can apply for the funding in due course.

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<https://news.gov.scot/news/supporting-scottish-culture-and-heritage>

Funding to Explore Creative Approaches to Teaching & Learning (Wales)

Grants of £10,000 will be made available to schools in Wales to explore creative approaches to teaching and learning through a joint Arts Council of Wales and Welsh Government initiative.

With the support of creative agents and practitioners, the Lead Creative Schools Scheme will provide funding for two academic years to help senior leaders and teachers identify challenges within the school development plan that might benefit from a creative learning approach.

Projects could for example, explore how film can be used to develop pupils' literacy skills or how numeracy outcomes can be developed using sculpture. Schools should make a 25% contribution, with funding to be spent on creative practitioner time and materials/resources to deliver the project.

Applications can be made from the 23rd September 2020 until 5pm on the 7th October 2020.

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<https://arts.wales/lead-creative-schools-scheme>

Bringing Communities together through Sport (London)

Not for profit organisations, informal groups and individuals can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 through the Stronger Communities Fund for activities that use sport and physical activity to bring Londoners from different backgrounds together and help isolated Londoners feel better connected in their communities.

The funding will support sporting activities as well as more informal exercise-based activity such as scoot events, walks, games such as Frisbee, tug of war etc.

The final round of Stronger Communities funding will support sport and physical activity projects tackling increased levels of loneliness and social isolation that have spiked due to the COVID-19 lockdown and social distancing measures. Grants are aimed at those who find it hard to access funding – for example, individuals and small grassroots organisations.

Priority will be given to:

- Projects that work with **Londoners who have been disproportionately more at risk of loneliness and isolation during COVID-19 such as (but not exclusively):** deaf and disabled people or those with long-term health conditions, people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities, parents with young children, people on lower incomes, and those with limited access to digital technology and the internet.
- Groups that already have **strong connections** in their communities and can reach and connect with people at high risk of loneliness and social isolation;
- **Smaller organisations and individuals**, who typically find it hard to access funding.

Applications can be submitted at any time until the 25th September 2020.

Useful Links:

[Background to Stronger Communities Fund](#)

[Application Form Guidance](#)

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/sports/sport-unites/stronger-communities-fund>

Walking and Cycling Grants London Opens for Applications (London)

Groundwork London has announced that applications for Walking and Cycling Grants will open from the beginning of September.

Walking and Cycling Grants London is a programme which supports London's diverse communities to walk and cycle more often and more safely. The programme, funded by Transport for London and administered by Groundwork London, offers grants to projects of up to £10,000 over a three-year period.

The programme aims to:

- Increase walking and cycling in London (including new, lapsed or occasional cyclists)
- Increase confidence in walking and cycling
- Increase walking and cycling frequency
- Make bike ownership more accessible
- Introduce exercise to people who are particularly inactive via walking and cycling
- Reduce social isolation and get people involved in their local community.

Cycling Grants London supports community organisations that work with those who need encouragement and support to get them cycling.

Organisations that have not received a grant from Walking and Cycling Grants London or the Cycling Grants London before, OR that have but are looking to deliver a new project, can apply for the following funding:

£10,000 for Three Year Projects

Year 1 – up to £5,000

Year 2 – up to £3,000

Year 3 – up to £2,000

Please note that applicants can only apply for Year 2 and Year 3 grants in conjunction with and at the same time that you apply for the Year 1 Grant. At the end of each year the project will be assessed to determine that it is being delivered according to plan. Funding for Year 2 and 3 will only be released if this condition has been met.

Each organisation can submit up to 3 applications in one Walking and Cycling Grants London funding round. The individual projects in each of the applications need to meet the eligibility and evaluation criteria. Please note that whilst it is possible to apply for 3 grants per organisation, justification for doing so must be robust.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 15th October 2020.

For advice and guidance on multiple bids, please contact the grants administrators at Groundwork via WCGL@groundwork.org.uk

Useful Links:

[Case Studies](#)

[Application guidelines 2019](#)

[Planning your Walking & Cycling Project Guide 2019](#)

[Online Application User Guide 2019](#)

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<https://walkingandcyclinggrants.london/>

Clarion Futures Digital Grants Programme (London)

Not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to provide social housing residents with digital skills. To be eligible for grant funding the majority of beneficiaries of the project will need to be Clarion residents. The funding is being provided through the Clarion Futures Digital Grants Programme and is designed to:

Support residents to discover the full scope of how the internet can assist them in their everyday lives, and to provide them with the skills and confidence to do so.

- Support residents to access the tools that meet their individual needs and circumstances.
- Encourage residents to use the internet securely and with confidence.
- Support residents of all ages, regardless of whether they go online regularly, to use it safely, and avoid risky and/or illegal behaviour.

The funding is available to community groups, registered charities, companies limited by guarantee, social enterprises or Community Interest Companies

The next closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 21st October 2020.

