

# Funding Insight



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## **Funding Programme to Support the Mental Health Needs of Veterans (UK)**

Registered charities that specifically supports Armed Forces communities can apply for grants of up to £800,000 to meet the mental health needs of veterans across the UK.

The funding is being provided by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund's Veterans' Places, Pathways and People programme and will fund portfolios of projects which work regionally to provide places of safety, mental health support and treatment pathways for local veterans.

The programme, which is funded through the Veterans' Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, will award one portfolio grant in each Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland region, and seven grants will be awarded across England regions.

It is expected that a Portfolio Lead organisation would have the following.

- Detailed knowledge of the needs of veterans in the country or region that their portfolio application is based on
- Evidence of existing work with statutory and voluntary partners on veteran pathway development
- Evidence of significant experience in delivering support to veterans with complex mental health needs.

Registered charities supporting Armed Forces communities intending to apply to be a Portfolio Lead must submit their interest by the 23rd July 2021. The deadline for submitting an application to the programme is the 27th September 2021.

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<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/veterans-places-pathways-and-people-programme/#eligibility>

## **Community Partnership Programme to Tackle Food Poverty & Support the Elderly (UK)**

Groundwork and One Stop Stores have teamed up to deliver the One Stop Community Partnership Programme to support groups and organisations who are working to tackle food poverty or supporting the elderly within the local community.

One Stop convenience stores will create partnerships with local community groups or charities across the UK to provide support for local good causes which could include funding, volunteering, fundraising and awareness raising.

Applicants are encouraged to visit their local One Stop store for more information.

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<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/national-grants/one-stop-community-partnership/>

## **Grants of up to £60,000 Available to Support Disadvantaged Communities (UK)**

Grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 per year for up to three years are available to community-led charities and not-for-profit organisations working to support communities in the most deprived areas of the UK.

The Henry Smith Charity's Strengthening Communities programme focuses on supporting the running costs of organisations working at grass-roots level, to ensure that funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas, targeting places that are economically marginalised and affected by poverty.

Funding could be used to increase existing service provision, take on a new staff member, improve sustainability or cover small capital costs.

Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made within 6 months.

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<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/strengthening-communities-grants/strengthening-communities-overview/>

## **Funding to Build Stronger Connections Across Communities (UK)**

The National Lottery Community Fund is offering grants of up to £300,000 for community-led projects that brings communities across the UK together.

The Bringing People Together programme will support projects run by charities, voluntary and community organisations, CICs, CIOs and statutory bodies that build stronger connections across communities, and improve the infrastructure and conditions that are needed to strengthen these connections.

This is funding is from the National Lottery Community Fund UK Portfolio. The UK Portfolio is where the National Lottery Community Fund explores new approaches, experiments with how to do things differently, and look to fund work that is more future focused.

The Fund expects to make up to twenty awards over the next twelve months to enable organisations to deliver collaborative projects across at least two countries in the UK that focus on equality, diversity, and inclusion, particularly amongst communities disproportionality affected by the pandemic such as people of colour, disabled people, LGBTQ+ people, and asylum or refugees seekers.

Applications can be made at any time.

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<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/bringing-people-together>

## **Movement for Good Awards 2021 Opens to Applications (UK & Ireland)**

Insurance company Ecclesiastical has launched the 2021 round of their Movement for Good Awards to support good causes in the UK and Ireland.

Through the £1 million fund, the company will award £1,000 to 500 registered charities during the first phase of the campaign. Members of the public can nominate charities online and winners will be selected at random. Applicants will also receive a toolkit including social media resources to help them build as much support as possible whilst the nomination window is open.

The closing date for nominations is the 13th June 2021.

Phase 2 will be launching later in the summer with further details to follow.

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<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/>

## Grants to Support Work which Improves Financial Wellbeing (UK)

Charities, voluntary organisations, think tanks, campaigning groups, research bodies, and universities can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £200,000 for strategic work which improves financial wellbeing.

