

Funding Opportunities for the West Midlands

- *Please note, tight deadline grants are still included in case of 'ready to go' projects.*
- *Region-specific grants located first in newsletter. England and UK-wide located later.*
 - *None of the funds listed are specifically endorsed by Natural England.*
- *Please tell us about any funding successes following our newsletter suggestions!*

UK Community Foundations: Please check these for locally based Community Foundations who can offer various grants and support:

- [Worcestershire Community Foundation](#)
- [Herefordshire Community Foundation](#)
- [Heart of England Community Foundation \(Coventry, Warwickshire, Solihull, Birmingham & The Black Country\)](#)
- [Community Foundation for Staffordshire and Shropshire](#)

The Cole Charitable Trust

(Birmingham City, Coventry City, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall, Wolverhampton)

They support charities that work in the fields of:

- social welfare, all age groups
- housing/homelessness
- community and environmental development
- opportunities for young people
- promotion of improved quality of life
- personal or community empowerment.

Will fund running/core costs including equipment. £500 - £1,200. Applications ongoing basis.

Requests are considered twice a year, in April/May, and October/November.

Birmingham Fairer Futures Fund – Locality Small Grants (Birmingham and Solihull)

Launched in 2022, the £22.2m Fairer Futures Fund (FFF) supports new, community-based projects in Birmingham and Solihull. The FFF is part of the Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System's (BSol ICS) goal to transform health and social care over the next five years. This includes integrating services closer to people's homes and focusing on preventing ill-health. All applicants need to work with the local FFF organisation (generally Neighbourhood Network Schemes for the area) before they can apply. **Deadline: 9th January 2025**

Birmingham and Black Country Communities Fund (Birmingham & the Black Country)

The Birmingham and Black Country Communities Fund has now reopened! The fund has grants up to £3,000 and aims to support people in Birmingham and the Black Country.

Applications must meet one of the following aims:

- Promote health and wellbeing
- Tackling disadvantage
- Support local solutions to meet local needs
- Promote community cohesion
- Develop sustainable and supporting communities

Kingshurst Community Fund (Solihull)

The Kingshurst Community Fund is a grant programme for projects in Solihull that support children, young people and families and aim to strengthen the local community by implementing activities that bring the people in Kingshurst together.

There are grants of up to £300 available for projects that support:

- One off community activity e.g., community picnics
- Activities that bring the community closer together
- Community arts projects
- Children and young people
- Inclusion and diversity
- Community cohesion
- Health & wellbeing

Tipton Education Fund (Tipton)

The Tipton Education Fund was established to raise the educational attainment of Tipton. Through this fund, we aim to support projects which meet one of the following themes:

- Overcome barriers to learning e.g. using art, drama, sport or music as an engagement tool,
- Raising aspirations of children and young people,
- Supporting family learning and encouraging healthy living,
- Encouraging and supporting children to read outside of the school day,
- Providing enrichment opportunities for children, young people and families that they wouldn't otherwise have access to. For example, learning how to cook together, arts, gardening etc.

Small grants of up to £3,000 and large grants of up to £10,000 per annum are available.

Torrington Fund (Coventry and Warwickshire)

The Torrington Fund was created to support people living with physical / learning disabilities to lead full and active lives.

With grants of up to £2,000, the fund will support charities, constituted voluntary and community groups that focus on supporting people living with learning disabilities to achieve the following:

- To learn skills to help them live more independent lives
- Participate in a wide range of social activities
- Activities which help them to stay active
- Activities which enable families / carers to have a break

Natural Networks Programme (Worcestershire)

Offering grants and advice to projects which aim to create/restore wildlife-rich habitats. It is a partnership between Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, offering free professional Biodiversity surveys carried out by the Trust who will assess your project site and make recommendations on how to create or enhance your land to maximise habitats for wildlife. Grants of £1,000 - £15,000 are available (up to 70% of the total project will be available to help you carry out recommendations in the survey).

- Private sector organisations will be expected to match fund at least 50% of the project
- Public or voluntary sector organisations will be expected to match fund at least 30% of the project

Applicants need to email naturalnetworks@worcestershire.gov.uk to request a link to the registration application portal.