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<https://www.myclarionhousing.com/advice-and-support/clarion-futures-communities/grants/digital-grants/>

[Funding Reminders](#)

Funding to Support Charitable Equine Welfare Organisations Affected by the Covid-19 Crisis (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to help small and medium-sized charitable equine welfare organisations which have experienced unprecedented financial and operational challenges as a result of the coronavirus crisis.

The Petplan Charitable Trust has joined together with World Horse Welfare and the National Equine Welfare Council (NEWC) to create a Covid-19 Equine Rescues Emergency Fund to help smaller equine welfare organisations whose primary focus is the rescue and rehoming of equines.

Priority will be given to NEWC members and those smaller organisations that have not received emergency funding from other emergency funds. The average grant is expected to be around £2,500-£3,000. The deadline for this round of applications is the 16th October 2020.

Successful applicants notified by 23rd October 2020. Payment made by 30th October 2020.

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<https://petplancharitabletrust.org.uk/covid-19-equine-emergency-fund/>

Common Call Grants Programme (UK)

Grants of between £1,000 and £3,000 are available to UK based social organisations led by people that identify as Black or Mixed with Black that have a positive impact on deprived communities and are providing services to people that have been adversely affected by the COVID crisis in terms of physical health, mental health and/or financially.

The grants are specifically aimed at supporting Black-led social enterprises and charities so that they are able to survive and even thrive in the COVID period.

The funding aims help grantees:

- Get better informed about their options (moving to new methods of delivery) post-COVID19.
- Develop new enterprising activities and earned income strategies.
- Test the viability of specific propositions.
- Develop clear implementable action plans for such activity.

This is a flexible fund that can be spent on anything that will help organisations best deliver impact to their beneficiaries. The funding is being made available by Do it Now Now's Common Call Covid Fund.

Do it Now Now is an innovation organisation committed to bringing social empowerment to Black communities across the globe.

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<https://www.commoncall.fund/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Useful Links:

[Apply to the Aviva Community Fund](#)

[Terms and Conditions](#)

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

Funding to Enhance the Quality of Life for People in Need (UK)

Registered charities, Hospices and state schools catering wholly for students with additional needs, can apply for grants to support their work that enhances the quality of life for people in need, specifically the mentally and physically disabled. Priority is given to small and medium size charities making a significant impact in their community and who may lack the time and resources to be able to focus on their fundraising.

The Edward Gostling Foundation's grants are awarded to projects that have a significant impact across one or more of four life "themes" and priority is given to organisations that clearly demonstrate this within their application for grant funding.

These are:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Independent Living at Home
- Respite
- Transition.

Grants can support:

- Modifications to homes, state schools (wholly for students with additional needs), hospices etc
- The provision of specialist equipment such as the provision of specialised wheelchairs, other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living
- Financial assistance towards the cost of short-term respite breaks at a registered respite centre.

Grants are awarded through two programmes:

- A fast-track Small Grants Programme for applications up to £5,000 to small and medium-sized charities with a gross annual income of £3 million or less.
- A Large Grants (Capital) Programme for applications of £5,000 or over; open to all charities with a gross annual income of £5 million or less.

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

Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

[Eligibility Checker](#)

[Online Application](#)

[Guidance for Preparing A Capital Grant Application](#)

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<https://www.edwardgostlingfoundation.org.uk/>

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

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

Projects must meet all of the following criteria:

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

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

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

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

The next deadline for applications is the 15th December 2020.

Useful Links:

[Grant Application Form](#)

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http://www.ironmongers.org/charity_organisations.htm

Funding for Projects that Work with Disabled Children and their Families (UK)

Through the True Colours Trust UK Small Grants Programme, charities and projects with a charitable purpose can apply for funding that supports disabled children and their families.

Grants of up to £10,000 are usually available for hydrotherapy pools; multi-sensory rooms; mini buses; young carers projects; sibling projects; and bereavement support; specialised play equipment / access to play and leisure; and family support / parent-led peer support.

Other projects supported in the past include:

- Friends of Sherwood Park who received a grant of £5,000 towards the creation of the multi-sensory outdoor environment.
- Roddensvale Parents & Friends Association who received a grant of £5,000 towards the costs of refurbishing its sensory room.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

[Online Application Form](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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<http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/about-us/application-guidelines/>

Apply for up to £20,000 from Postcode Neighbourhood Trust (Great Britain)

Postcode Neighbourhood Trust has re-opened for applications until the 19th August 2020. The Trust aims to provide funding in Great Britain to organisations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Registered charities can apply for grants of up to £20,000. Constituted community organisations and groups can apply for awards of up to £2,000. Both core funding and project funding will be available to help organisations increase resilience by adapting or expanding their services, or to meet new challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications are particularly welcomed from smaller charities and community groups, with preference given to charities with a turnover of under £1 million. In addition, depending on the volume of high impact applications received, the Trust may further prioritise smaller organisations, giving particular preference to those with a turnover of less than £500,000. Funding can deliver activities up to 12 months in duration.

Up to £4 million will be available.

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<https://www.postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk/>

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