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New Funding Opportunities

The Foyle School Library Scheme Re-opens for Applications (UK)

The Foyle Foundation has re-opened its Schools Library Programme.

State-funded schools and sixth form colleges across the UK that do not have or want to improve their libraries will be able to apply for funding of between £1,000 and £10,000. Priority is likely to be given to primary schools and to funding library books.

The Foundation do not consider applications to the Foyle School Library Scheme from nursery / early years only establishments.

Priority, and the majority of given funds, will continue to be awarded for physical library/reading books. In light of the current situation the Foundation will be more flexible when considering requests for e-readers and electronic reading resources, however a strong case for support and explanation of need will have to be made within the application.

The Foundation will also consider contributions towards library software, necessary IT equipment and furniture etc. in order to create a suitable library space, although ideally the majority of funding should be requested for books/reading materials.

Preference will be given to schools which can clearly demonstrate that their library can be maintained and renewed in the future. Local deprivation levels, the Ofsted report and current literacy levels at the school will be taken into account when assessing applications.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)
[Application Guidelines](#)

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

Funding to Help Schools & Colleges Reduce Energy Usage (UK)

Individual academies, academy sixth forms, free schools and those in Multi-Academy Trusts are able to apply for funding to install energy efficient technologies to lower energy bills and create a more comfortable learning environment.

Funding Criteria for 2020/21

Each applicant may submit one application, which can consist of multiple projects. Multi-Academy Trusts can submit one application for each academy within the trust.

- The maximum loan value is £200,000 applications can be part-funded if they exceed this value.
- The minimum loan value is £8,000.
- The loan value must not exceed an 8 year payback. Projects exceeding this payback can be part-funded.
- Projects must cost no more than £222 per tonne/CO₂e.
- To score maximum marks there will need to be an affordable contribution from other sources.
- No aspect of a project included in a SEEF application can be applied for as part of CIF or other Salix schemes, in the same financial year of applications.

The closing date for applications is 23.59 on the 11th January 2020.

Useful Links:

[Guidance](#)

[Funding to Date](#)

<https://www.salixfinance.co.uk/loans/SEEF>

Lord's Taverners Accessible Minibuses Grant Programme (UK)

The Lord's Taverners, the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity, is accepting applications through its Accessible Minibuses grants programme. Special Education needs (SEN) schools and organisations catering for young disabled people in the UK can apply to the Lord's Taverners for specially-adapted, wheelchair-accessible minibuses.

Last year the Lord's Taverners delivered 40 specially-adapted, wheelchair-accessible minibuses. Examples of schools that received a specially-adapted minibus are:

- Lakeside School in Hertfordshire;
- The Garth School and the Priory School in Spalding (Lincolnshire); and
- Perseid School in Morden, Surrey.

These vehicles give young people with disabilities access to new places and experiences. Lord's Taverners minibuses are based on the current Ford Transit model, with a diesel engine. Please note that the Lord's Taverners are unable to support schools that cater for socially disadvantaged children, or mainstream schools for children with behavioural problems.

All approved applicants are required to pay a self-help contribution towards the minibus, the cost of which is dependent on the type of minibus and waiting list required.

Applications to the programme can be submitted at any time.

For further information please contact foundation@lordstaverners.org.

Useful Links:

[Application Form](#)

<https://www.lordstaverners.org/accessible-minibuses>

Grants of £1,000 Available to Fund Innovative Geography Teaching at Secondary Level (UK)

Two grants of £1,000 each are available to fund innovative geography teaching at secondary level. The aim of the grants is to enable imaginative, innovative or creative teaching materials to be developed.

The grants will be awarded to teacher – higher education partnerships. Ideally these will comprise one school teacher and one lecturer/researcher from a UK Higher Education Institution. The funding is being made available through the Royal Geographic Society Innovative Geography Teaching Grants.

Every year, the Society identifies an area of research which is either based upon a timely issue or approach. The aim is to serve both geography pupils and the wider teaching community through the creation of teaching materials on this particular issue. The materials produced will be published on the Society's website.

The application deadline is the 15th February 2021.