Herefordshire Community Foundation - CPRE (Herefordshire)

The Herefordshire Community Foundation exists to benefit disadvantaged communities by making grants to support relevant charitable or voluntary organisations, which make a difference to their local communities. Through the CPRE programme the foundation provides funding to organisations working to preserve and support the tranquillity of Herefordshire's countryside. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Crowdfund Shropshire (Shropshire)

Crowdfund Shropshire, the new civic fundraising platform where community groups can get their projects funded by public and grant funding, is opening in the next month. Projects can bid for up to can pitch for up to £10,000 from the Shared Prosperity Community Fund and up to £20,000 from the Green Spaces and Active Travel Fund. Currently 5 projects crowdfunding at the moment. They include Rural Art Hub, Walking in Wem, Multicultural Children's Day, Little Stars in the Community and Get Crafty With Words. [Check out their projects here](#) for inspiration and donate or spread the word to help them reach their goal!

The Saintbury Trust (West Midlands, with focus on Birmingham and Worcester)

Arts, heritage, the environment and helping those with disabilities. £1,000 - £5,000. Larger grants tend to be awarded to charities of which the trustees have special knowledge or in the work of which they have a particular interest. **Ongoing**

Funding of up to £200,000 Available for Community & Environmental Projects (East Midland, West Midlands, South West England)

Local charities, volunteer and community groups, schools, colleges and local authority or parish councils in the Severn Trent Water region can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £200,000 to support new local community projects. The funding is being made available through the Severn Trent Water Community Fund. It will support projects that help people lead healthier lifestyles, gain new skills, create better places to live in and use, and protect the natural environment. Match funding is required for applications over £10,000. The next closing date for applications of between **£10,001 and £200,000 is the 10th November 2024**. The next closing date for applications of **up to £10,000 is the 12th January 2025**.

UK/England wide:

Comic Relief Community Fund Re-Opens for Applications (England)

Grassroots, community-led organisations in England can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to support services that benefit local communities. Funding is available for organisations with an income under £250,000, and applications must focus on one of four areas: tackling the immediate impacts of hardship (e.g., foodbanks, shelters, financial advice), building long-term resilience to poverty (e.g., skills training, mental resilience), supporting equity and inclusion (e.g., addressing inequalities related to gender, race, or ability), or promoting climate justice (e.g., environmental education, resilience to climate change). Grants can be used for core costs, project-related costs, or both. Comic Relief expect to award around 140 grants. The fund's application **deadline is 8th November 2024**, and it is managed by the charity Groundwork.

Linnean Society of London - Local Nature Grant Scheme (UK)

The Linnean Society of London offers grants for youth-led projects in the UK, aiming to increase access to local natural spaces and encourage a deeper appreciation and understanding of nature. Some examples of possible proposals could be: running a school festival about nature; painting community murals showcasing biodiversity in the area; building a community garden; creating a nature walk; hiring a speaker to come and talk about local foraging. **The closing date for applications is 24th October 2024.**

Gardening with Disabilities Trust (UK)

Grants are available to individuals via the Gardening with Disabilities Trust in order that they may continue to garden, despite advancing illness, age or disability. In order to apply for a grant, individuals must have a written note from their GP, social worker or occupational therapist, describing their disability. The Trust offers a range of support measures such as; adapting private gardens to meet the special needs of the disabled; making grants towards tools, raised beds, paving and greenhouses; providing help with special gardens in hospitals, centres and schools; distributing information on garden aid and techniques; providing a forum for disabled gardeners by publishing the Garden Club's magazine. **The closing date for applications is 30th November 2024.**

Grants of up to £100,000 Available for Community Facilities (England)

Registered charities, churches, parish councils, local authorities and CASC-registered sports clubs can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 to provide, maintain or improve community facilities. This can include village halls and community centres, public play areas, publicly available multi-use games areas, skate parks and BMX tracks; sport and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access; churches – community spaces only; nature reserves; public gardens, parks, country parks and woodlands with at least dawn to dusk access; and Museums. The funding is being made available through the FCC Community Action Fund and is available to projects within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment site. The next application closing date is **5pm on the 20th November 2024.**

