

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.*
- *Please scroll right down for funds with no deadlines or repeats from previous month.*
 - *None of the funds listed are specifically endorsed by Natural England.*
- *Please tell me about any funding successes following my newsletter suggestions!*

Chartered Institute of Horticulture: Bursaries and grants

Directory of grants and bursaries available from organisations for horticultural projects

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)

Creative Communities 2025–2026 (Creative Black Country)

- **What it offers:** Creative commissions of up to **£1,000** for community-led initiatives—like learning a new craft, starting a choir, creating a garden gallery, or “go and see” cultural visits to shows, museums, or galleries.
- **Who is eligible:** Community groups, particularly those:
 - Engaging in creative activities for the **first time**
 - Located in **priority areas** across the Black Country:
 - **Dudley:** Brierley Hill, Kingswinford, Halesowen, Stourbridge & Sedgley
 - **Sandwell:** Rowley Regis, Tipton, Oldbury & Wednesbury
 - **Walsall:** Willenhall, Bloxwich, Darlaston & Brownhills
 - **Wolverhampton:** Bushbury, Heath Town, Blakenhall, Ettingshall & Spring Vale
- **Deadline:** All projects and activities must be **completed by 28 February 2026**
- **Support available:**
 - One-to-one guidance from Creative Advisers
 - Connections with local organisations, creatives, and voluntary sector councils
 - Help promoting the project, accessing funding, and making work accessible (e.g., BSL provision, captioning)
 - Environmental advice (e.g., use of recycled materials)
 - Funding support for “Go & See” visits: covering travel and/or tickets
- **Contacts by area:**
 - **Dudley** – laura@creativeblackcountry.co.uk
 - **Wolverhampton** – nelson@creativeblackcountry.co.uk
 - **Walsall** - richard@creativeblackcountry.co.uk
 - **Sandwell** – info@creativeblackcountry.co.uk

Heart of England Community Foundation - The Birmingham Sports Fund (Birmingham)

The Heart of England Community Foundation is a local independent grant making organisation which aims to improve the quality of life of disadvantaged people living in the West Midlands, by awarding grants for specific activities to community-based voluntary groups on behalf of a wide range of donors. Through the Birmingham Sports Fund, the Foundation provides grants of up to £1,000 for projects that encourage more people in Birmingham to be active and engage in sport. In particular, the fund aims to support projects that encourage sports participation from disadvantaged communities, Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, women and girls, and disabled people. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Cole Charitable Trust (Birmingham, Kent, Cambridgeshire)

The Cole Charitable Trust is a small grant-making trust which supports charities in the West Midlands, Kent and Cambridgeshire areas. The trust mainly supports small charities for whom the modest grants available can make a significant difference. Grants of between £1,000 and £2,000 are available to registered charities that focus on projects in the following areas: 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. The trust does not provide funding for large building appeals, animal charities, research or further education. **The closing date for applications is 10th October 2025.**

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**

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

The Barrow Cadbury Trust Grants Programme (Birmingham and the Black Country)

Committed to supporting vulnerable and marginalised people in society. The Trust promotes social justice through grant making, research, influencing public opinion and policy and supporting local communities. Their work is divided into three programme areas: Criminal Justice - building evidence of effective interventions, primarily for young adults and women, at all stages of the criminal justice process; Migration - promoting an immigration system that is fair to both migrants and established residents; Economic Justice - supporting effective approaches to reducing economic and social injustice and assisting in building resilient communities. There is a particular focus on projects located in Birmingham and the Black Country. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

WMCA Environment Small Sparks Grants (WMCA)

The West Midlands Combined Authority's Community Environment Network is offering micro-grants of up to £500 for community groups to test new ideas or grow existing projects that improve the local environment. Projects could include gardening, wildlife habitats, repair cafés, swap shops, or events that bring people together around sustainability.