Useful Links:

[Innovative Geography Teaching Grant Guidelines](#)

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teacher-grants/innovative-teaching-geography-grants/>

Grants to Improve and Develop Cycling Facilities (England)

British Cycling and Sport England are making use of a £15 million investment from the UK Government to develop a national network of new cycling facilities.

The Places to Ride: small grants programme will provide funding of between £1,000 and £50,000 for the development of new or the improvement of existing cycling facilities in communities across England. Organisations including charities, clubs, community organisations, and education establishments including schools can apply for funding to develop cycling activity in their community.

Schools will need to open up their facilities to the wider community in order to be eligible. School please click [here](#) for additional information about what to consider when submitting their application.

Projects might include improvements to an existing cycling facility, developing a learn to ride area, providing cycle storage solutions or purchasing equipment to support those from the local community. Match funding of between 25% and 50% will be required.

The deadline for applications is the 16th November 2020.

Useful Links:

[Small Grants Advice and Support](#)

[Apply Now](#)

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/about/article/20190827-Places-to-Ride--Small-grants-application-0>

Funding Available to Support Schools Facing Unexpected or Imminent Failure (England)

Teaching schools, national support schools and multi-academy trusts can apply for funding through the Emergency School Improvement Fund (non-capital) to support schools facing unexpected or imminent failure.

This can include primary schools; secondary schools; middle schools; all-through schools; alternative provision and special academies; maintained schools; and pupil referral units.

Applications can be made for short-term support while a longer-term sustainable solution is developed, for example through the support of a new academy sponsor. Applications can also be made for longer-term whole school support where no other sustainable solution can be found to address the school failure.

Schools or academy trusts seeking support through the emergency school improvement fund, should contact the relevant local authority or regional schools' commissioner. If they agree that support through the emergency school improvement fund is necessary they will agree which teaching schools, national support school or multi-academy trust should lead that support and submit an emergency funding application on their behalf.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/emergency-school-improvement-fund-non-capital>

IGas Community Energy Fund Opens for Applications (England)

IGas Energy Plc is one of the UK's leading onshore hydrocarbon producers has announced that its Community Energy Fund has opened for applications.

Since 2018 the IGas has awarded over £1 million worth of grants to help local communities located close to the oil and gas production and exploration sites where they operate. The fund covers specific areas in Hampshire, West Sussex and Lincolnshire.

IGas support projects that make a difference to life in the mainly rural communities where they operate. Organisations that are eligible to apply include community and voluntary organisations that are charitable, educational or benevolent in purpose; as well as local schools. Applicants will need to demonstrate need for their project, real community benefits and value for money.

Grants were awarded to a variety of community projects ranging from renovation work and improvements to a popular Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in the East Midlands, to a conservation project to stabilise a riverbank and improve biodiversity in the South.

Money has also been allocated for improvements to community buildings and recreation areas; for equipment for schools, sports clubs and centres for disabled young people; for innovative inter-generational projects; and for a pop-up Art gallery supporting people suffering mental health issues.

IGas need initial expressions of interest in order to register projects and then require submission of full applications by the 28th February 2021. The grants panel will make its decisions in April 2021.

Useful Links:

[List of Areas that Qualify](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Application Form](#)

<http://www.igascommunityfund.co.uk/index.html>

Funding for Projects that Raise the Attainment of Disadvantaged School Students (North of England)

The Shine Trust which funds projects that help disadvantaged young people to realise their academic potential, has announced that the Let Teachers SHINE competition is now open for applications. The competition aims to find the country's best teachers and some fresh, imaginative and practical ways to raise attainment among disadvantaged students in literacy, numeracy and/or science. Grants of up to £25,000 over two years are available to teachers who have brilliant ideas to help disadvantaged children in the North of England to succeed in English, Maths or Science.

The Shine Trust is making £150,000 available to invest in early stage ideas, and will be looking to award up to 10 new grants dependant on grant size.

As well as funding, SHINE offers winning teachers' free access to a broad range of development workshops and coaching opportunities – helping teachers to get the best out of their ideas.

The competition is free to enter and open to any teacher working in England with students aged up to 18. Successful ideas might involve after-school programmes or innovative use of technology; etc.

Previous winners included:

Amy Hanna: Ark Academy, London for the Miss Hanna Loves Grammar project working with students from year 7 and 8, the large majority of whom have a reading age below their peers. Amy created 150 engaging and age-appropriate YouTube videos, covering basic grammar rules.