Grants Available for Projects that bring about Social Change (UK)

Charities across the UK are invited to apply for funding to deliver projects that bring about genuine social change in their communities. The funding is made available by the Linder Foundation, which supports projects that aim to improve outcomes for vulnerable young people, protect and enhance the natural world, and support and champion the arts. Previously supported projects have included Youth on the Move, which provides recreational activities to disadvantaged young people; the V&A Illustration Awards, which celebrates the work of talented artists; and LEAF, which supports nature-based solutions to climate change. No funding amount is given. The closing date for applications is the **31st October 2024.**

National Garden Scheme Community Garden Grants (UK)

The 2025 Community Garden Grants scheme will be open for applications from eligible community garden projects who are welcome to apply for grants of between £1-5k. Eligible costs could include:

- plants and containers
- materials for flower or vegetable beds and other hard landscaping
- greenhouses, polytunnels and sheds
- seating
- hand tools and certain garden power tools (eg. strimmer's)
- materials for providing refreshments

Projects encouraging biodiversity and wildlife are encouraged. All applications will be assessed on their merits and the successful groups will be notified in March 2025. Local authorities (including Parish Councils) or schools are *not* eligible. **Deadline noon on 28 October 2024.**

Grants for the Planting and Care of Trees, Hedges & Orchards (UK)

The Tree Council is inviting applications from schools, community groups, parish and town councils, and tree warden networks within the UK, etc can apply for grants of between £250 and £2,500 to get communities and young people up to the age of 21 involved in planting and caring for trees, hedges and orchards. The funding will cover the cost of trees, hedges and fruit trees; reasonable costs of non-plastic protection and supports, as well as peat-free compost and/or soil improvers. **The closing date for applications is midnight on the 1st December 2024.**

Funding to Empower Vulnerable, Disadvantaged & Under-Represented Communities (UK)

Bentley Motors Ltd makes grants of up to £500 available to charitable organisations working with vulnerable, disadvantaged or under-represented communities. The Advancing Life Chances Small Grants Programme provides funding for communities within 20 miles of 19 Bentley retail locations across the UK. The programme aims to empower these communities by removing barriers and improving access to services, education and employability; helping people to develop life skills; safeguarding the environment and boosting community spirit; and helping people live healthier lives. The next closing date for applications is the **20th December 2024.**

Funding for Activities to Improve People's Lives (UK)

Grants for UK registered charities seeking to enhance and improve people's lives through advancing the arts, health and medical welfare, and the environment. The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust typically awards grants of between £500 and £6,000 for projects and core costs, with a preference for small-scale, locally based initiatives e.g. promoting access to the arts, conservation activities, music and art therapy to improve mental health and wellbeing, and providing breaks for carers. 3 meetings annually. Projects should have a start date of at least 3 months after the meeting date. **deadline 4th February 2025.**

£500 of FREE Equipment to Deliver Outdoor Learning in Schools

Early Years, Infant, Primary and Secondary school settings in England, Scotland and Wales can apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor resources and two hours of professional outdoor training to deliver outdoor learning and play. The funding is being made available through the Learning through Landscapes' Local School Nature Grant Programme and is funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery. **Application deadline: Friday, 8th November 2024**

Free Trees for Schools & Community Groups (UK)

Hundreds of thousands of trees are being given away to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. Schools, nurseries, colleges, universities, outdoor learning centres, and other groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts and guides from across the UK are among the organisations eligible to apply for up to 420 saplings to improve their local environment. Tree packs include hedging, copse, wild harvest, year-round colour, working wood, wild wood, wildlife, and urban trees. **Applications are expected to close in January 2025 or sooner depending on stock.**

Grants to Support Outdoor Learning for Secondary School Children (UK)

Grants of £1,000 are available to UK state-funded secondary schools, including special schools that work with secondary-age children, to support outdoor learning opportunities for their pupils. The grants can be used to improve school grounds, purchase outdoor learning resources that engage young people with the environment, support travel expenses to outdoor learning centres, and purchase outdoor clothing. Priority will be given to schools with above-average free school meal eligibility, in high deprivation areas, or within the Trust's hub postcodes. **Closed to applications when a sufficient number of applications have been received.**

