

Funding Insight



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Transformational Grants for Small Charities and Not for Profit Organisations (UK)

From Spring 2021, The Fore is returning to its standard offer of grants of up to £30,000, which can be spread over up to 3 years. The Fore make unrestricted grants which have the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation. Transformational impact includes helping an organisations become more sustainable, more efficient, to grow significantly or enabling an organisation to take a major step forward of some kind.

The Fore is particularly looking to fund small organisations working with marginalised groups and led by people in the community that may have found it hard to access trust and foundation funding in the past.

Any registered charity, CIC, CIO or Community Benefit Society with turnover of under £500,000 in the last financial year is eligible to apply.

Useful Links:

[Guidelines for Applications](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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<https://www.thefore.org/applying-for-funding/>

Funding of up to £10,000 Available for Business Start Ups (UK)

Business start-ups that are looking to create a product or business using location or property data can apply for grants of up to £20,000.

The funding is being made available through the Geovation Accelerator programme. This is a partnership between the Ordnance Survey and HM Land Registry that aims to help launch and grow innovative solutions to social, environmental and economic challenges that harness the power of data and technology.

In addition to the funding successful applicants will also receive a range of support services which includes access to mentors, workspace, product development support, marketing and PR support, professional and personal development and access to a range of open and proprietary datasets.

The closing date for applications is 11.59pm on the 22nd February 2021.

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<https://www.f6s.com/geovationspring21proptech/about>

Grants to Support Disadvantaged Children (UK)

Not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to 3 years for projects that help children and young people overcome the effects of illness, distress, abuse or neglect; disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; and poverty and deprivation.

The funding is available to:

- Charitable incorporated organisations and Scottish charitable incorporated organisations;
- Community interest companies (CIC) limited by guarantee;
- Companies limited by guarantee with a clause in their governing document preventing distribution of profit (including social enterprises);
- Housing associations;
- Industrial and provident community benefit societies;
- Registered charities;
- Religious institutions;
- Special schools - These are provisions for children with learning difficulties or disabilities which cannot be met within a mainstream setting

Projects funded through BBC Children in Need aim to make a difference in children's lives that help prevent or overcome the effects of the disadvantages they face. Projects achieve these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments.

The closing date for applications is 11.30 am on the 12th April 2021.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

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https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/covid-19-funding-streams/#block_5fb6f7f9a91f3

Expansion of Dormant Assets Scheme to Aid Coronavirus Recovery (UK)

The Government has announced a major expansion of the Dormant Assets Scheme to support the UK as it recovers from the coronavirus pandemic.

The scheme, which allows banks and building societies to donate funds to good causes and charities from dormant accounts, will now include assets from the insurance and pensions, investment, wealth management, and securities sectors. More than £800 million will be made available to continue supporting urgent work to tackle youth unemployment, expand access to emergency loans for civil society organisations and help improve the availability of fair, affordable credit to people in vulnerable circumstances.

Since 2011, 30 banks and building societies participating in the current scheme have enabled the release of over £745 million from dormant accounts that have been inactive for at least 15 years. These funds have been used to support a range of social and environmental initiatives across the UK, including helping young people on the path to employment, tackling financial exclusion, growing the social investment market, and supporting renewable energy solutions.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-announces-major-boost-to-coronavirus-recovery-through-expansion-of-dormant-assets-scheme>

War Memorials Grant Scheme (UK)

The War Memorials Trust is providing grants for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials in England.

These grants are intended to help those who are responsible for the upkeep of war memorials. The grants support the care and preservation of war memorials to a high standard, and to prevent the decay of this important part of our built heritage. Grants will normally be for between 25% and a maximum of 75% of eligible costs. The maximum grant is £5,000 for non-freestanding war memorials while freestanding, non-beneficiary war memorials may be considered up to a maximum grant of £30,000.

The fund is open to anyone to apply; individuals or organisations, including councils.

The next closing date for applications is the 31st March 2021.

Useful Links:

[Advice and FAQ's](#)

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<http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/>

Funding for Schools to Work with International Partners and to Develop Global Learning Activities (UK)

The British Council in partnership with the Department for International Development is inviting state funded schools to apply to the Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning Programme to enable UK schools to work with partner schools overseas; focusing on global themes. The programme provides grants to clusters of schools.

Fee paying schools can opt to [join a cluster group](#) with state-funded schools and still benefit from many elements of the programme. However, any fee-paying schools that want to organise a visit overseas would need to self-fund their trip.