More specifically the Foundation is looking to support work that examines and promotes measures to:

- Increase incomes for those on low-to-middle incomes.
- Ensure people have an adequate safety net, building savings and assets.
- Reduce the cost of living, making sure those on lower incomes are not paying more.
- Address issues related to spending and borrowing, particularly where it becomes problematic

The Standard Life Foundation's grant programme invites proposals from organisations across the UK seeking funding for policy work, campaigning and research focused on three areas that influence financial wellbeing:

- income;
- spending;
- assets.

These areas might include wages, pensions and taxation, gambling, borrowing and repayment problems, and savings.

Between 15 and 20 grants are awarded each year and priority is given to work focusing on younger generations.

The next deadline for applications is 1pm on the 4th February 2022.

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<https://www.standardlifefoundation.org.uk/en/funding>



## **Funding to Support Creative Public Engagement with Engineering (UK)**

The Royal Academy of Engineering has announced a new round of their Ingenious Awards scheme which offers grants of up to £30,000 to support creative public engagement with engineering.

The Ingenious awards programme aims to:

- inspire creative public engagement with engineering projects
- motivate engineers to share their stories, passion and expertise with wider audiences and develop their communication and engagement skills
- raise awareness of the diversity, nature and impact of engineering among people of all ages and backgrounds
- provide opportunities for engineers to engage with members of the public from groups currently underrepresented in engineering

Priority will be given to projects that reach diverse audiences and groups currently underrepresented in engineering including communities in the most deprived neighbourhoods in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and which engage with engineers and people of different genders, ages and ethnic backgrounds.

Applications can be made between the 30th June 2021 and the 8th September 2021.

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<https://www.raeng.org.uk/grants-prizes/grants/ingenious-grant>

## **Funding to Help Businesses Get New Products & Services to Market (UK)**

The UK Government has launched a new £3 million funding round to support regulators and local authorities to develop innovative approaches to get new products and services to market.

The Regulators' Pioneer Fund will award funding of up to £200,000 for projects that encourage business innovation and investment, and help the UK regulatory environment keep pace with technological advances of the future, such as robot guide dogs and 3D printed food.

Proposals include projects that harness new thinking, new methods and/or new technological approaches; short research and development projects that generate new learning; or a short trial or pilot study of a new initiative to change a regulatory approach that can enhance support for innovators or businesses.

The deadline for applications is noon on the 15th July 2021.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-round-of-funding-to-support-innovation-in-every-corner-of-the-uk>

## Funding for Community Radio Stations (UK)

Ofcom, the UK's telecommunications regulator has announced that the Community Radio Fund has re-opened for applications until 5pm on the 25th June 2021.

The Fund has been established to help support the core costs of running licensed community radio stations. Grants can be awarded to support:

- Management
- Fundraising to support the station
- Administration
- Financial management & reporting
- Community outreach
- Volunteer organisation and support.

Grants can only be made to community radio licensees in the UK, who are broadcasting under a community radio license. Grants awarded in the past have ranged from £2,160 up to £19,717 with the average grant being £14,292. These awards included: £16,500 for a Deputy Station Manager/Promotions Manager at GTFM, Pontypridd; £7,504 for a fundraiser at Eden FM, Penrith and £2,160 for a Listener survey at KCR, Keith.

### Useful Links:

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[Award of grants 2020-21 Round 3](#)

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<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund>

## Funding for Sports Kit & Equipment (UK)

Grants of up to £750 are available to local children's sports clubs or organisations working to improve children's fitness and health across the UK.

The Poundland Foundation's 'Kit for Kids' scheme will award 250 grants to provide equipment and kit to help children get active again after the Coronavirus pandemic. Applications will be considered for any kind of team sport, from football to netball, hockey to volleyball.

Money for the Foundation comes from in-store fundraising, carrier bag donations and micro-donations through chip and pin machines.

Applications will need to be made during June 2021 via the Poundland Foundation website at [www.poundlandfoundation.org.uk](http://www.poundlandfoundation.org.uk)

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<https://poundlandfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-support/>

## Magic Little Grants (England, Scotland and Wales)

Online fundraising platform Localgiving, together with the Postcode Community Trust have announced that this year's Magic Little Grants grants programme has re-opened for applications. Small charities, community groups, school and groups connected to schools can apply for grants of up to £500 to launch or strengthen their services.

this year funding can go towards any of the below projects:

- Improving mental wellbeing
- Enabling community participation in the arts
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty
- Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality
- Improving biodiversity and green spaces
- Enabling participation in physical activity
- Responding to the climate emergency and promoting sustainability
- Increasing community access to outdoor space

To be eligible applicant organisations will need to have an annual income of below £250,000.