Who can apply? Community groups and organisations in Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall, and Wolverhampton (must be CEN members). **Applications will be assessed on the following dates: 24th September | 15th October | 5th November**

Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire (CSW) Communities Fund

The **Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire Communities Fund** grants are awarded from the earnings of the Foundation's own endowment fund. There are grants of up to £3,000 available to support people in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire. Applications must meet one of the following aims:

- Promote health & wellbeing
- Tackling disadvantage
- Support local solutions to meet local needs
- Promote community cohesion
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Natural Networks Programme (Malvern Hills, Wychavon or Wyre Forest)

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 tranquility of Herefordshire's countryside. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Herefordshire Community Foundation – Small Sparks Fund (Herefordshire)

A new microgrant scheme to support hyper-local, community-led projects right across Herefordshire. Up to £1,000 to fund inclusive and accessible small-scale ideas that focus on bringing people together, building local connections and strengthening community resilience. It's for informal resident-led projects and local community organisations alike to launch local initiatives from starting up a new sports club, to building a community garden or even hosting regular skill-sharing events. The total fund is £50,000. **Open until 30 Nov, or until the fund is fully allocated.**

Herefordshire Community Foundation - Iron Fund (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 Iron Fund the foundation provides grants to relieve the needs of people in Herefordshire, favouring projects that encourage community cohesion, or address issues of isolation and disadvantage. **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 goals

Community Resource - Telford and Shropshire Support Fund (Telford and Shropshire)

Community Resource (previously Shropshire RCC) is committed to making life better for people and communities facing challenges. Through the Telford and Shropshire Support Fund the foundation aims to support groups to remain active and viable and recognises that organisations may be struggling due to a loss of income, a reduction in statutory and grant funding or unexpected additional costs to maintain operations. Funding is available for Staff or volunteer costs; An organisation that has seen a increase in operating costs e.g insurance ; Daily operating costs e.g telephones, printers; Accountancy/bookkeeping costs; Staff training costs. **All funding application windows end either 25th August or 31st August.**

Children's Summer Activities (Telford, Shropshire and Staffordshire)

Up to £1,000 to help local groups deliver free, fun and enriching summer activities for children (5 to 16), young people, and families across Telford, Shropshire and Staffordshire. Your activity must take place in a community where Wrekin and Housing Plus Group have homes and be open to and promoted to their tenants. **No deadline given**

Staffordshire Community Foundation - The J&O Lloyd Community Grants Fund (East Staffordshire)

The Staffordshire 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 J&O Lloyd Community Grants Fund the foundation provides grants of up to £10,000 to organisations who provide benefit to a community within the East Staffordshire borough. Preference will be given to applications working in one of the following fields; Heritage; Arts & Leisure; Built & Natural Environment; Social & Community Isolation. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

National Forest Company - Small Grants Fund (Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire)

Through the National Forest Small Grants Scheme funding is available to support projects that contribute to the aims and objectives of the National Forest. Those who operate within the Forest area can apply for grants to support a range of projects and activities. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust (West Midlands)

Funding is available for charitable organisations in the West Midlands working in the areas of social welfare, music, nature, education and training combined with the Quaker values of simplicity, equality, justice, peace and care of the environment. Grants are available of between £1,000 and £5,000.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

npower Business Solutions Foundation (West Midlands)

The npower Business Solutions Foundation aims to support not-for-profit organisations and educational institutions located within a 50-mile radius of their Solihull (B91 3ES) and Leeds offices in creating sustainable communities. The foundation offers grants of up to £100,000 for projects focused on decarbonisation, responsible business growth, social innovation, and local skills/employment promotion. Projects that help to improve the environment, forge stronger community bonds, encourage responsible business and improve places and spaces. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Forestry Commission - Tree Health Pilot Scheme (focus on West Mids)

The Tree Health Pilot Scheme is testing ways to slow the spread of pests and diseases affecting trees in certain regions of England. Eligible trees include larch, spruce, sweet chestnut, oak, and ash affected by various diseases. The grants cover activities such as woodland management and tree maintenance. To be able to participate, the woodland needs to be located in North West England, the West Midlands or the South East and London. Applications can be made by individuals or groups.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

UK/England Wide:

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Hidden Voices Programme 2024/25 (UK)