Andrew Otty: Exeter College, Exeter for Andrew's Write On! project aiming to produce a bespoke English curriculum for post-16 GCSE learners with very low prior attainment.

Elizabeth Hope: Children's Hospital School, Leicester to develop Science at the Bedside, a comprehensive set of teaching resources for specialist and non-specialist staff, both at her own hospital and others around the country. These resources will enable children of all key stages and abilities to have access to practical, stimulating and engaging science lessons whilst in hospital.

The closing date for applications is midnight on the 11th January 2021.

Useful Links:

[Previous Winners](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

<https://shinetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/let-teachers-shine/>

Funding Available to Schools to Raise the Attainment of Children from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (North East, North West and Yorkshire and Humber)

Schools in the North of England can apply for funding to help raise the attainment for children from low income homes. The funding is available to try out new ideas to improve teaching and learning in schools and help the best ideas grow to scale.

The funding aims to address the following priorities:

- [Ready for School](#): improving the school readiness of children during the reception year, with a priority focus on language and communication skills (age 4-5)
- [Bridging the Gap](#): supporting vulnerable children who may not meet Age Related Expectations at primary school to make better academic progress during Key Stage 3 (age 9-14)
- [Flying High](#): supporting high attaining students to build on their achievements at primary school and stay on a high attaining trajectory during the first few years at secondary school (age 9-14)
- [Let Teachers Shine](#): Backing passionate teachers to test new innovations in the classroom.

The funding is being made available through the educational charity Shine and funding decisions are made four times a year typically in March, June, September and December.

Any grants to non-school organisations, including to other charities, will need to involve a strong element of co-delivery and/or training for schools, with the aim of the project becoming sustainable without SHINE over time.

On average, it takes 3-6 months between initial contact with the SHINE office to a grants decision being reached.

If you have an idea which you think may meet our funding criteria, please email info@shinetrust.org.uk with a basic outline detailing the following points, in no more than 3-4 paragraphs:

- An overview of the project and its aims, specifically related to academic attainment in maths, literacy or science;
- How it would meet SHINE's core priorities;
- The number of beneficiaries and schools it would reach; and
- The overall project budget and size of request to SHINE.

The normal range of SHINE grant funding for the full duration of a 2-3 year project is around £20,000-£100,000.

The deadlines for applications are usually around the end of January, the end of April and the end of October each year.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

<https://www.shinetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/>

Funding to Support a Green Recovery from Covid-19 (Scotland)

Not-for-profit community-based organisations, as well as schools and nurseries in Scotland can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £100,000 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support a green recovery from Covid-19.

The Community Climate Asset Fund is a £3.5 million Scottish Government fund, administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful, which provides capital funding for assets which tackle climate change such as:

- Energy efficiency measures in existing community buildings (new builds are not eligible)
- Equipment to support community food growing
- Electric vehicles and charging infrastructure for community-run car clubs, for running existing climate change projects and for delivering services that have been identified as a priority by the community as a result of COVID-19
- Bikes and facilities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Electric bikes and charging infrastructure for community groups running existing climate change projects
- Equipment to reduce waste in your community
- Equipment to support an established community wood fuel scheme

Eligible organisations include:

- Registered Charities
- Community Councils
- Development Trusts
- Schools and Nurseries (registered as not-for profit and are eligible to apply for food growing projects only, up to £10,000 maximum)
- Community-led housing associations (for food growing projects only)

Match funding is a requirement for grants depending on the size of grant requested:

- Up to and including £10,000 do not require match funding.
- Between £10,000 and £30,000 you will need to provide 10% of match funding.
- For £30,000 and over, you will need to provide 20% match funding.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 9th November 2020.

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

<https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/ccaf>

Healthy Schools Transition Fund Closing Date Extended (Salford)

Salford CVS has announced that the closing date for their Healthy Schools Transition Fund has been extended until 12pm on the 6th November 2020.

The Fund provides grants of between £25,000 to £40,000 to support vulnerable pupils who are due to transition from Primary School to Secondary School in Salford. It can also support pupils for whom need emerges after transition.