As well as receiving a Magic Little Grant, successful organisations that are new to Localgiving will also be given a free annual membership with Localgiving worth £80+VAT. This membership gives them access to all of Localgiving's wider online fundraising services, such as regular fundraising campaigns and training.

The closing date for applications is the 31st October 2021.

### Previous projects funded include:

Flamingo Chicks, who received a grant to provide sensory kits for disabled children to attend dance classes.

Featherstone Rovers Foundation, who received a grant to deliver a range of activities to encourage more young people to try Rugby League.

Happy Wanderers Ambulance Organisation who received a grant to provide free transport for older people and wheelchair users to access local physical activities.

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<https://localgiving.org/magic-little-grants/>

## Grants to Encourage Participation in Lawn Tennis, Rackets & Real Tennis (England & Wales)

Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available to organisations or individual players within the sports of tennis, rackets, or real tennis in England and Wales.

The Queen's Club Foundation will award funding to widen community participation in healthy recreation, particularly among children and young people. Registered charities, clubs, schools, coach-led schemes, and other charitable projects could use funding to kick start new programmes, cover coach and court costs, purchase equipment to enable activities, or provide reward materials such as badges/certificates.

Applications for funding over £3,000 may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The deadline for applications is the 28th June 2021.

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<https://www.queensclubfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-a-grant/#:~:text=The%20Queen's%20Club%20Foundation%20is,Rackets%2C%20Real%20Tennis%20and%20Squash>

## Waking Watch Relief Fund Re-opens to Applications (England)

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government Waking Watch Relief Fund has re-opened to applications using unallocated funding from the initial £30 million fund.

Funding is targeted at cities across England with the most high-rise buildings with unsafe cladding and is designed to protect lease holders from the high cost of Waking Watches by providing funding for fire alarms installed after the 17th December 2020.

It is anticipated that at least £2 million in funding will be available in this tranche, which will be awarded on a first come first served basis until the whole of the fund is exhausted or the application period closes on the 24th June 2021.

### Useful Links:

[Waking Watch Relief Fund: full fund application guidance - revised 26 May 2021](#)

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/waking-watch-relief-fund>

## **Funding to Encourage Employers to Host T Level Industry Placements (England)**

Employers can claim £1,000 for every T Level student they host on an industry placement, as part of a new incentive scheme launched by the Department for Education.

The technical qualifications, which have been created in conjunction with more than 250 employers and are equivalent to three A Levels, consist of a mixture of classroom study and industry placements. The scheme will aim to ensure employers impacted by the pandemic can continue to host these industry placements.

To be eligible to claim for an incentive payment, employers need to have committed to working with their local school or college to deliver a high-quality industry placement and this placement must have an agreed start date between 27 May 2021 and 31 July 2022.

Employers will be able to claim for a maximum of 20 students on placements lasting 45 days or 315 hours.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cash-boost-for-t-levels>

## **Cultural Development Fund Re-Opens to Applications (England excluding London)**

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has launched a new £18.5 million funding round of the Cultural Development Fund which will include the promotion of economic and social recovery from the impact of Covid-19.

Grants of between £2 million and £5 million are available to support cultural organisations in England (excluding London) as they transition back to a viable and sustainable operating model.

Local partnerships led by a local authority, Local Enterprise Partnership, or other appropriate body can apply for capital (asset) activity with a limited proportion of resource activity (project activity). It is expected that at least one partner would be from the cultural, heritage or commercial creative industries.

A minimum of 15% match funding is required.

The deadline for submitting expressions of interest is 12pm on the 23rd July 2021.

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<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/cultural-development-fund-round-two#section-1>

## **Bank of Scotland Foundation Reach Programme Re-opens for Applications - Very Short Deadline (Scotland)**

Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 will be available to charities that can demonstrate they address disadvantage and social exclusion to ensure that the most vulnerable people are supported and provide them with opportunity and equality.