Clusters of Schools can apply for grants of up to £35,000 to support a wide range of global learning activities. Whilst reciprocal visits are currently suspended due to the Coronavirus crisis grant funding is available to help schools collaborate virtually with your overseas partner school. Schools can still apply for funding for travel at a later date.

To apply for funding, a cluster must have a minimum of two UK schools and two schools from a [participating country outside the UK](#).

The next closing date for applications is the 22nd February 2021.

Useful Links:

[Apply Online](#)

[Participating Countries](#)

[Partner Finding Tool](#)

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<https://connecting-classrooms.britishcouncil.org/funding>

Cure Parkinson's Trust Grant (UK)

Commercial organisations, appropriately qualified scientists or clinicians based in an accredited university or hospital in any country worldwide can now apply for funding for laboratory or clinical research projects. Projects should have the potential to advance knowledge that might lead to a cure for Parkinson's disease or that represent a substantial advance in treatment.

The Cure Parkinson's Trust has a particular interest in projects that show the potential to delay, slow, stop reverse or prevent the progression of Parkinson's disease. There are no specific limits to the amount of funding available but previous awards have been between £50,000 and £250,000 with a duration of 1-3 years.

Applications are considered four times a year, the next deadline for applications is the 5th March 2021.

Useful Links:

[Guidance for applicants](#)

[Terms and Conditions under which a Grant is awarded](#)

[Research Strategy](#)

[Information for Applicants](#)

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<https://www.cureparkinsons.org.uk/applyfunding>

Funding to Open Career Opportunities for Young People in the Music Industry (UK)

Businesses, collectives and not-for-profits working in the music industries can apply for grants of £5,000 - £30,000 to help open up sustainable work opportunities and careers in music for people aged 18-25, particularly those who are underrepresented; and to support creative employers to innovate and incubate new and diverse talent.

This includes both musicians and those who want to work in wider industry roles.

The funding is being made available through the Youth Music Network Incubator Fund and is available to organisations that are based in the UK and operate in Scotland, England or Wales.

The closing date for applications is the 5th February 2021.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance Notes](#)

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<https://youthmusic.org.uk/incubator-fund>

British Ecological Society – Outreach Grants (UK)

The British Ecological Society has announced that its Outreach Grants programme is now open for applications. Through the programme, individuals and organisations such as schools, museums, libraries and community groups will be able to apply for grants to promote ecological science to a wide audience.

The funding is available for projects that increase public understanding of, and engagement with ecology by:

- Increase public understanding of, and engagement with, ecology
- Stimulate discussion about ecology and its implications for society
- Inspire and enthuse people of all ages about the science of ecology, especially those not previously interested
- Develop skills in communicating the science of ecology

Applications from museums and schools are welcome but projects must involve significant outreach beyond schools as those aimed solely at delivering curriculum to school children will not be considered. Grants are not be awarded for purely nature conservation purposes or any activity that does not promote the science of ecology.

Projects supported will:

- Be aimed at a non-academic audience
- Provide a clear demonstration of direct interaction with the audience
- Show evidence of links to the research community at UK, regional and international levels, where appropriate

The maximum award is £2,000 which may form all or part of the total costs of the project. Larger projects involving other sponsors are also funded.

The closing date for applications is the 19th March 2020

Useful Links:

[Scoring Criteria](#)

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<https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/funding/outreach-grants/>

Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation (UK)

The Wingate Foundation has announced that the next deadline to apply is the 21st February 2021.

The Foundation supports projects, institutions and activities in the following areas:

- Jewish Life and Learning - applications are invited from academic institutions specialising in Jewish subjects and from bodies promoting Jewish culture, including museums, libraries and literary publications.
- Performing Arts (excluding music) - financial support for charities with a record of artistic excellence that require additional funding, not available from public sources or commercial sponsorship, to broaden their repertoire or develop work of potentially outstanding interest which cannot be funded from the usual sources.
- Music - support in those areas of music performance and education which do not readily attract backing from commercial sponsors or other funding bodies, or which are not eligible for public funding.
- Medical Research Travel grants - grants of up to £1,000 are available for visits to laboratories for the acquisition of new skills, and for setting up inter-institutional collaborative research

Applications are invited from smaller charitable organisations only; the Trustees will not consider approaches from large charities who are well represented on the High Street or their local branch offices.

Previous projects supported include:

- £5,000 per year for 3 years to Little Angel Theatre as support for Little Angel Studios, a new building dedicated to education, community and outreach work.
- £3,250 to The Voices Foundation for 1-Year Foundation Programme in a cluster of five schools in Essex to ensure that every child irrespective of ability, means or background has access to high quality music education through singing and the use of equipment
- £6,000 a year for three years to Anne Frank Trust UK to fund educational work in three schools.