Supports mental health and wellbeing for seldom heard individuals within Armed Forces communities, focusing on prevention and early intervention. The programme offers grants up to £20,000 for projects lasting up to 12 months. It aims to deliver accessible mental health support by addressing the unique needs of marginalised groups through collaborative partnerships and tailored interventions. **The closing date for applications is 1st October 2025**

Veolia Environmental Trust Grants (UK)

Constituted, not-for-profit groups within the vicinity of a qualifying Veolia site, can apply for grants for projects that support the natural, social and built environment. The type of activities that can be supported include Community buildings and rooms: such as community centres, village halls, community spaces within religious buildings, Scout/Guide buildings; Outdoor Spaces: e.g. public parks, nature reserves, community gardens, footpaths, or cycle-paths; Play and recreation: e.g. play areas, skate-parks, sports facilities. The maximum grant is £75,000 for projects with a total cost of under £250,000. **The closing date for applications is 2nd October 2025.**

Groundwork – Comic Relief Community Fund (England)

Groundwork is a federation of charities working nationally and locally to transform lives in the UK's most disadvantaged communities. Through the Comic Relief Community Fund, Groundwork is working in partnership with Comic Relief to provide funding to organisations whose work delivers on one of Comic Relief's four strategic themes: Children Survive and Thrive; Fighting for Gender Justice; A Safe place to be; Mental Health Matters. **The closing date for applications is 6th October 2025.**

Green Community Grants Programme

The Wildlife Trusts, with support from the People's Postcode Lottery, are offering grants of up to £25,000. These are for small charities and community groups to help people connect with nature and take action for wildlife—through creating or improving green spaces, running activities, or inspiring local nature recovery. Who can apply? Constituted groups, charities, and not-for-profits working at community level. **Deadline: 8th October 2025**

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust (UK)

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust supports charities across the UK that focus on agriculture, rural development, and insurance-related initiatives. Key areas of support include education, research, rural poverty relief, and social welfare in rural communities. The trust funds larger projects that have a significant impact on these areas, with an emphasis on advancing public and youth education, agricultural research, and rural community development. **The closing date for applications is 10th October 2025.**

William Adlington Cadbury Charitable Trust (West Midlands)

The Trust makes grants to charitable organisations primarily in Birmingham and the West Midlands although a small number of grants are also available for the UK as a whole, Ireland and for international work. In Birmingham and the West Midlands, grants fall into the following categories: Community Action, Vulnerable Groups, Advice Mediation and Counselling, Education and Training, Environment and Conservation, Medical and Healthcare, The Arts and Penal affairs. Grants for under £2,000 are assessed on a monthly basis whilst larger grants (normally between £10,000 and £20,000) are awarded at the Trustees' Meetings held twice annually, normally in May and November. **The closing date for applications is 20th October 2025.**

The Tree Council - Trees Outside Woodland Fund (England)

Aims to establish trees outside of woodlands to create or enhance green spaces using a range of tree types and planting methods across England. It supports the government's goal to increase England's overall tree canopy cover to 16.5% by 2050. The fund is open to local authorities and registered charities in England. **Closing date 31st October 2025**

Edgar E. Lawley Foundation Announces Launch of its 2025–26 Grants Programme (England)

UK-registered charities and not-for-profit organisations working in medicine, elderly care, disability, education, and youth services can apply for grants of up to £2,000 from the Edgar E. Lawley Foundation, which has a total annual grant making budget of £150,000–£200,000. Preference given to smaller, community-based charities making a measurable impact within the UK. Funding unrestricted but must support charitable purposes aligned with the Foundation's priorities, including health care, community wellbeing, arts education, and skills development in commerce and industry. **The deadline is 31st October 2025. Early application is strongly advised due to high demand.**

Screwfix Foundation

Grants of up to £5,000 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 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 2025.**

FCC Communities Foundation (England)

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that helps benefit the lives of people who live close to landfill sites by awarding grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects. The FCC Community Action Fund is designed to deliver amenity projects within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site in FCC Communities operating area. The following types of amenity can be funded: Village Halls, community centres, public play areas, multi sport games areas, sport and recreation grounds, churches, nature reserves, public gardens and woodlands, Museums. Funding is available of between £2,000 and £100,000 for projects with a maximum total project cost of £500,000. **The closing date for applications is 10th November 2025.**