Applications must be led by the Secondary School with involvement of at least one feeder Primary School, up to a maximum of four feeder Primary Schools. All successful partnerships will include the involvement of a Salford-based voluntary, community or social enterprise organisation.

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Salford Council's Schools Transition Policy 2020](#)

[Expression of Interest Form](#)

[Terms and Conditions of Grant](#)

<https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/live-grants>

The School Explorer Fund (London)

State primary schools and special schools (primary or secondary) in the nine boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster and the City of London can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to assist school children to access the arts.

The funding is available for activities that could include visits to the theatre, a musical experience or to a museum or art gallery. To be eligible the school must provide a clear rationale for the activity, explain how it will add value to the school experience and demonstrate an existing commitment to the Arts. There is no restriction on which institution schools can visit, but the activity must enhance the current activities of the class or year group and be the kind of experience that the children do not normally have access to.

In the past, funding enabled the Primary Shakespeare Company to work with 21 schools to explore and present Romeo and Juliet.

The funding is being made available through the John Lyon's Charity's Explorer Fund and applications can be made at any time.

<http://jlc.london/schools/what-we-fund-in-schools/school-explorer-fund/>

Grants for Education Projects (London Boroughs of Greenwich and Lewisham)

The Drapers Company manage a small grant programme on behalf of the Sir William Boreman's Foundation. The Foundation supports work with young people aged under 25 living in the London Boroughs of Greenwich or Lewisham.

Registered charities and educational establishments can apply to the Fund for one-off grants of up to £5,000 to support their work. Projects funded will have an educational focus and, ideally, focus on inclusiveness.

Applicants are requested to write to The Drapers Company outlining the following:

- The projects or activities that funds are needed for
- How the project will benefit the education of young people living in Greenwich or Lewisham
- The operational/project budget
- Any other funding applied for that relates to the project

Applicants are further requested to enclose the organisations most recent annual report and accounts. The next meeting to consider applications is the 2nd February 2021. Applications need to be submitted at least three weeks before the meeting.

The Clerk to the Governors
Sir William Boreman's Foundation
Drapers' Hall
London
EC2N 2DQ

Individuals can also apply for grants of up to £3,000 to support their education. Further information can be found on The Drapers Company website:

Useful Links:

[Guidelines for Applicants](#)

<http://www.thedrapers.co.uk/Charities/Applying-For-A-Grant/List-of-Grants/SWBF.aspx>

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London Mathematical Society - Small Grants for Education (UK)

Grants of up to £800 are available to stimulate interest and enable involvement in mathematics from Key Stage 1 (age 5+) to Undergraduate level and beyond. The funding is being made available through the London Mathematical Society's Small Grants for Education scheme and aims to enhance and enrich mathematical study beyond the curriculum; engage the public with mathematics; and encourage unusual ways of communicating mathematics.

The scheme is primarily intended for activities for which there is limited scope for alternative sources of funding. Applicants linked to universities should ideally be supported by a member of the Society and ordinarily the Scheme will not fund University outreach activity. However, anyone based in the UK is eligible to apply for a grant.

There are four application rounds each year and the next closing date for applications is the 30th November 2020.

Useful Links:

[Small Grants for Education application form](#)

<https://www.lms.ac.uk/grants/small-grants-education>

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

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

Projects must meet all of the following criteria:

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

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

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

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

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

Useful Links:

[Grant Application Form](#)

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

Funding for Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities (UK)

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established to provide both research and project funding in the area of severe learning difficulties, including autism for both children and adults.

Grants are made to cover capital projects and core costs to include staff costs, general running and office costs at charitable organisations, schools and centres.

Projects funded include:

- Capital works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools
- Employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture
- Play schemes and play therapy schemes
- Day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs
- Support for families, including respite schemes
- Independent living schemes
- Support in the community schemes
- Snoezelen rooms.

Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity. Schools and Parent Teacher Associations and Industrial & Provident Societies can also apply. Funding in the past has ranged in value from £250 to £150,000.

The next deadline for applications seeking funding in excess of £10,000 is the 1st December 2020.

Applications for £10,000 and below are considered under the Small Grants procedure and can be submitted at any time.