Applicants need to detail how the funding they are seeking can be used under the constraints of the current HM Govt Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for the sector.

Useful Links:

[Previous Projects Supported](#)

[Application Form](#)

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<http://www.wingatefoundation.org.uk/>

Grants of Up to £35,000 Available to Widen Access to Hospice Care (England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man)

Grants of up to £35,000 each are available to support projects which seek to address inequality and widen access to hospice care, in particular for people over the age of 85, people from black and minority ethnic communities, people who identify as LGBTQ+, and people from socially deprived communities.

The funding has been made available by the Masonic Charitable Foundation under the Hospice Grants – Improving Equality and Diversity in Hospice Care programme with the emphasis on widening access and addressing barriers to local hospice services.

Support is available for projects that run for up to 18 months and that work in collaboration with partners and the local community to develop support to address the needs of local people.

To be eligible to apply applicants need to be adult or children's hospices that are full members of Hospice UK.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 8th February 2021.

Useful Links:

[Application guidance and criteria](#)

[Outline of application questions](#) – for reference.

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<https://www.hospiceuk.org/what-we-offer/grants/open-grant-programmes/details/masonic-charitable-foundation-2020-21-hospice-grants---improving-equality-and-diversity-in-hospice-care>

Ford Britain Trust (England and Wales)

The Ford Britain Trust's large grants programme has re-opened for applications until the 31st January 2021. Through the large grants programme registered charities, Schools/PTAs (Non-fee paying, state sector schools only) and non-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £250 and £3,000 for projects that:

- Benefit the local community/environment;
- Work with young people/children;
- Promote education/schools (mainstream) as well as special school
- Promotes the teaching of Engineering
- Support special educational needs and people with disabilities.

Grant applications will be considered for projects being undertaken/expenditure being made in all UK postcodes however locations near Ford Motor Company Limited / FCE Bank plc UK operations are given a higher weighting.

These are:

- Essex (including East London)
- Bridgend (South Wales)
- Southampton
- Daventry
- Manchester
- Liverpool;

Exceptions may be made for initiatives in which Ford Motor Company Limited employees and retirees are involved. Grants made by the Trust are usually one-off donations for a specific capital project or part of a project, typically items of furniture and equipment.

The Trust also operates a small grants programme for amounts up to £250. The closing date for applications to the small grants programme is the 28th February 2021.

Useful Links:

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Guidance Notes](#)

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<https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/about-ford/ford-britain-trust>

Funding for Community Businesses to Remain Financially Viable During the Covid-19 Pandemic (England)

Community businesses in England affected by the Covid-19 crisis can soon apply for grants of between £10,000 and £20,000 to adapt and evolve to the changing circumstances, and to remain financially viable.

There are no restrictions on the grants; and they can be used to cover core staffing costs, contribute to meeting capital costs of adapting community businesses and ensuring that they can continue to provide the vital support to local people.

The Community Business Renewal Fund welcomes applications from organisations across the community business sector. However, applications will be prioritised from organisations that are:

- Operating in a community that has been hardest hit by Covid-19
- Increasing diversity in the community business sector
- Supporting the growth and impact of the community business sector as a whole

There is a very short applications window as high demand is anticipated. The fund will open for applications from 10am on the 12th January 2021 until 4pm on the 19th January 2021.

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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

Funding Available to Help Community Businesses Raise Community Shares Capital (England)

Community businesses that want to raise community shares capital that can support their recovery, or expand their business in response to Covid-19 can apply for grant funding of up to £5,000 and matched equity investment of up to £25,000 through the Power to Change ReBoost Fund.

A total of £375,000 is available.

Additional business development support may also be provided where required and will be prioritised to help community businesses operating in deprived neighbourhoods, or those led by and supporting BAME communities and those led by and supporting disabled people.

The ReBoost fund welcomes applications from across England. However, Power to Change is particularly interested in applications from the following areas, especially if they involve community businesses working in:

- Bradford
- Grimsby
- Hartlepool
- Leicester
- Plymouth
- Wigan
- Liverpool City Region
- Bristol

Expression of Interest can be submitted at any time and the final closing date for applications is the 3rd February 2021.

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Apply](#)

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

Funding to Develop and Improve Community Partnerships (England)

Not for profit organisations such as community organisations, charities, schools and social enterprises in England can apply for grants of over £10,000 for up to five years to the National Lottery Community Fund's Partnership Fund. The aim of the fund is to help local organisations develop a more strategic approach to improving their community by developing and growing new and existing partnerships with other organisations. This can involve area-based partnerships or communities of interest.