The Tree Council - Branching Out Fund (UK)

The Tree Council's Branching Out Fund provides grants of £250 to £2,500 to enable community groups, schools, Tree Warden Networks, residents associations and other groups and organisations to carry out tree planting projects. The aim is to enable the planting of hundreds of thousands of trees by community groups across the UK. **The closing date is 14th November 2025.**

National Garden Scheme – Community Garden Grants 2026

Grants of between £1,500 and £5,000 are available. The Community Gardens Grants scheme was set up in 2011 by the National Garden Scheme and managed in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society. The funding is for gardening projects carried out within local communities in England, Wales or Northern Ireland. **Applications date closing is 20th October 2025.**

National Lottery Community Fund – Environment Stream (England)

The NLCF has opened a bespoke environment stream of their **Awards for All** grant scheme, which is their quick way of applying for funding of £300 to £20,000 for up to 2 years. "the scale and speed of the climate and nature emergencies means we need to ramp up the amount we support and enable grassroots organisations and local communities to take part in positive environmental action. By creating a dedicated stream with bespoke guidance and criteria we are looking to learn if this helps us broaden our reach. We plan to keep the strand open until 17 December".

- *help people connect with and care for nature in their area*
- *make a positive difference to the environment.*

Deadline for applications is on the 17th December 2025.

Woodland Trust - Free Trees (UK)

Free tree packs to give away to schools, community and youth groups, available for planting on one publicly accessible site. First come first serve basis. All applicants need to do is find a suitable site and supply the volunteer planters and tree protection. Tree packs for schools and communities offer the perfect opportunity to bring people together to plant trees - encouraging local wildlife, protecting our landscape against tree disease and creating beautiful wooded areas that people can enjoy for years to come. **Applications expected to close in January 2026.**

England Woodland Creation Offer (England)

England Woodland Creation Offer is one of a suite of Forestry Commission initiatives to support woodland creation and tree planting across England. Landowners, land managers and public bodies can apply to the England Woodland Creation Offer for support to create new woodland, including through natural colonisation, on areas as small as 1 hectare. The grant will cover standard capital costs for tree planting (up to a per hectare cap), as well as rewarding farmers and landowners for providing public and/or wider environmental benefits. Closing date **30th June 2026.**

National Garden Scheme - Professional Development Grants (UK)

The National Garden Scheme Professional Development Grants aim to enhance the quality of care provided to hospice patients, their caregivers, and families. The grants focus on supporting hospice staff to improve patient outcomes through professional development opportunities. Eligible areas in the UK include hospices that are members of Hospice UK located in the UK, Channel Islands, or Isle of Man. Applications must be received at Hospice UK at least one month before the start of the course or module. **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, nature recovery, 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**

Marsh Christian Trust Grant (UK)

The Trust provides grants to registered charities working in the fields of social welfare, literature arts and heritage, environmental and animal welfare, education and training. Grants range from £300 to £2,000. Eligible organisations must be UK-based registered charities experienced in their field of work in any of the above mentioned areas, charities which have been established for more than one financial year and who can provide a full set of their most recent reports and accounts, or the equivalent of, if their annual income is under £25,000. The Trust wishes to engage in long term support, with money given on an annual basis and grants are made towards core funding and not for special projects or sponsorship proposals. **Applications may be submitted at any time.**

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. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Bernard Sunley Foundation - Education Grants (England and Wales)

Aiming to raise quality of life particularly for the young, disadvantaged and older people. Through the Education funding strand, the Foundation supports improvements and new facilities at special needs schools and the purchase of new, adapted minibuses that benefit children with special needs and disabilities. The Foundation only supports registered charities in England and Wales (not Scotland or N.I.), unless the organisation has 'accepted' status, i.e. churches, schools and scout and guide groups, or 'exempt' status, e.g. housing associations, friendly societies including social housing providers and industrial & provident societies. The Foundation also awards grants to educational nature centres and to new education and learning centres at museums, galleries and other arts organisations. In the past, grants have funded playground equipment, minibuses, outdoor learning centres, multi use games areas etc. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Younity – Powering Communities Fund (UK)