Examples include charities addressing primary disadvantage such as homelessness, abuse, mental health or poverty, or secondary disadvantage such as debt issues, learning disabilities, illiteracy, lack of employability skills or health issues; as well as charities addressing exclusionary challenges for minorities, people with disabilities, LGBT people, drug users, institutional care leavers, the elderly or the young.

The funding is being made available through the Bank of Scotland Foundation's Reach Programme and is available to registered charities in Scotland that have been operating for a year or more and have an income of less than £1.5 million. The next closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 8th June 2021.

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

## **Funding to Improve Local Green Spaces (Scotland)**

To help local communities to respond to climate change, Volunteering Matters are inviting local groups of volunteers to apply for funding of between £50 and £250 to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces.

Funded by NatureScot, Action Earth grants can be used for planting projects, and wildlife habitat creation and will cover costs such as plants, tools, materials and volunteer expenses. Priority will be given to activities that improve the health and wellbeing of deprived local communities; and involve disabled and vulnerable people or young people at risk of exclusion.

A limited number of [Action Earth Enhanced Grants](#) of up to £500 are also offered for projects which can demonstrate a significant health impact through working with people who have defined health or social needs.

Applications can be made at any time.

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<https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/>

## **Funding to Encourage Children & Young People to Participate in Summer Activities & Experiences (Scotland)**

Museums across Scotland can apply for a share of £266,000 in Scottish Government funding to support opportunities for children and young people to participate in activities and experiences this summer as part of the national summer of play 2021.

Museums that have already been verified as eligible for Museum Galleries Scotland's Covid related funds can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to help restore the well-being of children and young people by enabling museums to provide fun, safe and local opportunities for these groups to connect, play, be active and enjoy themselves.

Funding could be used for example to purchase new play equipment or repair existing equipment, cover fees for performers/artists/workshop leaders, and for event equipment.

Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis until 5pm on the 21st June 2021.

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<https://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/funding-overview>

## **Grants of up to £4,000 Available to Improve Cycle Facilities within Secondary Schools (Scotland)**

Cycling Scotland has announced that its Cycling Friendly Secondary Schools Development Fund has re-opened for applications. The fund is open to applications from Secondary Schools in Scotland who can apply for grants of up to £4,000 to improve their cycling facilities and opportunities for pupils and staff to travel to school by bike.

Previous projects funded include bike maintenance equipment and training (SCQF qualifications available), bike recycling and providing bikes where there is a need, usually in areas of deprivation or remote locations with wide catchments.

The fund is open to all secondary schools in Scotland who are committed to increasing opportunities for pupils and staff to cycle.

The application form is available on the Cycling Scotland website (link below)

The completed the application form should be sent to [CyclingFriendly@cycling.scot](mailto:CyclingFriendly@cycling.scot)

Currently, there is no application deadline indicated.

### **Useful Links:**

[Guidance for Applicants](#)

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<https://www.cycling.scot/our-programmes/cycle-friendly/secondary-school>

## **Grants to Help Creative Individuals & Organisations Engage with & Connect to the Public (Wales)**

The Arts Council Wales are making grants of up to £100,000 available for the development and creation of high-quality arts experiences that help creative individuals and organisations in Wales engage with and connect to the public.

“Create”, a National Lottery Arts Funding programme, will provide opportunities for individuals and organisations, including festivals, to produce and present their best work by funding the production and presentation of work, the development of new ideas and/or supporting their development through training or business growth and change.

From the 6th May 2021, applications of up to £10,000 can be submitted at any time.

Applications for between £10,001 and £50,000 (£100,000 in exceptional circumstances) must be submitted by 5pm on the 25th August 2021.

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<https://arts.wales/create>

## **Funding to Improve the Lives of the Tenants of Jigsaw Homes Group (North West of England & East Midlands)**

The Jigsaw Foundation are inviting applications from charities, resident and community groups, voluntary organisations, social enterprises and partner agencies for projects which benefit the tenants of Jigsaw Homes Group in the North West of England and the East Midlands.

Voted on by tenants through the Foundation’s Jigsaw Rewards surveys, the Community Fund will provide grants of up to £24,999 for projects that make a difference to people’s lives in Jigsaw Homes neighbourhoods.