Funding is available 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.

During the current Coronavirus crisis, The National Lottery Community Fund will continue to support people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19. Support is available to:

- continue to deliver activity to existing users, responding to the immediate crisis or undertaking recovery activity
- change and adapt, becoming more resilient in order to respond to new and future challenges.

The grants can be used to fund project activities, operating costs, organisational development and capital costs. A total of £40 million is available this year.

The Big Lottery Fund will support ideas that meet one or more of their three funding priorities:

- Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

Organisations eligible to apply include:

- Voluntary and community organisations
- Registered charities
- Social enterprises
- Groups of organisations, as long as they are led by a voluntary and community organisations or social enterprise
- Schools
- Statutory bodies (including town, parish or community councils)
- Community interest companies (with two or more directors).

Applications can be submitted at any time.

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<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/partnerships-england#section-2>

Return to Play: Community Asset Fund (England)

Sports clubs, local authorities, schools, and community organisations can apply for grants of between £10,001 and £50,000 to help clubs and community groups through the ongoing coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic to return to play.

The Return to Play: Community Asset Fund provides capital funding, to help local sports clubs and organisations to adapt and open important places and spaces so people within their community can return to play and physical activity, safely. The focus is on responding to the immediate challenges of sports and physical activity returning to play.

Priority will be given to:

- Projects located in areas of high deprivation
- Organisations working with Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, people on lower incomes, disabled people, people with long-term health conditions and people experiencing a greater burden of care because of coronavirus.
- Organisations that don't have a significant level of reserve funding available to utilise.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Application Hub](#)

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<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/return-play-community-asset-fund>

Culture Recovery Fund Re-opens for Applications (England)

Arts Council England has announced that the 2nd round of the Culture Recovery Fund is now open for applications.

The fund aims to support cultural organisations as they transition back to a viable and sustainable operating model during April-June 2021. The fund is open to both not for profit and for profit organisations and will provide grants of between £25,000 and £3 million.

To be eligible, applicants need to be based in England or can demonstrate that the majority of their work takes place in England.

The closing date for applications is midday on the 26th January 2021.

Useful Links:

[Guidance for Applicants](#)

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<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding>

Funding to Support the Creative Development of Individual Cultural and Creative Practitioners (England)

Arts Council England have reopened their Developing Your Creative Practice Fund to help individual cultural and creative practitioners explore new ways of working and to better respond to the changing environment as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 are available to help individuals with their own creative development which could include research, time to create new work, travel, training, developing ideas, networking or mentoring.

Eligibility has been expanded to include practitioners such as DJs, performer/creators, arts and cultural educators, community practitioners/engagement specialists, movement directors, and creative technicians.

The programme is being supported with £18 million of National Lottery Funding.

There will be a total of four funding rounds between October 2020 and October 2021 and the deadline for applications for the current round is 12pm on the 18th February 2021.

Useful Links:

[Case Studies](#)

[Application Quiz](#)

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<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/DYCP>

Outdoor Tourism Re-start Fund (Scotland)

From late January 2021, adventure and marine tourism businesses in Scotland will be able to apply for a share of a new £2.5 million fund to help them prepare for the 2021 visitor season. The Marine and Outdoor Tourism Re-start Fund will provide grants of up to £15,000 and will be administered by VisitScotland on behalf of the Scottish Government.

The fund will support essential re-commissioning and re-start costs for businesses, aimed at those who have been significantly affected by the pandemic due to their seasonality and high set up costs associated with the activities they deliver.

It's aimed at responsible tourism operators who provide sustainable outdoor related activities to visitors on land and water, from wildlife watching to charter and sailing holidays, bushcraft and survival to canoeing and mountaineering.

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<https://www.visitscotland.org/news/2020/new-fund-to-support-marine-and-outdoor-tourism>

Wee Grants for Wee Groups (Scotland)

The Robertson Trust has announced that small charities and constituted community groups can apply for grants of up to £2,000 through the Wee Grants for Wee Groups scheme.

To be eligible organisations must have an income of less than £25,000 per year and must fit within the Trusts funding strands.