Through the Powering Communities Fund, Younity provides grants of up to £3,750 to support community energy groups and organisations to start or improve their community energy projects. Applications which focus on creating social impact are particularly welcomed, such as creating a resource for the local community, running an event for young people, or starting a community garden. The funding can be used to cover the costs of equipment, local events or workshops, staff, volunteer training, and developing a local service or venue. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Angling Improvement Fund (England)

The Angling Trust is the organisation that represents all game, coarse and sea anglers and angling in England and Wales. The Angling Trust, supported by the Environment Agency has launched the Angling Improvement Fund which re-invests part of the proceeds of coarse, trout and eel fishing licence sales in England in projects that directly benefit anglers. The types of projects supported include: Fish protection and predation management; Spring Maintenance and fishery improvements; Health and Wellbeing benefits for older people. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Sanctuary Group - Community Investment Fund (England & Wales)

The Community Investment Fund offers up to £1,000 for projects which aim to make a difference to the lives of the residents and their communities. Applications for funding will fall in to the following categories: Employment, Education, Skills and Training; Health and Wellbeing; Community safety and infrastructure; Environment; Financial inclusion. Projects will have a community focus and be open to, and inclusive of all; and benefit a significant number of Sanctuary residents. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Prospectory - Idea Fund (UK)

The 'I've got an Idea Fund' by The Prospectory supports individuals or small groups with innovative technological ideas that aim to deliver social or environmental benefits. Grants range from £250 to £3,000 and are for making and testing ideas. Only DIY projects are funded. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Garfield Weston Foundation – 3 funding strands (UK)

- 1) Capital projects
- 2) Operating & Core Costs
- 3) Projects & Specific Activity.

We fund small local organisations and large national institutions. Our grants range from £1,000 to several million pounds, depending on each charity's size and scope of work. Our grants can be for your organisation's running costs, for a specific activity or for capital projects. We are flexible and fund what charities need the most. These include welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage and faith. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Dischma Charitable Trust (England & Wales)

The Dischma Charitable Trust provides grants to organisations in England and Wales that require funding for projects that fall into the following categories: Education/training; The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives; Disability; The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty; Overseas Aid/famine Relief; Arts/culture/heritage/science; Animals; Environment/conservation/heritage. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Aviva Community Fund (UK)

Small charities, schools and community interest groups with innovative ideas that benefit their community can apply for funding of up to £50,000 for projects that build more connected, more resilient communities; and give people the tools to become more financially independent. The funding is being made available through the newly re-launched Aviva Community Fund. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Altajir Trust (UK)

The Altajir Trust supports exhibitions, publications, educational activities and other programmes related to Islamic culture and Muslim - Christian relations. The Trust offers grants for; assistance to outreach and community education in the UK; assistance to museum, libraries and galleries; support to societies in conflict; publications and lectures; conservation; and conferences. The Trust also provides a limited number of scholarships for graduates and in some cases undergraduates from Arab countries to study at British universities. **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 small theatre and music projects, for the protection of cultural and natural heritage or environmental sustainability are accepted. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

Charles Hayward Foundation - Older Peoples Programme (UK)

Funds small UK charities running projects that improve the physical and emotional health of older people. Up to £7,000 are available to support programmes that reduce isolation and depression among older people, including informal day care, social, physical, and recreational activities, practical help for those living at home, and emotional and practical support for individuals with dementia and their carers. Small Grants programme. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

YAPP Charitable Trust (England and Wales)

The Trust makes revenue grants to small registered charities whose work focuses on one of the Trust's priority groups; elderly people, children and young people aged 5 - 25, people with physical impairments; learning difficulties or mental health challenges; social welfare - people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin (such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, offending); and education and learning (with a particular interest in people who are educationally disadvantaged, whether adults or children). Grants given for running costs for up to 3 years. Grants normally for a max of £3,000 per year. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Westhill Endowment Grant (UK)