Projects must demonstrate that they make a difference to our residents lives and their communities in one or more of the following areas:

- Health and wellbeing and social inclusion
- Employment, individual capacity building, enterprise and training
- Environmental improvement
- Sustaining tenancies
- Financial and digital inclusion

Entries over £25,000 will be approved by the Jigsaw Homes Group’s Executive team.

Applications can be made at any time.

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<https://foundation.jigsawhomes.org.uk/>

## **Grant Scheme to Improve Energy Efficiency & Reduce Carbon Emissions East Midland & (East of England)**

Grants of between £1,000 and £60,000 are available to small and medium sized enterprises for capital projects to improve energy efficiency and/or reduce carbon emissions.

The Eastern New Energy is a collaborative research project led by the University of East London, focusing on low/zero carbon actions and local economic development. The grant scheme is designed to help local private and social enterprises and other organisations in Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Rutland and parts of Lincolnshire and Essex understand and remove barriers to decarbonising communities, buildings, transport, and lives.

Additional support will also be provided such as site visits, and detailed feasibility studies to help businesses facilitate specific solutions and products.

Eligible technologies include:

- Solar PV (plus battery storage)
- Solar PV (plus private wire)
- Lighting replacement (LED)
- Zonal controls; heating controls
- Radiant heating (electric only)
- Boiler replacement (including Air, Ground and Water Source Heat Pumps – not condensing gas boilers)
- Installation of or upgrading of building management systems
- Motor replacement
- Upgrading existing motors with variable speed drives
- Installation of CHP systems
- Upgrading of process equipment
- Power quality improvement (power factor correction, harmonic suppression, upgrading to low loss transformers).

The project is part-funded by the England European Regional Fund as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020.

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<https://www.uel.ac.uk/sri/eastern-new-energy/eastern-new-energy-grant-scheme>

## Grants to Support Community & Cultural Projects (Dorset)

Charities, parish councils, cultural organisations, constituted community groups, and other organisations that operate for the benefit of people living in Dorset, can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to support community and cultural projects that will make a positive social impact and improve access to high quality cultural activities.

Dorset Council's Community and Culture Project Fund will provide funding for arts, museums, heritage, community, play and physical activities and projects for disadvantaged, marginalised or underserved groups, including those affected by the Covid crisis.

This fund is a small project grant, funding up to 80% of total project costs.

The deadline for applications is the 11th June 2021.

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<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/support-for-voluntary-and-community-organisations/funding/community-and-culture-project-fund.aspx>

## Funding to Benefit Disadvantaged Communities (South Yorkshire)

Grants of between £250 and £5,000 are available to volunteer-led charities, community groups, social enterprises and other not-for-profit community organisations in South Yorkshire for projects which will make a difference to their local communities.

The South Yorkshire's Community Fund's Community Grants Programme will support activities or projects that focus upon the advancement of education, promotion of good health or the relief of poverty and sickness amongst people who face discrimination or disadvantage.

Funding can be used to cover costs such as equipment, building works or repairs, staff costs, volunteer expenses, or room hire.

The deadline for applications in this round of funding is the 9th August 2021.

For more information or to discuss your application please get in touch with the Grants Team via [grants@sycf.org.uk](mailto:grants@sycf.org.uk)

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

## **Grants to Support Disadvantaged Communities (Coventry & Warwickshire)**

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to charities, community groups and social enterprises providing vital services to disadvantaged communities in Coventry and Warwickshire.

The Alan Edward Higgs Charity, in partnership with the Heart of England Community Foundation, provides funding for projects and initiatives which help to relieve poverty, and promote economic and community development, and employment.

Funding could be used to support start-up costs for a new project or organisation, to extend or develop an existing project, and to purchase equipment or resources. Priority will be given to small grassroots organisations with an income of less than £500,000 per annum, and those supporting children and young people.

Applications can be made at any time.