These are:

- [Financial wellbeing](#): tackling the financial and material effects of poverty on people and communities
- [Emotional wellbeing and relationships](#): ensuring people have emotional wellbeing, and confidence and strength in their relationships with others
- [Educational and work pathways](#): equipping people for the future by supporting learning and skills

Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made within 8 weeks.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Robertson Trust Funding Strategy](#)

[Fund Guidance](#)

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<https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/wee-grants/>

Funding Available to Enhance Scotland's National Cycle Network (Scotland)

Community Groups in Scotland can now apply for equipment and training bundles for projects which benefit people or wildlife across National Cycle Network routes. Examples of the items that can be funded include:

- Litter picking equipment;
- Bike trailers for transporting tools and equipment;
- Hand tools;
- Ecologist's Advice

The Love Your Network grant fund, funded by Transport Scotland and delivered by Sustrans Scotland, seeks to empower communities in implementing physical improvements which make journeys on the National Cycle Network more attractive and enjoyable.

Projects which take place on a numbered National Cycle Network route will be given priority. The closing date for applications is the 28th May 2021.

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

Funding for to Support Arts and Creative Organisations and Individuals (Scotland)

Creative Scotland is making grants of between £1,000 and £100,000 available to enable individuals and organisations working in the arts and creative sectors explore ways of working that will help them to adapt and respond to the current changing circumstances.

A total of £7.5 million is available to organisations and groups whose work or project involves the arts, screen and creative industries as well as freelance and self-employed artists and creative practitioners in Scotland who can apply for projects supporting the development of their practice.

There are separate funding strands for Individuals and Organisations, to ensure that individuals will not be in direct competition with organisations for funding.

The fund is open to applications on an ongoing basis and there are no application deadlines.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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<https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-fund-sustaining-creative-development>

Grants of up to £1,000 Available to Traditional Artists and Organisations Showcase their Work (Scotland)

Grants of between £250 and £1,000 are available to provide support for traditional artists and organisations to create, perform, tour and showcase work. The fund can also support professional development and learning projects.

In general, individuals (over 18), groups and organisations either based in Scotland, or undertaking work in Scotland, can apply to this fund. The funding is being made available through the Traditional Arts Small Grants Fund.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate a positive track record in and/or professional commitment to one or more of the traditional art forms:

- Scottish Traditional Dance
- Scottish Traditional Music
- Scottish Traditional Storytelling.

The closing date for applications is the 29th January 2021.

Useful Links:

[Funding Guidelines](#)

[Application Form](#)

[Recent Grants Awarded](#)

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<https://www.feisean.org/en/tasgadh/>

Funding to Make Scotland's Urban and Rural Communities More Sustainable (Scotland)

Voluntary, community and public sector organisations in Scotland can apply for Technical assistance funding through the Scottish Land Fund.

The Scottish Land Fund provides grants to voluntary, community and public sector organisations to take ownership of land and buildings to help urban and rural communities to become more resilient and sustainable. Technical assistance grants of £2,500 and £30,000 are available to help prepare to purchase a community asset. Grants can fund specialist advice and/or professional fees including the preparation of feasibility studies and business plans, valuations and surveys as well as some costs towards community engagement.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

The funding round for stage 2 applications - to fund the purchase of land or buildings for the community - is currently closed for applications.

Useful Links:

[Scottish Land Fund guidance notes \(PDF 710KB\)](#)

[Scottish Land Fund sample application form \(PDF 275KB\)](#)

[Scottish Land Fund leaflet \(PDF 2MB\)](#)

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<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/scottish-land-fund#section-1>

Funding for Local Projects Supporting Arts, Community, Sport or the Environment (Wales)

The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust is a grant giving organisation which aims to improve the quality of life of people who live and work in Wales, by investing in inspirational sporting, arts, environmental and community-based projects.

The Trust's income is generated through a levy on every ticket purchased by people attending public events at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

Local registered charities, community groups and other not-for-profit organisations are invited to apply for grants of up to £2,500 from the latest round of local funding. Salaries and overheads will not be supported.

The deadline for applications is the 1st February 2021.

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

Sports Northern Ireland Launches Project Re-Boot (Northern Ireland)

Sport Northern Ireland has announced the launch of Project Re-boot. This is part of the 'Supporting Sport to Build Back Better' initiative and will provide project grants to support the engagement and re-engagement of participants into sport, particularly people from groups who have been especially impacted by Covid-19.

Project Re-Boot has three levels of investment:

Team-Up:

Sport Northern Ireland will invite applications in January 2021 that request support from £10,000-£25,000. All projects must be delivered by 31st March 2022. While there is no requirement for Partnership Funding, organisations should consider the availability of other sources of funding (including in-kind support).

Activate:

Sport Northern Ireland will invite applications in the spring of 2021 that request support up to £5,000. All projects must be delivered by 31st March 2022. Applicants should be aware that partnership funding may be a likely requirement for this investment strand.

Sport Local:

Sport Northern Ireland will invite applications in the early summer of 2021 that request support from £500 to £1,000. There is no requirement for partnership funding.