Westhill support projects with strong underlying Christian Values that transform peoples lives, foster empathy between communities and build bridges between people of diverse backgrounds and cultures. Grants have been made to a very wide range of successful projects in local communities in churches and cathedrals, hospitals and hospices; and in higher and a wide range of further educational institutions both in the UK and overseas. Most grants range between £500 and £20,000. Larger sums for projects running over two years are considered but matching funding is sometimes advised. Applications can be submitted at any time and these are assessed on a quarterly basis.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation - (England)

Aims to strengthen communities in need by making grants to support registered charities which make a difference within their local areas. Its General Fund supports projects aligning with a range of core priorities - from supporting ex-offenders, victims of domestic abuse/modern slavery, homelessness, care leavers, and the elderly, to intellectual disability support, medical research, disability inclusive sports, terminal illness care, and worship/community outreach. Grants are awarded during Trustees' quarterly meetings. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

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The Health Lottery Foundation – opening to applications later in 2025.

Sign up to the mailing list if you would like to be kept informed about funding opportunities. If you are a voluntary organisation and you are working to improve the health and wellbeing of people in your community you should be able to apply. The type of projects that improve health and wellbeing outcomes are more varied than we can imagine. 5 areas we are still interested in supporting; Chronic disease, Disability inequity, Healthcare IT, Health disparity, Preventative care.

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

Social Investment Business - Community Builders Fund (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Community Builders Fund, delivered by Social Investment Business, offers loans ranging from £100,000 to £1.5 million to support the growth and long-term resilience of organisations working to improve people's lives or the environment they live in. Loans are repayable over six years at a fixed rate of 7.9% per annum. There is the potential for up to 12 months of interest-only payments, with no early repayment charges. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The CLA Charitable Trust (England & Wales)

Funds charities and not-for-profit organisations in England and Wales to support projects that help disabled or disadvantaged people access the benefits of nature and the countryside. Trust awards grants of up to £5,000 to support 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. Particularly projects for children and young people who are disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation. Projects, capital works and running costs. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

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

The Trust is an independent grant-making charity that supports general, environmental and wildlife charities. Providing 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.**

The Dulverton Trust - Conservation Grant (UK)

The Dulverton Trust is an independent grant-making charity that supports UK charities and Charitable incorporated Organisations tackling a range of social issues, protecting the natural world, and preserving heritage crafts. Projects through Youth Opportunities strand too. Conservation funding strand- supports a small number of charities working to support the general conservation and preservation of wildlife habitats; protect, plant, and sympathetically manage trees and native woodlands. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Allen Lane Foundation - People with Mental Health Problems (UK)

A focus on funding unpopular causes. The overall aims of the Foundation are to make a lasting difference to people's lives; reduce isolation, stigma and discrimination; and to encourage or enable unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community. 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. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Wakeham Trust (UK)

The Wakeham Trust is a grant making organisation that support organisations and registered charities as well as small community and voluntary groups within the UK that want to improve their communities. The Trust is particularly interested in supporting projects that are small scale and would find it hard to get funding from big trusts; or are currently unfashionable or unpopular amongst mainstream funders, but are making a real contribution. The Trust is particularly looking to support projects with funding between £125 and £2,500. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

Rayne Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

The Rayne Foundation offers grants to tackle entrenched social issues through the arts, health, wellbeing, and education. The foundation has 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.**

National Community Lottery Fund: Reaching Communities Fund

The Reaching Communities programme has new priorities (since 1 April) which will help the funder to deliver its missions and create fairer, stronger, more resilient futures for communities - projects that: support places, people or communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination; and support people and communities to shape the decisions that affect their lives. [Read more](#)

Bernard Sunley Foundation - Health Grants (England and Wales)

Aims to improve quality of life in England and Wales—especially for young, disadvantaged, and older people—by funding capital projects through its Health strand. Supports building works, new transport, and outdoor spaces for care homes, hospices, and similar facilities. Prioritises charities delivering excellent care. Offers small (£5,000 and under), medium (up to £20,000), and large (£20,000+) capital grants. **Applications are accepted year-round**; revenue costs are not funded.