Recent awards have been made to:

- Rose Road Association, £30,000 towards capital costs and funding of short breaks.
- Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group, £25,000 towards core costs of Play Group.
- Willow Tree Garden, £30,000 towards refurbishment and development of buildings connected with the woodworking workshops.

Useful Links:

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

[General Guidelines](#)

<http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants>

NFU Mutual Community Giving Fund (UK)

Charities, schools, and community groups can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the NFU Mutual Community Giving Fund. The fund is available in areas that are local to NFU operations in the UK.

Applications are likely to be more successful if they meet one or more of the funds priorities. These are:

- Connecting the community; reducing social isolation, providing opportunities, and encouraging resilience
- Providing care and support to vulnerable members of our community
- Relieving poverty; improving the health and wellbeing of our communities
- Advancing education and experiences for young people

Priority will also be given to:

- Requests that are supported by NFU Mutual staff members or one of their local branch offices.
- Beneficiaries that have not been given funds previously.

The next closing date for applications is the 1st December 2020.

To apply, download and complete the application form and send it to doing_our_bit@nfumutual.co.uk.

Useful Links:

[Guidelines and Application Form Application Form](#)

<https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/responsible-business/nfu-mutual-community-giving-fund/>

The Classical Association Grants (UK)

The Classical Association (CA), which awards grants to support classical projects and conferences, has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 1st December 2020.

The Association will consider applications for summer schools and to institutions offering courses in Greek, Latin, classical civilisation; and bursaries for teachers attending courses abroad to support their professional development. The Association will also support school teaching and outreach work such as Greek and Latin reading competitions, regional Greek/Roman days and school conferences; etc. The Grants Committee meets four times a year.

Schools and other organisations that are applying for more than £2,000 must submit their application in time for either the March or September deadlines.

<http://www.classicalassociation.org/grants.html%20%C2%A0%C2%A0>

Nature Grants for Schools (England, Scotland & Wales)

Infant, Primary and Secondary schools in England, Scotland and Wales are being invited to apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor equipment and two hours of professional outdoor training.

Schools can choose from over 100 different products to deliver outdoor learning and play. These include:

- Den Building Kits
- Small Spaces Planters
- Insect Study Centres
- Litter Picking Kits
- Investigating Weather Kits

The funding is being made available through the charity Learning through Landscapes Local School Nature Grant scheme. The charity has been helping schools across Great Britain since 2017. Funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery, the grants have so far provided £900,000 worth of equipment to 800 schools.

This year, the scheme is also open to non-mainstream schools; including pupil referral units.

The programme is only open to schools.

Nurseries, Playgroups, Pre-Schools and gardening groups are not eligible. Reception settings attached to a school (i.e. on the same physical site) are eligible to apply in partnership with a school, but the school must lead the application.

There will be four funding rounds throughout the year and the next closing date for applications is the 13th November 2020.

Interested schools can also email LSNG@ltl.org.uk for further information.

Useful Links:

[Product catalogue](#)
[Application Guidance](#)
[Apply Online](#)

<https://www.ltl.org.uk/nature-grant/>

Funding Available to Support Local Good Causes (England, Scotland and Wales)

The Morrison's Foundation awards grants of up to £25,000 to community projects that improve people's lives.

Applicants must demonstrate how the project will deliver public benefit, who in the community will specifically benefit and how it will bring about positive change.

Grants may be applied for by any charity which is registered with the Charity Commission (England and Wales) or the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (Scotland) that have financial information dating back to 2012. Applicants must also have raised some funding towards the project elsewhere.

Projects supported have ranged from support groups to children's hospitals and homeless shelters to hospices across England, Scotland and Wales. In 2018, a total of £9,717,536 was distributed to 807 organisations which included:

- Groundwork London received a grant of £11,578 to run a series of activities for people at risk of social isolation.
- Friends of East Preston School received a grant of £5,000 to replace their old and dilapidated outdoor trim trail.
- Forget Me Not Children's Hospice received a grant of £20,000 to buy a new minibus and run activity trips for young patients.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

[Application Form](#)

<https://www.morrisonfoundation.com/>

Funding Available for Renewable Energy Projects in Rural Communities (England)

Schools, Parish Councils and other community based organisations in rural England that want to develop renewable energy projects which provide economic and social benefits to their communities, and also make money by selling it back to the grid, can apply for funding through the £10 million Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF). The funding is available to investigate and install green energy; including solar battery storage, wind, hydro and geothermal heat projects. The RCEF provides support in two stages:

- A feasibility grant of up to approximately £40,000 to pay for an initial investigation into the feasibility of a renewable energy project.
- Viable proposal will also be able to apply for further grants of up to £100,000.