The funding is available to constituted sports club which are affiliated to a governing body of sport; as well as charities, community, and voluntary sector organisations that deliver or enable sport and/or physical recreation as their primary activity.

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

Sport Northern Ireland are hosting three online information sessions for potential applicants. Please register below:

[Tuesday 12th January @ 11am](#)

[Wednesday 13th January @ 7pm](#)

[Wednesday 20th January @ 3pm](#)

Useful Links:

[Information and Guidance Notes](#)

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<http://www.sportni.net/funding/supporting-sport-to-build-back-better-project-reboot-team-up-2/>

Grants of up to £15,000 for Science and the Arts Projects (North West of England)

Organisations (preferably with charitable status) based in the north-west of England are invited to submit imaginative proposals for projects that encourage and promote the study, practice and appreciation of science and the arts. Awards of usually £500 to £10,000 are made 3 times a year (with the average award being around £2,000). Larger grants can be awarded if the project is felt to be particularly innovative and imaginative and have a strong artistic or scientific content.

The aim of the Granada Foundation is to make the north-west of England region (including Cheshire Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside and Cumbria) a richer and more attractive place in which to live and work. Currently, applications for capital and revenue costs from projects that will engage and inspire people of all ages to take an interest in science are particularly welcome.

Awards are unlikely to cover 100% of project costs. Previous awards have been made to support a wide range of projects and have included, for example:

- The Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Network (STEMNET) received a grant of £4,000 to purchase STEM Club boxes for use in after school science clubs across the region.
- Contact Theatre received £60,000 over three years to support the redevelopment of the theatre.
- Blackburn Cathedral Trust received £2,000 for a Music Outreach project.

Please note the Foundation have recently taken a decision not to accept any applications for large scale capital projects for the time being.

Organisations wishing to apply, please email brief details in the first instance to enquiries@granadafoundation.org If the project meets the funding criteria a full application pack will be sent by email.

The next closing date for applications is the 10th February 2021.

Useful Links:

[Past Awards](#)

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<https://granadafoundation.org/how-to-apply/>

Active Communities Programme Now Open (Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Rutland, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire)

The Health Lottery has announced that it is seeking applications for funding through the Active Communities Programme in specific areas of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Rutland, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, and Lincolnshire that are most affected by health inequalities.

Health Lottery East Midlands is part of the People's Health Trust's Active Communities programme which provides grant funding of between £5,000 and £20,000 per year (for up to two years) for projects designed and led by local people which target areas most affected by health inequalities.

Projects will be small and local and could cover a few streets, a housing estate or a small village. The programme also supports Communities of Interest. These are groups of people who have things in common and wish to come together to address something that is important to them. These ideas could be based in one neighbourhood or cover a wider area but they must live close enough to each other to meet up regularly.

Projects that are applying as a community of interest, please contact the Active Communities Programme before completing the online application form. This is because the application process is slightly different for communities of interest. Applicants can either call the Active Communities programme on 020 7749 9100, or request a [call back](#) or [email](#).

Projects can last for between twelve months and two years.

The deadline to apply is 1pm on the 3rd February 2021.

Projects previously funded include:

- A group for local older and younger people to get together in a local area and do activities together (for example craft, technology, history)
- A group for adults to learn English and enterprise skills connected to sewing
- A local magazine written by and for the benefit of disabled people, giving information and calling for action on matters affecting disabled people locally
- A community cafe created and run by single parents as a space to meet, seek support and socialise
- A peer support group for families with disabled children
- A tenant's action group for people living on an estate

Useful Links:

[Map of Eligible Areas](#)

[Examples of Community of Interest Projects](#)

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<https://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding>

Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund (Manchester)

The Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund is a registered charity and was established to promote, enhance, improve and protect both the natural and built environment in the community local to the airport. Each year Manchester Airports Group contributes £100,000 to the Fund; any fines levied at aircraft that have breached stringent noise limits are also paid in to the Fund. These funds are then used to support neighbourhood and community projects throughout an approximate 10-mile radius of the Airport, concentrating on the areas most exposed to aircraft noise.

Projects supported will be carrying out positive work in the community. Organisations eligible to apply will be established groups (or charities) of charitable nature with 'Not for Profit' status; Community, Social or Environmentally focused; and based within the area of benefit.

Grants of a maximum of £3,000 are awarded to projects that meet the following criteria:

- Improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural and built environment; or offer heritage conservation;
- or promote or advance social welfare;
- or provide better appreciation of the natural and urban environment;
- or create a safe habitat for flora and fauna.
- Demonstrate lasting benefit to the community.
- Benefit all members of the community regardless of race, gender or religion.
- Be from an established group or charity able to demonstrate clear banking or financial records, and not an individual or commercial organisation working for profit.