Grants for Community & Environmental Projects (England & Scotland)

For projects that improve communities and the environment. The funding is made available through the SUEZ Communities Fund for projects that improve public amenities, repair religious or historic buildings, or support biodiversity in areas surrounding Suez landfill sites. The max grant amount is £50,000 for projects in England and £25,000 in Scotland. Funding typically covers materials, equipment, and contractors for improvement work. **The application deadline is the 20th November.**

The Dulverton Trust Fund (UK)

There are grants of up to £5,000 available for organisations and funding must be spent within 1 year. Applications must meet one of the following priorities:

- Youth opportunities
- General welfare
- Conservation
- Heritage

Application deadline: Panel meetings will take place in October 2024 and February 2025.

Screwfix Foundation (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to local charities and not-for-profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities for those in need in the UK. The funding is being made available through the Screwfix Foundations, and the grants are available for all kinds of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities. Applications are reviewed every quarter. **The next closing date for applications is the 10th November 2024.**

“I’ve got an Idea” Fund (UK)

Individuals or small groups or organisations in the UK who have a novel technical idea which they want to try out can apply for grants of between £250 and £3,000. Schools and groups of school children can also apply if the idea is technically inventive and novel and delivers either an environmental or social benefit. The fund is looking for ideas that are based on a technical idea or innovation; that could deliver a social or environmental benefit; and that are intriguing, inventive and have an element of fun. Applicants informed within 4 weeks of submission if successful.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Rhododendron Trust (UK)

Grants of £1,000 to £2,000 to registered charities supporting the disadvantaged in the developing world and the UK and to those supporting the arts and wildlife. Smaller Charities are prioritised. In the UK, support is given to charities working with those disadvantaged by disability or mental illness; prisoners and ex-offenders; drug addiction; homelessness; carers; the elderly; disadvantaged children. Arts and Nature funding is mainly through the National Churches Trust and Fauna and Flora International, however proposals for the protection of cultural and natural heritage or environmental sustainability are accepted. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

The Cruach Trust (UK)

The Cruach Trust is a small Scottish charity that aims to make a difference with its donations. Although the Trust has a preference for supporting gardeners, retired gardeners and for preserving gardens throughout the United Kingdom, donations can be made to a wide range of organisations with charitable objectives in the UK and abroad. Previous grants have been awarded to support horticultural apprenticeships; gardens, wildlife and the natural environment; music, the arts and cultural charities; medical research and support and to organisations working with children, the elderly and vulnerable. **The closing date for applications is 12th September 2025.**

Rufford Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

The Foundation is a UK based charity who's main remit is to offer Rufford Small Grants for nature conservation projects in the developing world. The Rufford Small Grants Foundation supports small scale or pilot projects with a nature/biodiversity conservation focus and has a broad scope of interest, as well as the conservation of particular threatened charismatic species, the protection of which is likely to benefit their natural habitat, it is also interested in those often neglected or less well known species. It is also keen to support projects which go beyond a species specific focus to provide habitat protection at a wider scale. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Funds with no application deadline, carried over from previous month.

The Edward Gostling Foundation Grant (UK)

Providing grants to charities with the aim of enhancing quality of life for people in need, more particularly those living on very low incomes who have a physical and/or a mental disability or the elderly. Grants are available under the following 4 themes: Health and Wellbeing; Independent Living at Home; Respite; Transition. **Applications any time.**

The Stobart Group Sustainability Fund (UK)

A new fund to support community-led environmental and sustainability projects across the UK. For not-for-profit organisations, community groups, and educational facilities, such as schools and colleges, in transforming their local communities through projects that:

- tackle climate change
- reduce carbon emissions
- protect and enhance the environment

The fund aims to help educate communities on how they can make a difference by supporting diverse projects and initiatives making a positive change. Organisations are invited to specify the level of funding they require in their application. **No application deadline is given.**

Schroder Charity Trust (UK)

Independent grant-making Family Trust that has been supporting the charitable and voluntary sector for over 70 years. The Trust makes grants in the areas of Arts, Culture and heritage; Environment and Conservation; Strengthening Communities; Education, Training and Employment; Health and Wellbeing. **Applications any time.**