The fund is open to applications from:

- Community interest companies
- Schools
- Industrial provident societies such as co-operatives
- Parish councils
- Registered social landlords
- Charities
- Churches
- Sports Clubs

The RCEF funding, which is to be managed by 5 Local Energy Hubs around England, is designed to catapult rural areas into the 'clean growth' revolution, helping people living outside urban areas benefit from the income-generating potential of renewable energy.

Each Energy Hub has their own application procedures and timescales. Contact details can be found below.

North East Yorkshire and Humber

- Tees Valley
- North East
- Leeds City Region
- Humber
- Sheffield City Region
- York, North Yorkshire and East Riding

Contact: rcef@teesvalley-ca.gov.uk

North West

- Cumbria
- Greater Manchester
- Liverpool City Region
- Cheshire and Warrington
- Lancashire

Contact: RuralCommunityEnergyFundNW@lancashire.gov.uk

Midlands

- Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
- Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire
- The Marches
- Worcestershire
- Leicester and Leicestershire
- Black Country
- Coventry and Warwickshire
- Greater Birmingham and Solihull
- Greater Lincolnshire

Contact: michael.gallagher@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

South West

- Swindon and Wiltshire
- West of England
- Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
- Heart of the South West
- Dorset
- GFirst (Gloucestershire)
- Solent

Contact: swenergyhub@westofengland-ca.gov.uk

South East

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
- New Anglia
- Hertfordshire
- Buckinghamshire Thames Valley
- Oxfordshire
- SEMLEP (South East Midlands)
- Coast to Capital
- South East
- Enterprise M3
- Thames Valley Berkshire
- London

Contact: info@energyhub.org.uk

If you have any doubts over which LEP area you are in, see this [map of the LEP Network](#).

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-community-energy-fund>

Recovery Fund to Support Local Communities Affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic (West England)

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Wessex Water are launching a Recovery Fund for projects which support and strengthen communities adversely affected by the crisis.

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to charities, voluntary and community groups, town and parish councils, and schools based and working in Bristol, Bath & North-East Somerset, North Somerset or South Gloucestershire which are responding to the needs of people in their community.

Priority will be given to those that are working to:

- support people in financially difficult circumstances
- help build stronger communities
- support the green recovery with new initiatives
- restoring and protecting nature and wildlife for community health and wellbeing

Funding can be used to cover core and projects costs such as staff and volunteer training, resources needed for working in new ways, and for partnership working with other charities or community groups. Applications from BAME groups are particularly welcome.

The fund is open to applications between 9am on the 5th October 2020 until 12pm on the 4th December 2020.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)
[Apply Here](#)

<https://www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org/funds/wessex-water-recovery-fund/>

Grants for Community and School Gardening Projects (London)

Community organisations and schools in London can apply for small gardening grants awarded by the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association (MPGA), a charity that preserves and improves gardens, neglected sites and green public open spaces in all 33 London Boroughs. The grants can be used for a variety of projects, including planting, equipment purchase, benches and churchyard refurbishments; etc.

Organisations that have been awarded funding in the past include Charlton Manor School (Greenwich) funding for planting and hand tools; Christ Church Primary School (Wandsworth) plants and mulch for raised beds; and Queen's Park Gardens (Westminster) grant towards planting.

There is no minimum or maximum grant level given. Each case is considered on its merits.

The application process is ongoing and there are no application deadlines.

<http://www.mpga.org.uk/grants.php>

Screwfix Foundation Re-Opens for Applications (UK)

The Screwfix Foundation has re-opened for applications from charities and not for profit organisations for projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve the properties and community facilities of those in need by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress or other disadvantage throughout the UK.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for all kinds of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness and disabilities.

Applications can be made at any time and will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

<https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/>

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