Projects previously supported include:

- Sale Water Park Conservation Volunteers: £1202 towards materials to make log seating for an outdoor Amphitheatre
- Hazel Grove Brass Band Stockport: £1500 towards percussion instruments
- Budworth Sailing Club: £3000 towards jetties

The next deadline to apply is 5pm on the 5th March 2021.

Useful Links:

[Criteria and Application Information](#)

[Annual Report with grants awarded in 2017/18](#)

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<https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community/working-in-our-community/community-trust-fund/>

Community Safety Development Fund (Essex)

The Community Safety Development Fund for 2019/20 offered by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex aims to ensure that safe and secure communities are the bedrock on which success and well-being for all are built. The Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 from a total pot of £300,000 to community projects that help to prevent and tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in Essex. All projects supported will meet one or more of the Police and Crime Plan priorities which are:

- More local, visible and accessible policing
- Crack down on anti-social behaviour
- Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
- Reverse the trend in serious violence
- Tackle gangs and organised crime
- Protecting children and vulnerable people
- Improve safety on our roads

There is no match funding requirement, however, evidence of match-funding is likely to improve the likelihood of the bid being recommended as this demonstrates support for the project and improves value for money for the PFCC's investment.

Grants can be awarded for continuation funding however; applicants need to clearly demonstrate that previous funding opportunities delivered against the Police and Crime Plan Priorities and demonstrate how further funding will develop the project further.

The next and final closing date for applications is the 10th February 2021.

Previous projects funded include:

- Essex Boys and Girls Clubs provide safe environments for young people to gather, away from threats of drugs, alcohol and crime.
- Street Pastors - an inter-denominational Church engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and help.

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<https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/giving-you-a-voice/commissioning-services/>

Grants of up to £20,000 Available to Assist Long Term Unemployed back into Work (West Yorkshire)

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available to voluntary sector organisations and small businesses for local initiatives that will enable unemployed people aged 16 years and over move towards employment, training or education in West Yorkshire.

The European Social Fund (ESF) Community Grants have re-opened to applications with priority given to projects that support those aged 50 years and over, those with disabilities, ethnic minorities, women, and people who have been unemployed for more than six months.

Groundwork is administering the programme on behalf of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and the European Social Fund (ESF).

Applications can now be made at any time, but applicants are encouraged to apply early as funding is limited.

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<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hubs/north-east-and-yorkshire/esf-community-grants-in-west-yorkshire-relaunch/>

Funding Reminders

Science in Schools Grant Scheme (UK)

The Royal Institution launched the Science in Schools grant scheme on the 4th January 2021. Through the grant scheme schools can apply for a visit from a Royal Institution professional presenter worth £800. The Science in Schools days are designed to support children's science education, meet CPD requirements for teachers, and engage families.

Each fully funded visit includes:

- Two school shows for students, designed to support the curriculum at KS1, KS2 or KS3
- A CPD session for teachers, using interactive demonstrations to build the skills and confidence to inspire children with practical science
- An after school or evening community show for a family audience, to generate support for science in the home. The community show can also be ticketed to raise funds for future activities at your school
- The option of a Covid-safe alternative package that ensures social distancing throughout, and substitutes the community show for an additional student show for a third-year group bubble

The Royal Institution welcome applications from SEND schools, and bespoke adaptations can be made to ensure accessibility for all students.

The deadline for applications is the 29th January 2021.

Funded visits would need to take before 30th September 2021.

For any questions about the Science in Schools grant scheme, please contact schools@ri.ac.uk

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https://www.rigb.org/education/stem-grants?utm_source=Ri_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=RIGB&utm_category=Education+Newsletter&utm_place=All+Subscribers&utm_item=Online+applications&utm_lead=003D000002RuxxtIAB&utm_info=&&&&

Grants of up to £5,000 Available for Projects that Help the Homeless (UK)

Help the Homeless makes grants of up to £5,000 to small and medium-sized charitable organisations (with a turnover of less than £1 million) whose aim is to help homeless people return to the community and enabling them to resume a normal life.

Typically, such organisations may operate small or medium-sized residential or training facilities to assist homeless people.

The grants are available for capital costs and examples of previously supported projects include:

- The Booth Centre, an advice and activity centre for homeless people in Manchester, where people undertake education and training courses as well as receiving advice and food, received a grant of £1,500 to transform the centre with new lighting, a new water heater and new decoration.
- A grant of £3,000 to the Amber Foundation to enable the Foundation to buy new bedroom furniture for their residential centre in Devon, where every year over 60 unemployed, homeless young people are able to rebuild their lives and gain the motivation, confidence, self-esteem and skills for independent living.