Millward Charitable Trust (UK)

Millward Charitable Trust makes grants to organisations involved with community buildings, facilities and open spaces, social welfare projects, for the performing arts, medical research and animal welfare. One off grants range from £1,000 to £20,000. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

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Rayne Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

Offering grants to tackle entrenched social issues through the arts, health, wellbeing, and education. With a particular focus on connecting communities, building bridges between marginalised groups and mainstream society, and enabling individuals to reach their full potential. The annual grant making programme is in the region of £1.5 million and grants typically fall in the range of £10,000 to £20,000 per annum for up to three years. Funding is available both for capital and revenue expenditure. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation (UK)

Grant making foundation that give grants to small and medium sized local organisations in the UK with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts. Small grants programme provides funding of between £2,000 and £10,000 to charitable organisations with an income of less than £250,000 for projects that focus on Community Support. E.g. Community Services; Community Centres; Alternative Education; Training, mentoring, employment and volunteering opportunities; Youth; Counselling; Family Support Services; Substance Misuse. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Albert Hunt Trust (UK)

The Albert Hunt Trust is a grant giving charitable trust that supports local charities throughout the United Kingdom. The Trust will consider applications from registered charities, organisations and projects based in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland that provide Hospice Care; provide support for the Homeless and promote health and well being; including physical and learning disabilities, physical and mental health, plus social challenges and deprivation. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Allen Lane Foundation (UK)

The Foundation aims to fund work benefitting people affected by mental health problems – lessening their isolation and feelings of stigma, improving wellbeing and promoting recovery, and enabling people to feel included in their local communities. The Foundation funds organisations that provide general services and activities to people with mental health conditions; as well as groups working with people affected by specific or particular issues – such as bipolar disorder, or depression, or self-harm, or eating disorders for example. The maximum grant is £15,000. The average grant size is around £5,000-£6,000. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

MacRobert Trust (UK)

The MacRobert Trust makes grants to registered charities in the areas of Services and Sea; Education and Training; Children and Youth; Science, Engineering and Technology; Agriculture and Horticulture; and Tarland and the Local Area. Grants can range between £1,000 and £50,000 and occasionally the Trustees make a recurring grant of up to three years. In addition a small grants programme facilitates awards of up to £10,000. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Wooden Spoon Society Grant (UK)

Schools, charities and community organisations can apply for grants for projects that improve the quality and prospect of life for children and young people who are disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially including those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). The grants available include capital projects such as medical treatment and recovery centres, sports and activity areas, sensory rooms and gardens, playgrounds and hydrotherapy pools as well as revenue grants to support outreach programmes for children in their communities. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

John Ellerman Foundation - Environment: People and Planet (UK)

Grants to charities that work to promote a healthier environment for both people and nature. The scheme prioritises projects that enhance ocean health through stronger marine protected areas and on land and in freshwater through sustainable management, habitat restoration, and landscape-scale conservation. The scheme also aims to address the impact of human activities like climate change and pollution on air, land, and water. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Biffa Award Main Grants Scheme (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

Under this scheme, Biffa look to award grants to projects that provide or improve biodiversity, community spaces, cultural facilities, and places for outdoor recreation. The type of activities that could be funded could be to improve community buildings; site-based projects to protect and enhance a species or habitat; improving an open space such as a park, play area or woodland that needs transforming to benefit local people of all ages. Between £10,000 and £75,000 is available for projects of less than £200,000. Ten percent of the award needs to be third party sourced.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

HS2 Community and Environment Fund (England)

The HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF) has been established to offset the disruption caused to local communities throughout the construction phase of HS2. The aim of the CEF is to award grants of up to £75,000 to projects that will benefit communities along the route. Supported projects could include, for example: Pedestrian, equestrian or cycle access; landscape and nature conservation / enhancement; enhancement / replacement of sports and recreational facilities; refurbishment / re-use of historic buildings and monuments. Capital and revenue costs can be funded. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Masonic Charitable Foundation - SEN and Disabilities (England & Wales)