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<https://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/alan-higgs-community-grants/#:~:text=The%20Alan%20Higgs%20Community%20Grants%20will%20provide%20financial%20support%20to,given%20to%20small%20grassroots%20organisations>

## **Small Grants for Arts Projects (Leeds)**

Grants of between £100 and £1,200 are available to support not-for-profit arts events and arts projects taking place in Leeds. Individuals, arts organisations, community and voluntary groups, commercial organisations, and groups of organisations can apply for funding from the Leeds Inspired Small Grants for Arts Projects for activities that increase access to arts and enable people to participate fully and with greater confidence.

Funding is for new activities or additions to existing events, including performances, exhibitions, arts workshops, events and arts education activities, and online arts-based activity. Applications for projects which find new ways of working and delivery due to the restrictions of Covid-19 are welcomed.

Match funding of 10% is required.

The next deadline for applications is 12 noon on the 1st July 2021.

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<https://www.leedsinspired.co.uk/grants>

# Funding Reminders

## **Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People and Offenders (UK)**

The Weavers' Company, a textile-related, charitable and sociable organisation, has announced that the next closing date for its grants programme is the 19th November 2021.

Small registered charities can apply for grants of up to £15,000 for projects working with:

- Supporting offenders and ex-offenders, particularly those under 30 years of age
- Helping disadvantaged young people

To be eligible for funding, local organisations such as those working in a village, estate or small town should normally have an income of less than £100,000. Those working across the UK or in larger areas should normally have an income of not more than £250,000. Grants are usually given for one year.

Applicants must show that they have investigated other sources of funding and made plans for the future, which should include replacement funding if appropriate.

For further advice and information about the Company's Charitable Grants or to receive an application form by e-mail, please contact Anne Howe, Charities Officer Tel: 020 7606 1155 / e-mail: [charity@weavers.org.uk](mailto:charity@weavers.org.uk)

To apply for a grant, complete the application form online, then print the form and mail it to The Weavers' Company together with your supporting documents.

### **Useful Links:**

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<https://weavers.org.uk/charity/charitable-grants/>

## **Funding for Maintained Schools with Service Children of Frequently Moved or Absent Parents (UK)**

The UK Government has launched a new round of the Ministry of Defence - Education Support Fund (ESF). The aim of the fund is to assist publicly funded schools, academies and free schools in the UK that cater for pupils of military service families that are subject to exceptional mobility as a result of the family moving from one location to another and/or have service children whose parents are subject to deployment.

Up to £3 million in funding will be available for 2021/22 to help overcome the impact of mobility and/or separation. Funding could be used for additional staffing and training, educational resources, refurbishment of existing resources within the school, and providing community support to help build and maintain relationships between schools, local authorities and service families.

The deadline for applications is the 30th September 2021.

### **Useful Links:**

[ESF: instructions and guidance](#)

[ESF: in-year guidance](#)

[ESF: scoring criteria sheet](#)

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-support-fund-for-schools-with-service-children-grant-application-pack>

## **Grants to Support Nature Conservation & Biodiversity Improvements (UK)**

Applications are now being accepted to the latest round of the NatureSave Trust's grant programme. Each year the Trust donates 10% of their income generated from Naturesave Insurance and uses these funds to support environmental projects across the UK.

This funding round will provide grants of between £500 to £2,500 to charities and voluntary and grassroots organisations for projects focused on nature conservation and biodiversity improvements.

Previous projects which have been funded include an initiative to reduce the amount of running gear that ends up in landfill, a wood recycling service, a batcam, an owl nest box scheme, and a new electric heating system for an eco-activity centre.

The deadline for applications is the 30th June 2021.

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<https://www.naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/>

## Business and Academic Partnerships: Apply for Funding (UK)

Up to £40 million of funding has been allocated to support businesses in collaborating with an academic or research organisation and a graduate on a Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP). The KTP scheme enables businesses in the UK to innovate and grow by linking them with an academic or research organisation and a graduate.

A KTP enables an academic or research organisation as a partner to a business (including social enterprises and other not for profit organisations) to recruit a suitable graduate (an Associate) to work at the company for the duration of the KTP. The business is thus able to access new skills and the latest academic thinking to deliver a specific, strategic innovation project. KTPs can last between 12 and 36 months, depending on the project and the needs of the business.