The Kirby Laing Foundation (UK)

Supports projects in Evangelical Christian faith, science and engineering education, youth development, dementia and stroke research, social/medical welfare, heritage preservation, arts access for young people, and overseas development. Offers small reactive grants (open to applications) and larger invitation-only grants. Most funding is for one-off capital needs or clearly defined projects not covered by statutory sources. **Applications accepted year-round.**

Alpkit Foundation Funding Opportunity (England)

Our trustees review applications every two months, offering small grants (£50-£500) to individuals, community groups, schools, and organisations. We fund projects that encourage outdoor activity, support environmental initiatives, promote wellbeing, and enhance outdoor education. Apply at least 3 months before your project starts. Multiple applications are welcome, provided they meet our funding criteria. We support:

- Outdoor participation & education (e.g., First Aid, Mountain Leader Training)
- Conservation & environmental projects
- Diversity, inclusion, and wellbeing initiatives

We do not fund holidays, charity challenges, or retrospective applications. **Apply at any time.**

The Newby Trust - Social Welfare (UK)

The Newby Trust funds local, regional or national charities registered and operating in the UK within the broad categories of education, health and social welfare. Through the Social Welfare programme the Trust provides grants of up to £10,000 to improve people's quality of life in disadvantaged communities. Grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 are available. Provide small grants for short-term emergency relief, improve social support for disadvantaged groups and support cultural & physical activities to improve wellbeing. **Applications can be submitted any time.**

Parkinson's UK - Physical Activity Grants Programme (UK)

Helps fund community groups and organisations to offer more opportunities for people with Parkinson's to engage in physical activity. Grants of up to £3,000 are available to support new activities that encourage people affected by Parkinson's to participate in physical activity and sport or increase their participation in these areas. This could be anything fun that encourages people, particularly those from isolated and ethnic communities, to get moving such as a walking group, a dance class, or playing table tennis. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Sport England - Movement Fund (England)

The Movement Fund by Sport England provides crowdfunding pledges, grants, and support for projects that aim to increase physical activity. Eligible projects can receive up to £15,000 to provide physical activity opportunities for the people and communities who need it the most. The grants can be used to cover a wide range of costs and items that will help deliver positive change, particularly for those facing barriers to activity. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Persimmon Community Champions (England, Scotland and Wales)

Persimmon Homes Charity Foundation is providing grant funding of up to £1000 to registered charities, clubs, schools and other organisations which have already raised vital funds themselves towards projects to enhance their local community. The type of projects supported to date have included support for foodbanks; projects within schools; and sports projects; etc. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Funding for Projects that Promote Better Understanding of the Environment and Countryside (UK)

UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. Whilst the Trust does not specify a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years. Previous projects supported include Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and St Joseph's Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

England's Community Forests: Trees for Climate grants (England)

Trees for Climate is a multi-million pound woodland creation programme. Trees for Climate is delivered by the 13 Community Forests across England, who have extensive experience in supporting landowners to establish and manage woodlands. Trees for Climate grant funding can cover the costs of woodland creation, fencing, paths and other infrastructure, and ongoing maintenance for up to 15 years. Design, planning and planting support from professional woodland advisors is also available. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Bernard Sunley Foundation Funding for Projects that Raise People's Quality of Life (England & Wales)

The Bernard Sunley Foundation aims to raise the quality of life in England and Wales, particularly for the young, disadvantaged and older people. Through the Health funding strand, the Foundation supports building and refurbishment projects, specialist new transport and the creation of outdoor or recreational spaces for care homes, hospices, day centres and other facilities that provide relief and sanctuary for patients, their families and those with special needs. The emphasis is on helping charities that are providing an excellent standard of care and support within their communities. There are large grants of £20,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Funding is only available for capital items. Revenue costs are not funded.

Applications can be made at any time.

The Stobart Group Sustainability Fund (UK)

Applications need to be of a green, ecological or sustainability nature with the project benefiting the environment. 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.**

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.**

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. Charities must have an annual income of between £100,000 and £10,000,000. **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.

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. 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 principles into account:

- 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.