Small grants of between £1,000 and £5,000, and Large grants of between £10,000 and £60,000 for charities who are working to improve the wellbeing and independence of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and to ensure their parents/carers have the resources and support they need. Services and interventions may include: practical/life skills; supportive education, volunteering and work opportunities; assistive technology etc. Applicants are invited to submit an EOI, and if successful, will be invited to complete a full application. **Can be submitted at any time.**

International Tree Foundation - UK Community Tree Planting Programme (UK)

The International Tree Foundation was founded in Kenya in 1924 as 'Watu wa Miti' (People of the Trees). ITF's mission is to plant, protect and promote trees in partnership with local communities. The UK Community Tree Planting Programme aims to support community projects that will: Create and conserve indigenous trees and woodlands, forests, habitats and associated biodiversity; Foster community engagement in tree planting to promote reforestation and to increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being; Encourage social cohesion and inclusion. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Swire Charitable Trust (UK)

The Swire Charitable Trust makes grants to charities supporting some of the UK's most vulnerable people to overcome barriers and realise their potential, and to charities who are protecting the environment and heritage. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Grants of up to £150,000 Available to Protect Water and Land Environments (UK)

UK charities and non-profit organisations working to protect, restore, or sustainably manage the natural world are eligible to apply for grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 per year, for up to three years from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation's People and Planet funding scheme. Launched to promote a healthier environment for both people and nature, the scheme prioritises projects that enhance ocean health through stronger marine protected areas, community engagement, and reduced overfishing; build healthier ecosystems on land and in freshwater through sustainable management, habitat restoration, and landscape-scale conservation; and address the impact of human activities like climate change and pollution on air, land, and water. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance grant (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Trust is an independent grant-making charity that supports general, environmental and wildlife charities. Through the Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance grant programme the charity provides grants of between £1,000 and £2,000 to support the conservation and maintenance for the benefit of the public of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna with particular reference to the conservation and maintenance of the character and amenity of rural areas.

Applications can be submitted at any time

CLA Funding for Projects to Help Disabled and Disadvantaged People Connect with Nature and Teach Children about the Countryside

Charities, Schools, PTAs and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects that help disabled or disadvantaged children connect with nature and the countryside. The funding, which is made available through the CLA Charitable Trust, supports projects that improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people who are disabled or disadvantaged by helping them to visit and participate in recreational and educational opportunities in the countryside. **Priority is given to projects that focus on children and young people, disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation.**

Funding can be used to support projects, capital works and running costs. School projects supported in the past include funding for outdoor classrooms, forest school provisions, horticulture areas within school grounds.

Bernard Sunley Foundation Funding for Projects that Raise People's Quality of Life

Grants available to charities, specialist schools, CIOs, and other not-for-profit organisations including scout and guide groups, and housing associations, which are working to raise the quality of life for people in England and Wales. The Foundation aims to provide greater opportunities for the young, elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged by supporting capital projects in the areas of:

- Community
- Education
- Health
- Social welfare

There are large grants of £20,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. **Applications can be made at any time.**

National Lottery Heritage Grants

Guidance and application forms to apply for a **National Lottery Heritage Grant** under their new **10-year strategy, Heritage 2033** have now launched on their website.

NLHF fund projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. Organisations can apply at any time for grants £10,000 - £250,000. To get feedback and advice before starting an application, applicants can submit a **Project Enquiry**. Organisations can also apply for grants £250,000 - £10million, but must first submit an **Expression of Interest** and, if successful, will be invited to apply.

4 **investment principles** guide all grant decision making and must take all four principles into account in an application. The emphasis on each principle is for them to decide and demonstrate.

The Investment Principles are:

- saving heritage
- protecting the environment
- inclusion, access and participation
- organisational sustainability

National Lottery Grant Schemes

The National Lottery has two regular community grant schemes which are ongoing (**no firm deadline**).

- **Awards for All**: Offers grants between £300 and £20,000 for up to 2 years.
- **Reaching Communities**: Offer grants from £20,001 for up to 5 years.

Both programmes fund projects or organisations that will do at least one of these things:

- bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities.
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.