The KTP 3-way partnership will consist of:

- A UK-based business of any size or a not-for-profit organization
- An academic or research organisation i.e. university, college or research and technology organisation in the UK
- A suitably-qualified graduate with the capability to lead a strategic business project

The KTP can be part-funded by a grant from Innovate UK with the business partner contributing to the salary of the Associate plus the cost of a supervisor who will oversee the scheme. Contributions will depend on the scale and length of the project and the size of the company i.e.

- Small and medium-sized enterprises contribute around £35,000 per year, about one-third of the project costs
- Large businesses contribute around £55,000 per year, or half of the project costs

Applications may be submitted either via a [KTP Adviser](#) who will check the feasibility of the idea and find the right partner or, where there is already a partnership with an academic or research organisation, via that organisation's [KTP office](#).

The deadline for applications to this round is the 30th June 2021.

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/knowledge-transfer-partnerships-what-they-are-and-how-to-apply#how-to-apply>

## **Funding for Tree Planting Projects in Urban & Peri-Urban Areas (England)**

The Urban Tree Challenge Fund has re-opened to applications from community and volunteer groups as well as Town Councils and individuals for tree planting projects in cities and towns across England.

This third round of funding is open to applications from:

- small organisations or community groups for between £10,000 and £30,000 for smaller, focused areas of planting;
- block bids of over £250,000 with no upper limit to enable multiple projects that are either geographically dispersed or focused in one area to be submitted under one application.

The fund provides 50% of standard costs for planting and establishment. The remaining 50% must be met through match funding.

The deadline for applications is 11:59pm on the 25th July 2021.

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/urban-tree-challenge-fund>

## **Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund Re-Opens to Applications (Scotland)**

The Scottish Government has launched a new funding round to support collaborative projects that improve the visitor experience in rural parts of Scotland that are facing pressures on their infrastructure or have negative impacts on communities due to significant increases in visitor numbers.

The Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund will award grants of between £75,000 and £375,000 to National Park Authorities and Local Authorities to support infrastructure requirements around (nonpaid for) visitor or natural attractions.

Projects might include parking, scenic laybys, toilet provision or recycling points.

The Fund will be administered by VisitScotland and requires a minimum of 25% match funding.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by 5pm on the 13th August 2021. Design grants of up to £5,000 are also available, but expressions of interest must be submitted by the 19th May 2021 to qualify.

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<https://www.visitscotland.org/supporting-your-business/funding/rural-tourism-infrastructure-fund>

## **Funding to Enhance and Create Community Woodland Sites (Wales)**

Grants of between £10,000 and £250,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for projects that will restore, enhance and in some instances acquire land to create new community woodlands in Wales.

Funding is available through the Community Woodlands Fund for community-led projects which create new blocks of woodland and improve existing woodland, such as street trees within an urban neighbourhood, or a broad corridor including a new footpath to link two existing woodlands.

Funding could be used for the installation of footpaths, and the adoption of a woodland by the local community. The Scheme is jointly funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Welsh Government.

The deadline for applications is the 21st October 2021, but the Fund may close early if all money is allocated before this date.

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<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/community-woodlands>

## Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation Grant (UK)

UK registered charities working to help those at disadvantage in society can apply to the Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation for support. Grants of between £250 - £1,000 are available to cover the costs involved in directly supporting those in need including those with disabilities, affected by homelessness, or with serious health issues.

Previous grants have gone to organisations supporting young people in applying for jobs and towards the purchase of a portable multi-sensory environment, that will turn any room into a sensory room.

Donations usually fund items of "capital expenditure" i.e. items must directly help those in need, rather than contributing to the charity's running costs.

The Foundation accepts applications from UK registered charities with a turnover of less than £1 million per year.

Applications are reviewed every quarter. The next deadline for applications is the 2nd August 2021.

Projects [previously funded](#) include:

- SASH, an organisation that provides guidance on creating CVs and applying for jobs to aid homeless 16 to 25-year olds, received £985.
- Byker Community Association received £500 to buy new books and build an interactive story hub designed by the children of Byker themselves.

### Useful Links:

[Apply for Funding](#)

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<http://www.leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk/your-society/about-us/foundation/>

## 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 14th June 2021.

### Useful Links:

[Apply Online](#)

[Participating Countries](#)

[Partner Finding Tool](#)

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

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