The closing date for the next round of funding is the 15th March 2021.

Useful Links:

[Download application form.](#)

[Previously funded projects](#)

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<http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

Free Trees for Community Groups and Schools (UK)

The Woodland Trust has announced that it has thousands of free tree packs available to community groups and schools across the UK, plus nurseries, colleges, universities and outdoor learning centres. The trees are available for planting on an area that is accessible to the public so that it can be used and enjoyed by others. If applying as a school, trees should be planted on either the school grounds, land the school has arranged regular access to or in an area that is publicly accessible.

Applications for a tree pack for a community group need to:

- State that the land is accessible to the public
- Make sure the local community is aware of the plans to plant and is happy for the project to go ahead
- Be applying for up to 420 trees in each application cycle or season.

There are two delivery periods per year in November and March, when the trees are dormant and perfect for planting.

Applications are currently being accepted for trees to be delivered in March 2021.

Past recipients include:

- Community Garden and Allotment in Barry.
- South Glamorgan and Bellsquarry Primary School.
- Livingston where pupils have planted dozens of apple trees to create a community orchard in Bellsquarry Wood.

Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

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<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/>

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 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 31st July 2021.

Useful Links:

[Grant Application Form](#)

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

Grants Available to Support the Teaching of Physics in Primary and Secondary Schools (UK)

Primary and secondary schools in the UK are able to apply to the Ogden school partnership programme and access funding to enhance physics teaching and learning. The funding is available to groups of schools working together to promote physics both with primary and secondary education. Partnerships of schools can apply for funding to support events, activities, trips and training.

The aims are to:

- Support physics teaching - through subject specific CPD and supporting schools to improve retention.
- Support students to develop physics identity – through collaborative partnerships, enrichment and enhancement activities, working with families and career awareness.

In secondary education the Trust aims to:

- Increase the number of students taking physics at GCSE, A-level and at university, particularly for under-privileged and under-represented students.
- Support teachers of physics, particularly for those without a subject specialism and those teaching in state schools in remote rural areas, or areas of social deprivation.

In primary education the Trust aims to:

- Raise the profile of science in the primary curriculum, with the emphasis on physical processes
- Enhance teachers' confidence in the planning, delivery and assessment of primary science (physical processes)
- Support science subject leaders in creating a sustainable network.

Schools Partnerships can apply for funding to support events, activities, trips and training, for example:

- Trips to local museums or places of interest
- Careers events
- Visits to lectures and universities
- Extra-curricular physics or astronomy clubs, physics fairs or competitions
- Shows and talks hosted at the school
- Family and community science days

In addition, primary schools can apply to have a [Phiz Lab](#) and secondary schools can apply for funding to support a visit to [CERN](#).

Schools that want to set up a new school partnership will need to register for the Ogden Trust's grant management system and complete the Expression of Interest form. To be considered for the next academic year this will need to be completed before 1st February each year. Partnerships can be a mix of maintained schools, academies, free schools and independent schools.

The Ogden Trust aims to launch a new partnership in each region at the beginning of the academic year.

Useful Links:

[Application criteria](#)

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<https://www.ogdentrust.com/school-partnerships>

New Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund Launched (England, Scotland and Wales)

Ofgem Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme launches its new Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund. The fund will support charity initiatives that reduce the climate change impact associated with energy use.

Managed and delivered by Energy Saving Trust, the Energy Redress Scheme collects voluntary payments from energy companies that may have breached rules to compensate the effects on energy consumers that may have been affected. In line with Ofgem's strategic approach, this fund looks to meet the challenge of achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

The first round of the Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund contains £1 million and is open to charities in England, Scotland and Wales. The Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund aims to benefit all domestic energy consumers, not only those in vulnerable situations. The fund awards grants between £50,000 and £500,000 to projects that meet the following criteria:

- demonstrate measurable and lasting reductions in the carbon intensity of energy end use and accelerate the transition to net zero carbon
- show a realistic prospect of delivering broadly replicable benefits to existing and/or future energy consumers
- proved to be efficiently managed throughout the project

Charities that are registered with the Energy Redress Scheme and have passed the due diligence process are eligible for application. Those interested in applying are encouraged to register by Thursday 14 January 2021.

The closing date for applications is 5:00pm on Thursday 11 February 2021.

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<https://www.energyredress.org.uk/announcements/new-carbon-emissions-reduction-fund-available>

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